

# TEMPLETON AREA ADVISORY GROUP (TAAG) BOARD MEETING

Thursday April 21, 2022 5:30 PM

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

This meeting of the Templeton Area Advisory Group (TAAG) was held via Zoom.

Notes submitted by Sonja Bolle.

## 2022-2023 TAAG BOARD MEMBERS

Scott Shirley, Delegate/Chair

Murray Powell, Delegate/Vice-Chair/Treasurer

Doris Diel, Delegate/Secretary

Dede Davis, Delegate

John Donovan, Delegate

Jerry Jones, Delegate

Scott Silveira, Delegate

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Scott Shirley called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Scott Shirley, Delegate/Chair	present
Murray Powell, Delegate/Vice-Chair/Treasurer	present
Doris Diel, Delegate/Secretary	present
Dede Davis, Delegate	present
John Donovan, Delegate	present
Jerry Jones, Delegate	present
Scott Silveira, Delegate	present as of item 7.1

### 3. AGENCY REPORTS AND UPDATES

#### 3.1. Sheriff's Office

No report.

#### 3.2. California Highway Patrol

No report (Lt. Chandler Stewart was out of the office.)

### 3.3. Supervisorial District One

No report

### 3.4. Supervisorial District Five

No report

### 3.5. County Planning Department

Cheryl Ku, SLO County Planning Dept: Planning Dept. has made new hires for positions that the department has been trying to fill for some time. Ku introduced new hire Eric Tolle - [etolle@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:etolle@co.slo.ca.us) - 805-788-2148 - who will take over as liaison for TAAG. We are lucky that he has previous planning dept experience, a rarity.

### 3.6. Templeton Community Services District

(Report made out of order after item 7.1)

GEOFF ENGLISH, Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) board member.

The board met in person for the second time. Highlights:

Report by utility manager Justin Black on status and condition of wells throughout the district. Conditions are stable; there has been some degradation in the last years, but that fluctuates year to year. Well levels are relatively stable. The Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) has put together a plan to send to the state. The Templeton/Atascadero groundwater is not being overpumped, in contrast to the Paso Robles Basin. This area has no large industrial agriculture users, and is not as densely developed as other areas. The water supply is stable, and we are trying to keep it that way. Conservation is essential, The CSD is encouraging people to use water wisely, Templeton wants to avoid being placed under state mandate. CSD plans to disseminate more information about the need for conservation. There is a lawn removal program in place, which reimburses 50 cents per sq ft to remove turf.

Templeton CSD voted to nominate Devin Capps to the LAFCO Alternate Special District Members seat for the term lasting until 2025. Special districts throughout the county have a seat on Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), along with representatives from Board of Supervisors and all cities. LAFCO has oversight over all boundaries and formation of new agencies.

The sports park project will begin construction in 2023, not in 2022.

DEDE DAVIS asked about the increase in fees announced in the recent water bill.

ENGLISH: There are two reasons for increase: 1. solid waste contract contains a cost of living increase, covers rises in their costs. 2. California Senate Bill 1383 requires all waste haulers in the state to set up food disposal programs, and to begin reporting on the amount of food waste in our trash.

DAVIS: Why couldn't TCSD absorb the cost, rather than pass it on to ratepayers? It could add \$10 to a \$50 monthly bill.

ENGLISH: We are you, in essence. TCSD funds come from ratepayers. TCSD also can't commingle funds from different programs, so there are limited options.

DAVIS: Why is there a rate increase if we are just supposed to put food waste in green bins?

ENGLISH: That's only a small part of the plan. There is a program for restaurants to send extra food to food banks, there is monitoring. The intention to reduce food waste is good, but there is a cost.

DAVIS: If state of California wants to do it, they can pay for it. We can drive to the dump ourselves.

MURRAY POWELL: Remember you have to pay the dump to take your trash.

ENGLISH: The rate increase will fall more heavily on commercial than on residential ratepayers.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

##### 5.1 Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2022 TAAG Board meeting

Motion to approve minutes made, seconded, passed by voice vote.

##### 5.2 Approval of Treasurer's Report

Bank statement shows no change in balance since last month's report.

Account stands at \$1199. There is an outstanding check for \$17.81, a reimbursement approved at last month's meeting.

Motion to approve treasurer's report was made, seconded, approved by voice vote.

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS - None

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

##### 7.1 Shall TAAG resume in-person board meetings beginning with the May 19 meeting?

MURRAY POWELL: The Community Service District has invited us to start using their meeting room, for committee meetings as well as board meetings. The room simply needs to be reserved in advance. Powell has the key, for evening meetings. CSD has purchased and set up a system that allows for in-person and Zoom participation at the same time. To use that system there must be a dedicated operator available for the duration of each meeting, and some training is required. If we vote to hold meetings in person, we should also decide if we will use that system.

DORIS DIEL: Perhaps two people should be trained? In case one person can't be there.

POWELL: It can't be a board member, since they have to be on camera and engaged in the meeting.

There is also the issue of time. Meetings might be set back to 7 pm, as they were before covid, to give people time to get to the meetings. Committee meetings can be any time committee members want.

SHIRLEY: 7 pm fine with me, but I wouldn't want to start later, since meetings can take some time.

DAVIS: Maybe 6:30?

GEOFF ENGLISH: TSCD has had two meetings in the board room. Sound and projection system works well. Board members can be in person or remote. One member was on line, but expect all to be in person next time. The public can participate on line; the CHP, Sheriff's reports can be given on-line. It does require an attendant for the system to be available throughout the meeting.

SHIRLEY: Did you mention someone from the county is running it for you? Can a volunteer do it?

ENGLISH: It can be a volunteer or someone hired, but whoever it is must be trained. . As long as it's someone who isn't participating in the meeting. The equipment does require attention.

SHIRLEY: called for roll call vote on motion to resume in-person meetings.

Shirley	yes
Powell	yes
Diel	yes
Davis	yes
Donovan	yes
Jones	yes
Silveira	absent

Motion passes. In person meetings will resume May 19.

SHIRLEY called for roll call vote on motion to move time of meetings back to 6:30.

Shirley	yes
Powell	yes
Diel	yes
Davis	yes
Donovan	yes
Jones	yes
Silveira	yes

Motion passes. In person meetings will resume May 19 at 6:30 pm.

7.2 Confirm TAAG Committee Chair assignments.

SEE BELOW under 8.1.

7.3. Discussion regarding current status of the processing of the County Land Use Permit application for the proposed Gas Station – Drive Through Restaurant project that would be located at the corner of Las Tablas Road and Bennett Drive. TAAG has been informed that the County has a consultant on contract to prepare an Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration. It is not anticipated to be an EIR. The TAAG Board voted during its September 16, 2021 Board meeting to defer its review and consideration of recommendations to the County to a later date.

CHERYL KU, County Planning: Health risk assessment will be done, as you requested.

SHIRLEY: The assessment has been contracted by the applicant?

KU: An air quality study will be considered.

SHIRLEY: Is the health risk assessment done after mitigated negative declaration?

KU: No, incorporated in initial study.

POWELL: When might MND be available?

KU: It's not yet started, so several months is a good guess.

SHIRLEY: For status updates, should I be talking to Planning Dept?

KU: yes.

POWELL: Propose we wait for completed MND to come out, then during the 30-day public comment period, TAAG should take another look. A motion is not really needed at this point.

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES

### 8.1 Project Review Committee

DIEL, chair, SHIRLEY, POWELL

POWELL: Regarding a proposal for a 36-unit self-help project at Peterson Ranch, for people 62 and over, I saw an article that said 10 units would be made available for homeless vets. How does that work? Are they over 62?

SHIRLEY: Will look into the issue and confirm.

### 8.2 Cannabis Project Review Committee

POWELL, chair, JONES, SILVEIRA

POWELL: There are no new projects within our boundaries, no hearings coming up, that can change at any moment, we'll keep an eye on it.

### 8.3 Community Outreach and Public Relations Committee

DONOVAN, chair, DAVIS, JONES

No report, no meeting in last month.

### 8.4 Traffic Circulation Committee

DAVIS, chair, DONOVAN, JONES

DIEL: outgoing chair. Nothing new to report.

DAVIS: A recent accident took out a fence at the same intersection we've been talking about, at Las Tablas and Bethel. The driver ran through the stop sign, the car actually rolled over. We might need a flashing light.

POWELL: I know about that accident. It sounded like a medical incident, not an issue with stop signs and all.

DIEL: I will send the new chair the contact information for the Traffic Division at the county.

### 8.5 Bylaws Special Committee

POWELL, chair, SHIRLEY, DONOVAN

POWELL: If we start using the system for Zoom at CSD, we might have to put something in bylaws about that.

### 8.6 Water/Toad Creek Committee

SILVEIRA, chair, DIEL, DAVIS,

REPORT from water committee chair Silveira: It's raining at the moment!

### 8.7 Elections Committee

Not needed until October.

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM DELEGATES (on items not on the agenda)

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by voice vote at 6:40 pm.