

CRESTON ADVISORY BODY

Regular Meeting Agenda
Creston Church (Sanctuary)
Wednesday, July 17, 2019
7:00 – 9:30 PM

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month except December unless called.

- 1) Call to Order – Flag Salute 7pm
Members present: Kurt Almond, Jan Morris, Susan Souza, Tom Edel, Roy Baba, Sheila Lyons, Steve Almond, Geraldine May.
- 2) Minutes of the previous meeting–June 19, 2019 Minutes Motion by Steve Almond, 2nd Susan Souza, Unanimous approval.
- 3) Public and/or CAB Member Comments for Items NOT on the agenda
Roy Barba - Midstate Car Cruz Aug 17, 9-3pm Lake Park, Atascadero. Charitable event with raffles every half hour, \$40 to enter a car
Sheila Lyons – Community Center new metal patio cover has been constructed. Concrete pad still to be constructed.
- 4) Public Safety (10 min) – Cal Fire, Sherriff, CHP, etc. –

Captain Jesse Ryan, Creston Station 50 in Creston present

Last month they had 11X calls, 3 structure fires. Some fires in Huer Huero area.

Questions on enforcement of clearance areas:

Answer: There are two types of areas – SRA (State Responsible Areas) & LRA (Local Responsible Areas) So, it depends.... Creek bed enforcement hard as it is Fish/Wildlife/Game area of jurisdiction. Many fires in Salinas riverbed are due to homeless.

Public Resource Code 4291 – Calls for 100 ft clearance from inhabited dwelling. Defensible Space Inspectors are still out there checking. They are almost done in Creston. Foreclosed houses can be a problem when trying to get the property cleaned up due to multiple liens holders. Medical response out of Creston-EMTs only.

San Luis Ambulance (Rob Jenkins) carrying epi pen, opium overdose (NORCAN), C Pap machine, Albuterol, glucose

ALS (Advanced Life Support) engines in Nipomo

ALS ambulances out of SLO.

Response time delayed but cities are working on it.

They have computers in their engines now that they are checking constantly. He explained how the engines are juggled/rotated around to cover higher incident areas when the local engine is called out.

Questions on how we can find out about local fires in a timely manner. Problems with some on-line information in the past with people causing problems when they come to the area of a fire to see what is happening and getting in the way. Now CALFire is trying to figure out how best to get information out there to the public. They have hired a Public Information officer this week. Public info officer: calfireslo.org slocountyfire: Facebook

Our thanks to Tom Edel for contacting our local Creston Cal Fire and arranging to have Captain Ryan come and speak with us. Captain Ryan will try to make our future CAB meetings and we will try not to take so much of his time.

- 5) Fifth District Supervisor Report – Supervisor Debbie Arnold or LA Jen Caffee (10+ min)

Debbie Arnold:

- District 5 cannabis projects: withdrawals: 3345 McAllister withdrawn. List is available at office.
- SLO County makes cannabis projects get either a CUP or MUP + license, however hemp has no such controls in place. Hemp growers claim CBD for medicinal purposes. Don Wilson, member of the public stated that articles on the internet say this is fraudulent, it is not the same as in cannabis.
- Challenge is the hemp licenses like a business license. Hemp came out of nowhere and has medicinal reasons for concern. Plants look alike, experts have to take plant to laboratory to define, Officials asked for time out from state (asked for extension) and that is why the Board put a temporary moratorium on growing hemp in place.. 16 got in ahead. Permanent ordinance will have limits restricting the growing of hemp. One major problem is the compatibility with existing Ag crops.
- Challenges: order not interfering with existing business-5 or 6 month moratorium.
- Supervisor Arnold handed out a list of current cannabis projects. 1x withdrawn and the remaining 5x are on information holds.
- Farm Bureau is angry about moratorium on hemp. They take no stand on cannabis.

Supervisor Arnold was asked about whether the funding for CalFire in jeopardy due to the loss of revenue due to the closing of Diablo Canyon. She said the County will still fully fund CalFire. 25% of SLO County is Public Lands. SLO County is attempting to make up tax losses with tourism.

- 6) Planning Department–Project Referrals/Other permits in our area and an update on what is happening in the department – Megan Martin, County Planner - (20-30 min) -

Rumsey project in CAB Area #3, Rocky Canyon/Hwy 229 Steve Almond CAB Representative will be on next month's agenda, most likely, if Steve is able to arrange a site visit. Development has 11x lots and Rumsey owns 5x lots (12 acres). They are doing a lot line adjustment to accommodate the proposed cannabis operation. They have 2 wells and 2 permit applications. They can buy water. \$16/gal, or \$325/AF...total project fees \$175K. Crop duty factor for cannabis still needs to be established.

- 7) New Business – None

- 8) Unfinished/ Continuing Business (10 minutes) –

- a. Paso Basin Cooperative Committee – Final Chapters of GSP have been written and public comment has closed. Peter Johnson of New Times requested input from CAB. <http://www.slocountywater.org/sgma>

Next meeting July 24th, 4:00 pm, PR City Hall

Everyone should take another look at Chapter 9 before this meeting.

- b. Community Compatibility Questions – discussion of changes/updates we would like to add for cannabis projects – post final on our new website

Several suggestions sent to Sheila by email from members of the community. Sheila will look at each suggestion and consider whether they should be added to current Community Compatibility check list.

After much discussion, we found that some felt that our Community Compatibility needed to be more detailed, whereas others felt that it should have less specifics. Final conclusion is that we should leave the list as it is currently (with note above regarding community input) and let each CAB member use it in whatever way they would like. Members are free to add more questions for their own use.

At 9:30 pm Sheila asked for a motion to continue the meeting beyond our usually adjournment time. Roy made the motion. Susan 2nd it. Vote unanimous.

- c. Creston Village Plan – further discussion on what might be changed/added
Post a link to the existing plan on our website

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/getattachment/4eaadc3d-c2ca-47be-9850-2d6122ca23a3/Creston-Village-Plan.aspx>

Due to the challenges in rewriting the Creston Village Plan (per Megan Martin last meeting) with other community plans lapsing and waiting for approvals for several years, we decided it is probably not the best use of our time now. Tom Edel was interested in taking this up and may come back with recommendations in the future.

Murray Powell from TAAG was present to discuss coalition amongst multiple CACs. Creston, San Miguel, Shandon and Templeton are the CACs currently being contemplated. Murray reported that the York Mtn cannabis project (affiliated with McAllister project in Creston that was dropped) has also been withdrawn. It is believed they were scared off by the lawsuit.

9) Committee Reports/Next Steps–

- a. By-Laws – Sheila L., & Jan M. – Nothing to report
- b. Elections – Sheila L. & Susan S. Judy Blankenship (public) - Nothing to report
- c. Public Information – Roy B., Tom E. & Mike Aarons Website update – Kurt A.

10) Treasurer’s Report – Mailbox fees due by end of July. Current account balance \$679. Roy has put in application to the County for annual \$1000 funding.

11) Motion to adjourn made by Kurt and 2nd by Steve at 9:50 pm. Vote unanimous.