

# MINUTES OF THE TEMPLETON AREA ADVISORY GROUP (TAAG) BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 15, 2022 6:30 PM

Templeton Community Service District Board Room  
502 Fifth Street

## **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

Minutes submitted by Sonja Bolle

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-chair Murray Powell called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Powell led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### 3. ROLL CALL

Scott Shirley	present as of 7:15 pm
Murray Powell	present
Doris Diel	present
Dede Davis	not present
John Donovan	present
Jerry Jones	present
Scott Silveira	present

## 4. AGENCY REPORTS AND UPDATES

### 4.1. Sheriff's Office

no report

### 4.2. California Highway Patrol

Report submitted after the meeting, attached.

### 4.3. Supervisorial District One

no report

### 4.4. Supervisorial District Five

no report

### 4.5. County Planning Department

ERIC TOLLE of San Luis Obispo County Planning Dept. gave three updates:

The Jack Creek vacation rental application, heard before TAAG in July, has had a Planning Dept hearing. The staff recommended denial, as TAAG did (based on the Adelaida ordinance regarding distance between vacation rental properties). The applicant has until tomorrow (September 16) to appeal.

The Loose Horse Lane vacation rental on which TAAG recommended denial (based on the Adelaida ordinance regarding distance between vacation rental properties): County Planning staff also recommended denial. Applicants were due to appear tomorrow (September 16), but have been granted continuance.

A cannabis minor use permit for indoor cultivation at 320 Marquita (across from Tin City) has been waiting on a background check from Sheriff's Dept and is likely to come before TAAG in Oct or Nov.

POWELL: On the cannabis project, there has been no environmental determination yet?

TOLLE: Not yet. Steve McMasters, the county's principal environmental specialist, is retiring. Eric Hughes is stepping into his place, but this still means the department is down one person.

### 4.6. Templeton Community Services District

GEOFF ENGLISH, TCSD board member, reported two items of consequence from TCSD meeting a week ago:

TCSD approved and is moving forward to create an incentivized water meter relinquishment program. There is a long waiting list for water meters. Many units have not been used for decades; in some cases there may be multiple meters on a single property with only one in use. TCSD is creating a program to incentivize people to relinquish them to the district, to be reassigned to others. The units may have been purchased for \$2500, and now cost many times that, so people are holding on to them, but of course they do no one any good while sitting unused.

TCSD has a vacancy on the board. There were two open positions this year, and

only one candidate. There will be no election. Incumbent Wayne Peterson will be re-appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. The other board seat will also be filled by appointment, but TCSD would like to have a say in who is named, so it is actively soliciting volunteers. Letters of interest may be submitted by September 28.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

### 6.1 Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2022 TAAG Board meeting

Minutes were approved by voice vote.

### 6.2 Approval of Treasurer's Report

MURRAY POWELL, Treasurer: The current balance remains \$1199. A bill for \$160.88 bill has been approved, but has not yet appeared on the statement, so balance will soon be lower. TAAG got notice of a \$15 service fee from bank – for the first time. Powell will try to get that reversed as a courtesy to a volunteer community organization.

Expenses have been unusually low: Christine Nelson never billed for any web site costs, nor were Zoom costs billed.

TAAG will file a request for \$1000 each from Districts One and Five -- possibly also from District Two, since from this November election until the next general election, Templeton will be represented by three county supervisors.

The treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

**8.1** SLOCOG is planning a Regional Safe Streets Forum on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The theme is [\*Creating a Culture of Safety in the SLO Region.\*](#)

The intent of the forum is to inform and engage our region's leaders (elected or appointed) on the topic of: Highway, Street and Road Safety.

SLOCOG is seeking two nominees from each Community Advisory Council:

<https://slosafeststreetsforum.org/schedule/>.

JOHN DINUNZIO, regional transportation planner at SLOCOG (San Luis Obispo Council of Governments), responsible for the area north of the Cuesta Grade: We look at planning efforts with a series of different agencies, Cal Trans among them. During the pandemic, we saw a distinct change in travel patterns: There was less distance driven, but speeds increased, and the severity and number of crashes increased. A recent report of the Governors Highway

Safety Association notes that pedestrian fatalities are up 10-15%. The report also observes that nearly half of all traffic fatalities occur on rural roads, even though only 19% of the population lives in rural areas.

To address this problem, we have put together a two-day forum to bring in different members of the safety community – civil engineers to discuss safe street design, members of the medical profession – and promote “a culture of safety.” Federal Highways calls it the Safe Systems approach. It is not a forum for the public, but for policy makers, mayors and county supervisors. We want to invite members from community groups as well.

POWELL: It's a two-day commitment?

DINUNZIO: Two evenings in San Luis Obispo, near county offices. 6-9 pm, with an optional daytime field trip to an area in San Luis Obispo, but also to look at rural trouble spots, where rural roads meet highways. The general plan is first night law enforcement, second the health community. We'd like to get one representative from your group.

SCOTT SHIRLEY TOOK OVER CHAIRING THE MEETING at 7:18.

SHIRLEY: how shall we let you know if someone from our group will attend?

DINUNZIO: My e-mail is JDINUNZIO@SLOCOG.ORG

**8.2** Cycling event November 5, 2022 with 350 cyclists expected. passing twice through Templeton while keeping all roads open and having riders observe regular traffic rules. [www.thebovineclassic.com](http://www.thebovineclassic.com)

BRYAN YATES presented plan for the Bovine Classic. Based in Atascadero. Map is up on the web site. Plan is for 350 paid riders, some more marshalls, under 400 riders all together.

SILVEIRA: Isn't the Templeton Road kind of hairy for this kind of thing?

YATES: There will be a lead-out in a car up to Lupine Ln, the worst part.

DIEL: It's a Farmer's Market day, will that be a problem?

YATES: They'll be long past there by the time the market gets going.

SILVEIRA: where does entry fee money go?

YATES: Production costs. Aid stations, people to mark the course, insurance, etc. It's good advertisement for Templeton producers, to have all these people paying to come and enjoy the area. We hope it will become a model for how the ranching, agriculture, and endurance rider communities can work together.

SILVEIRA: How is that relationship working?

YATES: The community here is amazing, I've been riding here for years, had only one bad experience with a rancher -- entirely my fault. The problems are really always with out-of-town drivers.

POWELL: We have nothing to vote on, so we'll just put in our minutes that TAAG supports the event.

**8.3** Vote to remove Dede Davis as TAAG delegate, in accordance with TAAG Bylaw Article IV Section 8: *A member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive regular Board meetings may be considered to have vacated their membership on TAAG. In such a case, TAAG may remove such member by an affirmative vote of five (5) or more Delegates approving such removal*

SHIRLEY: noted that Davis has not been in attendance for any in-person meetings this year.

POWELL has spoken with her. She has other demanding commitments, but states she is still a benefit to the board. Noting that to his knowledge this article has never been invoked, he moved, based on Article IV, Section 8, to remove her from the TAAG board.

SHIRLEY seconded.

By roll call, all present voted YES.

SHIRLEY will notify Davis.

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES

### 9.1 Project Review Committee

POWELL: Just a heads up: There is a winery project in the works near the Loose Horse Lane vacation rental applicant, on a private road off Peachy Canyon. The application appeared to have faded away. We had done a site visit with an earlier TAAG board, but the last we heard of it was February of 2021. I called the Planning Commission office; they said it was still in process, but environmental determination hasn't been done yet. It may be coming back to us.

### 9.2 Cannabis Project Review Committee

Recap of Eric Tolle's report in agenda item 4.5

### 9.3 Community Outreach and Public Relations Committee

JOHN DONOVAN: We appeared at our first Templeton farmers market last Saturday. It was a good start, but not a great success. Oct 15 will be the next outing.

### 9.4 Traffic Circulation Committee

Discussion of who might attend the Regional Safe Streets Forum (agenda item 8.1). John Donovan is interested (he is interested in traffic engineering, and has run the Rideshare program for the county), but cannot attend in the evenings. Doris Diel may be available for the first evening.

### 9.5 Bylaws Special Committee

no report.

#### 9.6 Water/Toad Creek Committee

SILVEIRA: There is a high chance of rain on Monday.

#### 9.7 Elections Committee

Members not up for election in March should be prepared to serve on the committee.

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

SILVEIRA: Templeton emergency services building and communications tower would appear to be a done deal. Supervisor John Peschong, although present at the last TAAG meeting, did not take our concerns seriously. TAAG acts as the voice for the community, and if the community does not know about an issue like this, that is a problem.

POWELL: We spent a lot of time on this, did our homework, asked for a regular hearing instead of a consent item. Only four of us showed up for that meeting. I talked to chair Bruce Gibson about it, and we did get separate discussion, but Peschong never said a word about our concerns. This is why I am always pushing to get Templeton incorporated.

SHIRLEY: Should the community outreach committee meet and discuss how to get the public informed and involved?

### 11.ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm

# CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (TEMPLETON AREA)

Surveyed Date Range: 08/01 - 08/31 (1 Month)

*Geographic Boundaries of Templeton vs. Templeton CHP Area*

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TEMPLETON AREA</u>			<u>TEMPLETON CHP AREA</u>
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>AUGUST 2022</u>
CRASHES INVESTIGATED	28	24	14%	63
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	15	13	13%	47
INJURY	6	5	17%	16
DUI INVOLVED	7	6	14%	11
FATAL	0	0	0%	0
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TOTAL ENFORCEMENT CONTACTS	245	200	18%	1,149
TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED	153	114	25%	753
MAX SPEED VIOLATIONS	79	48	39%	540
100+ MPH VIOLATIONS	1	1	0%	20
DUI ARRESTS	9	6	33%	36