

Templeton Area Advisory Group
Thursday July 15, 2021

Meeting on Thursday July 15, 2021 was held by telecommunication / zoom video call

1. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Bruce Jones.

2. ROLL CALL - Bruce Jones, Murray Powell, Erik Gorham, John Donovan, Doris Diel and Scott Shirley

3. AGENCY REPORTS AND UPDATES

- **3.1. Sheriff's Office** – Commander Michael Manuele
There were 1810 calls for service, 485 of which were in Templeton. This represents a drop in calls of 9% over last year during June. Of note was vandalism on the high school football field. Someone sprayed herbicide on it. The Sheriff's Office will be on duty for the Mid-State Fair which starts next week.

- **3.2. California Highway Patrol** - Commander Chandler Stewart
There were 1018 contacts, 109 of which were in the Templeton area of highway 101. There were 36 crashes near Templeton. This is up over both 2019 and 2020.
Collisions—36 near Templeton
Injuries—7
No fatal collisions in June
378 speed violations, 53 of which were in Templeton
12 DUI arrests, up over both 2019 and 2020. At the intersection of Bethel Road and Las Tablas, they are aware of only 4 collisions since 2017.
CHP has not heard about the proposed project at Las Tablas and Bennett Way which will impact their exit from the office and entrance onto Highway 101.

- **3.3. Supervisorial District One** – No one present to report

- **3.4. Supervisorial District Five** – Supervisor Debbie Arnold did not arrive at the meeting until later. Her report is discussed later when she arrived.

- **3.5. County Planning Department** – Cheryl Ku
There were no updates to any projects.

- **3.6. Templeton Community Services District** – Geoffrey English
TCSD had a meeting on Tuesday 7/6/21 via zoom. If a well fails, there are funds available from the State of California. Recently the Santa Lucia school on Plum Orchard Road lost their well and did not have the money to drill a new one. They were helped to pay \$70,000 to become part of the Service District water. The next TCSD meeting on 7/20 has been cancelled.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- **5.1 Approval of Minutes from June 17, 2021** - Approved Unanimously.
- **5.2 Approval of Treasurer's Report** – Current balance is \$1540.49. No expenses for this month. Approved Unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS - None

7. NEW BUSINESS –

7.1. Harley Wood, a recent graduate of Templeton High School, has been our Recording Secretary for this year but will be going off to college soon in another state. We need a new Recording Secretary. Anyone wishing to volunteer needs to contact Bruce Jones, TAAG Chair at bnj13536@gmail.com

7.2 Erik Gorham is interim Chair of the Community Outreach and Public Relations Committee (COPRC) because they forgot to elect anyone. The committee is working on improvements to the TAAG website. Christine Nelson has taken over managing that and has already done some new posting and corrected some information. The old FaceBook page cannot be changed because no one knows who the administrator was or how to access it. TAAG Board unanimously agreed to close the old FaceBook page. Christine Nelson and Denise Fitzgerald will start a new page or possibly a new group, depending on how that works out.

7.3. COPRC expanding its borders—

There are 11 Advisory Groups in SLO County, but there are significant gaps in all four directions that leave several small areas not represented by either a city government or an Area Advisory Group. Murray Powell has a map of these: north to Adelaida, east to Creston, west to Paso Robles beyond the Neiner Winery and south. TAAG's current boundaries are the Templeton Unified School District. We do not need County permission to extend our boundaries, but there will be a lot of work to include these unrepresented areas. A consensus vote was taken, and TAAG Board unanimously agreed that the borders should be extended to include these areas if they want to be included in TAAG.

7.4. A commercial Project Planning Consultant has requested feedback from TAAG regarding a possible commercial project located on the east side of 101 on Las Tablas prior to the project's possible Land Use Permit application is submitted to the County. Mandy Pickett submitted the preliminary incomplete plan for comments. The plan includes a small market, gas station, car wash and other possible businesses. There are about 4 acres on the plot that is being considered. No action was taken by the TAAG Board since this project is still not even submitted as an application yet. They were encouraged to review the May 20, 2021 Report to SLO County archived on the TAAG website, since this project is very similar to a project application just west of the freeway on Las Tablas. They were also encouraged to review the Templeton Community Design Plan and become compliant with that. They indicated willingness to notify neighbors within 1000 feet of this site.

3.4—Debbie Arnold, Supervisor of District 5 arrived to give her report—

The SLO County Board of Supervisors is the Water District Control Board for our County. Monterey County has a separate water council. Both of these entities have sent a letter to the State Water Resource Control Board opposing the Shandon-San Juan Water District's applications #A033189 and A033190.

7.5. Erik Gorham, Chair of the TAAG Water Committee, discussed the proposed Lake Nacimiento water banking plan applied for by the SLO County Shandon-San Juan Water District. Additional Board members and community members provided further discussion as well. The Water Committee recommended approval of a letter to the California State Water Resource Control Board, Division of Water Rights, regarding this issue. The letter is attached as an addendum to this document. The TAAG Board voted unanimously with one recusal to send this letter.

7.6—Future TAAG Board and Committee meeting venues—

The TAAG Board consensus is to continue meeting on Zoom until the TCSD Board Room has installed equipment allowing simultaneous in-person and on-line meetings and that each committee can decide whether they want in-person or zoom meetings from now on.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES-

8.1 Project Review Committee – No report

8.2 Cannabis Project Review Committee – SLO County approved growing cannabis because it was supposed to increase income for the County with the taxes on cannabis, but the County is now in debt more than two million dollars because the cannabis growers can't afford the tax increases on profits that were set to increase 2%/year. The County agreed not to raise the taxes to 8% for this year after all.

8.3 Community Outreach and Relations Committee – There will soon be another meeting.

8.4 Traffic Circulation Committee – Doris Diel said this committee will have an in-person meeting soon.

8.5 Bylaws Special Committee – No report

8.6 Water/Toad Creek Special Committee – no report

8.7 Elections Committee – no report

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM DELEGATES – Bruce Jones had three important announcements:

There is an **open Second Alternate Delegate position** that needs a volunteer.

TAAG needs a volunteer for the position of **Recording Secretary**.

The **Cannabis Project Review Committee** needs another member, either from the Delegates or from the public. Contact him at bnj13536@gmail.com or on the TAAG email at Templetonaag@gmail.com

10. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Erik Gorham, Secretary

ADDENDUM

This is a copy of the letter that was signed and mailed to State Water Resource Control Board, Division of Water Rights.

TEMPLETON AREA ADVISORY GROUP

**SERVING TEMPLETON AND THE ADELAIDS AND ELPOMAR ESTRELLA PLANNING
SUB AREAS OF UNINCORPORATED NORTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

California State Water Resource Control Board, Division of Water Rights
PO Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

July 15, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

The Templeton Area Advisory Group (TAAG) opposes the Shandon-San Juan Water District's applications number A033189 and A033190 to State Water Resource Control Board Division of Water Rights. The applications do not serve the Templeton community or surrounding communities and, in fact, are detrimental to us. These proposed applications would only serve to restrict our communities' beneficial water use within our basin if they are granted. The Templeton Area Advisory Group unanimously recommends that these applications be denied.

Sincerely,

Erik Gorham, TAAG Water Committee Chair

Bruce N. Jones, TAAG Chair

CC

San Luis Obispo County Supervisor John Peschong

San Luis Obispo County Supervisor Debbie Arnold

Templeton Community Service District: Geoff English and Jeff Brittz