

TEMPLETON AREA ADVISORY GROUP (TAAG)

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Minutes of the meeting submitted by Sonja Bolle.
This meeting was held via Zoom.

2021-2022 TAAG BOARD MEMBERS

Bruce Jones, Delegate/Chair
Murray Powell, Delegate/Treasurer/Vice-Chair
Erik Gorham, Delegate/Secretary
Dede Davis, Delegate
Doris Diel, Delegate
John Donovan, Delegate
Scott Shirley, Delegate
Christine Nelson, First Alternate Delegate

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Bruce Jones, Delegate/Chair	present
Murray Powell, Delegate/Treasurer/Vice-Chair	present
Erik Gorham, Delegate/Secretary	present
Dede Davis, Delegate	not present
Doris Diel, Delegate	present
John Donovan, Delegate	present
Scott Shirley, Delegate	present
Christine Nelson, First Alternate Delegate	present

3. AGENCY REPORTS AND UPDATES

3.1. Sheriff's Office

Michael S. Manuele, Cmdr of San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office, North Station, submitted a written report, attached. In essence: Crime level is the same as a year ago.

3.2. California Highway Patrol

LT. CHANDLER STEWART of Templeton CHP made the report: This month has seen an increase in vehicle collisions. Part of the explanation is simply that traffic is rising, but the number of total crashes in the Templeton area is up 30% over a year ago. Seatbelt violations have doubled and property damage is also up; however, there have been no fatal accidents, and DUI incidents and arrests are down. 100-plus mph violations stayed the same (1). In all, the total of enforcement contacts is up 8%.

DORIS DIEL: The traffic committee submitted a memo to the county on traffic speeding on Crocker St. (parallel to Main St, one block west). We received a response from Transportation Division Manager Joshua Roberts, who considers the current signage adequate, and referred the issue to CHP and the Traffic Division.

Lt STEWART noted again that traffic in the county is rising. He has been in touch with county traffic engineers, and acknowledged that engineering is not always “consistent with community concerns.” CHP is looking at speed measurements along Templeton Main St., which has been an area of concern for his officers. He took note of TAAG concerns about Crocker.

DIEL: Las Tablas is another area of concern.

STEWART: Our officers are constantly there. There is speeding where the road runs downhill. I will reiterate that to the sergeants.

MURRAY POWELL: Wouldn't the sheriff be more involved on Crocker than CHP?

STEWART: CHP has traffic jurisdiction in unincorporated areas, even if it feels metropolitan or heavily residential.

DIEL noted that Crocker is near a school; at one end it runs into Templeton Elementary.

STEWART: That's an important element for us. We're a small office, it will become easier as we come out of covid situation.

As he finished his presentation, Lt STEWART added that he will begin coaching volleyball at Templeton High School.

3.3. Supervisorial District One

No report.

3.4. Supervisorial District Five

No report.

3.5. County Planning Department

CHERYL KU, SLO Supervising Planner: As follow-up to December meeting, one item for the Planning Dept meeting on January 25 will be to establish priorities and a workload plan, timing and staffing needs.

3.6. Templeton Community Services District

GEOFF ENGLISH, TCSD board member, reported on the meeting of Tues., January 18. TCSD was successful in recruiting a new utilities manager for the district: Justin Black.

Internal assignments were given out: assignments stayed the same for all directors.

A recent generous donation of \$10,000, made to the Templeton Recreation Foundation, will go to benefit recreation facilities.

Groundwater Sustainability Plan:

California's Groundwater Sustainability Management Act requires local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in high- and medium-priority basins to develop and implement Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) or to develop alternatives to GSPs. GSPs provide a roadmap for how groundwater basins will reach long-term sustainability.

Atascadero Basin GSA moved forward with the development of a plan, even though the basin, not being currently in overdraft, was not yet in a condition required by law to do so. English noted that essentially all groundwater basins in CA are in serious condition. The plan passed unanimously and will be submitted to the state. Although the state has been rejecting most of the groundwater sustainability plans, the GSA is confident of the viability of this plan.

ERIK GORHAM asked what weight Templeton's vote has in the GSA. In the Paso basin, for example, the county has the largest vote.

ENGLISH did not have that figure, will find out.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2021 TAAG Board meeting

Motion to approve minutes was made, seconded, and accepted by general consent.

5.2 Approval of Treasurer's Report

MURRAY POWELL: reported no financial activity for the month. Balance remains \$1199.
Motion to approve the report was moved, seconded, passed by general consent.

6. OLD BUSINESS - None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 N-DRC2021-00010—Joe Goldberg

APN 014-271-048

Agent—Pamela Jardini

Address—10450 Dover Canyon Rd in Templeton

A request for a Minor Use Permit to include 0.91 acres of grading per the Oak Woodland Plan and 0.75 acres of grading for the access and for 2 single-family residences for a total of 1.66 acres. This project is being processed with Environmental Categorical Exemption by the Planning Department.

PRC recommendation: A motion was made for approval as presented which passed unanimously 3-0.

PAM JARDINI, project representative: The project is being withdrawn from the county application process. It does not need a grading permit. The review originally requested for the oak woodland plan is no longer necessary.

7.2 DRC2021-00102—Filipponi

APN 040-372-010

Agents—Lacey Zuback and Jamie Jones

Address—East Bennett Village parcel 1, located at the corner of Las Tablas Rd and Bennett Way in Templeton.

A request for a Minor Use Permit to allow a quick service restaurant with a drive through, a gas station with a convenience store, and a single-car wash tunnel. This project was previously reviewed by the PRC Committee and by TAAG. Modifications have been made by the applicant after consultation with the adjacent Homeowners Association.

The Project Review Committee voted during the Committee's January 13, 2022 meeting to submit two (2) recommendations to the TAAG Board for consideration:

A. The first recommendation was to defer final recommendations until additional pending information is available for Committee and Board reviews.

B. The second recommendation was to ask the Air Pollution Control District to do a health risk assessment of the proposed gas station at the intersection of Las Tablas Rd and Bennett Way because of the cumulative impact of ambient air toxin levels such as Benzene from nearby 101's vehicles' exhaust, considering the proximity of residential neighborhoods and hospital.

ERIK GORHAM, chair, Project Review Committee: The committee made two recommendations (spelled out above).

There was discussion over the process by which a health risk assessment would be requested. It was generally agreed that any assessment of the health risk posed by benzene should comprise part of the county's environmental review, which has yet to be done. There was a lack of agreement about what TAAG's role might be in bringing health risks (and community concern over those risks) to the attention of the county. There is at present no guidance regarding benzene toxicity, but it is an issue under study.

It was generally noted that the developer has made significant changes in response to earlier concerns raised by TAAG (gas storage tanks have been reduced in size and moved farther away from residences than was requested).

BRUCE JONES called for two separate motions.

A motion was made and seconded to defer final recommendations on this project until all pending information is available for review by the PRC Committee and the TAAG Board.

BRUCE JONES called for a roll call vote.

JONES	yes
POWELL	yes
GORHAM	yes
DIEL	yes
DONOVAN	yes
SHIRLEY	yes
NELSON	yes

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to ask that prior to approval of DRC2021-00102, the Department of Planning & Building consider a health risk assessment of the proposed gas station at the intersection of Las Tablas Rd and Bennett Way because of the cumulative impact of ambient air toxin levels such as Benzene from nearby Highway 101's vehicles' exhaust, considering the proximity of residential neighborhoods and hospital.

BRUCE JONES called for a roll call vote.

JONES	no
POWELL	yes
GORHAM	no
DIEL	yes
DONOVAN	yes
SHIRLEY	yes
NELSON	yes

The motion passed on a 5-2 vote, with Jones and Gorham dissenting.

7.3. Call for Candidates for the TAAG Board

Candidates will be running for election to four (4) Board Delegate seats. The TAAG Board consists of seven (7) Board Delegate seats whose terms run for two years. TAAG candidates must be registered voters residing within the Templeton Unified School District boundaries.

Incumbent Candidates have already made their declarations of their intention to run for re-election. Declared incumbent Board candidates include Murray Powell, Doris Diel, and Scott Shirley.

Non Incumbents have until this January 20, 2022 regularly scheduled Board meeting to declare to TAAG their intention to run for office in the March 2022 election.

Two non-incumbent candidates have declared:

Jerry Jones introduced himself at the meeting.

As a registered voter in Templeton school district, he is an eligible candidate.

His CV has been circulated; in addition to the information contained in the CV (attached), he noted that he ran Wallace Machinery in Paso Robles for more than a decade; his hobby is hot rods; and he is in excellent health.

Second candidate is Scott Silveira.

As a registered voter in Templeton school district, he is an eligible candidate.

He was not at the meeting, but Murray Powell listed his qualifications: He is a more than 20-year resident of the Templeton area. He owns property on S. El Pomar Rd.; he runs a horse training facility and cattle operation on the property. He is married, with a 6-yr-old son.

After this meeting, there can be no more declarations of candidacy for this election.

7.4. Selection of date for TAAG Board Election.

As there are five candidates for four open seats, there will be a public election. The four candidates with the highest numbers of votes will be seated as Board Members; the fifth will be an Alternate Board Member.

Anyone may vote who lives within the Templeton school district and is a registered voter.

The election will be promoted with an e-mail to the approximately 380 people on the TAAG mailing list.

The newly elected Board will be seated at the TAAG Board's regularly scheduled March 2022 meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to hold the March 2022 TAAG election on March 12, 2022 from 8:30 AM till 12:30 pm, either in the parking area in front of the Service District Boardroom or inside the Boardroom, based on COVID restrictions in effect at that time.

By general consent, the Board unanimously approved the date, time and location.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 Project Review Committee

No report.

8.2 Cannabis Project Review Committee

MURRAY POWELL: A special meeting was held January 11 to provide comments in response to a county notice of preparation on a project on South El Pomar. The TAAG report should be posted on the web site.

8.3 Community Outreach and Public Relations Committee

ERIK GORHAM: There are plans to start a Facebook page.

8.4 Traffic Circulation Committee

See above discussion under CHP report.

8.5 Bylaws Special Committee

MURRAY POWELL: A review of bylaws may be in order once a new board is seated.

8.6 Water/Toad Creek Committee

No report.

8.7 Elections Committee

The committee will be occupied with organizing the March election.

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

CHRISTINE NELSON will not be running for re-election to the Board, as she is expecting a baby, but she will continue to maintain the TAAG website.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 7:15.

Addenda to Minutes:

Sheriff's Office report

Jerry Jones, CV

Templeton Area Advisory Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Time Period: (December / 2021)	Station	Templeton	San Miguel
CFS: Current Year	1538	379	143
CFS: Last Year	1578	379	207
Change	-3%	0%	-31%
Reports Current Year:	261	95	17
Reports: Last Year	263	84	38
Change	-1%	+13	-55%
Assault/Battery:			
CFS	4		
Reports	3		
Disturbance:			
CFS	7		
Reports			
Burglary:			
CFS	3		
Reports	3		
Theft:			
CFS	8		
Reports	7		
Vandalism			
CFS	0		
Reports	0		
Trespassing:			
CFS	6		
Reports	2		
Phone Scam:			
CFS	2		
Reports	0		
Suspicious Circs:			
CFS	10		
Reports	1		

Other Notable Comments:

JERRY JONES

Background Information

- Resident of Paso Robles since 1944, (except for a stint in the Navy and six years in the state of Washington)
- Past Director of Legislative Affairs, Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce
- Past Vice President, Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce
- Liaison between PRCC and County of San Luis Obispo
- Authored several articles for PRCC regarding No-Growth vs Pro-Growth in San Luis Obispo County
- Past Chairman and co-chairman of Agri-Businesss Tour
- Past Co-chairman of California John Deere Dealer Council
- Past member of Governor's Industrial Safety and Health Advisory Board (State of Washington)
- Past member of NWSTC (Northwest Safety Training Council) Steering Committee
- Past Chairman ARCO Contractor Safety Council
- Retired member of ASSE (American Society of Safety Engineers)
- Written and published several agricultural-based articles, including extensive research papers on techniques, management and results of No-Till farming practices.
- Performed research and development on behalf of John Deere for Lanai Diversified Co. on the island of Lanai with respect to the change in farming practices from sugar cane to field crops.