

**MINUTES**  
**Of the Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**of the**  
**TEMPLETON AREA ADVISORY GROUP**  
**March 21, 2019**

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**The Regular Meeting of the Templeton Area Advisory Group (TAAG)  
was held in the Board Room of Templeton Community Service District  
(TCSD) located at 420 Crocker Street, Templeton, CA.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chris Cobey, Vice Chair  
Larry Fluer, Secretary  
Murray Powell, Treasurer  
Matt Parker, Delegate  
Larry Stone, Delegate  
Joel Woodruff, Delegate  
Bruce Jones, No. 1 Alternate Delegate

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bob Bejarano, Chair

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Powell, Chair of the Elections Committee, to serve as the Acting Chair of the meeting opening through the election of officers. The meeting was started at approximately 7:00 pm.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

### **3. ROLL CALL**

Secretary Fluor called the roll of names of the list of delegates at the start of the meeting. A minimum of four (4) delegates is required to achieve quorum. The required minimum number of delegates was met, and a majority declared with a total of six (6) voting delegates present. Bruce Jones, an alternate delegate was seated as a voting delegate due to the absence of Chair Bejarano.

### **4. SEATING OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Acting Chair Powell provided a letter of certification of the March 2019 Election results. The departing delegates were asked to take a seat in the audience, and the new delegates were seated. The new delegates included: Jon DeMorales, delegate; Rocky Spurgeon, delegate; and Marie Roth, alternate delegate No. 1.

### **5. SELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020**

The election of officers followed with the delegates with nominations from within the board and a voice vote of the members. All votes were unanimous, and the following positions were assumed:

Cobey, Chair

Fluer, Vice Chair

Secretary, vacant to remain open until the next regular meeting of the board

Powell, Treasurer

Cobey then assumed the role of Chair for the balance of the meeting, and Powell stepped down from the position of Acting Chair.

### **6. RECOGNITION OF FORMER DELEGATES**

A certificate of appreciation was presented to delegate Stone from Supervisor Peschong on Stone's departure from TAAG where he had served for three years. Cobey thanked Stone for his work on the development of the TAAG website and participation as a TAAG member throughout his period of service.

### **7. AGENCY REPORTS & UPDATES**

7.1 County Sheriff's Office, north station – (Liaison: Commander Keith Scott)

- Agency or entity not represented – neither verbal nor written reports were provided.

7.2 Templeton Fire and Emergency Services – (Liaison: Chief Bill White)

- Agency or entity not represented – neither verbal nor written reports were provided.

7.3 California Highway Patrol (Liaison: Officer Degnan, Manager for CHP activities in the Templeton District)

- Officer Degnan presented statistical information on activities in the Templeton area during the last month including hit and run incidents (nine), and arrests for driving under the influence (12 DUI), and one event involving children left in a car that was ruled a homicide.
- He announced several upcoming activities and events to be held in the area where CHP officers were involved including a Marathon from Tin City down Templeton Road, a fundraising event for the Special Olympics to be held at the County Fairgrounds including a torch run.

#### 7.4 District 1 – Supervisor John Peschong (Legislative Assistant Vicki Janssen)

- Peschong reported that the County Board of Supervisors (BOS) would be hearing an appeal filed by Ian McPhee on the Planning Department ruling on cannabis activities on March 26, 2019. The appeal was filed to a Planning Department proposed issuance of a permit request on a property on York Mountain.
- Also, on March 26<sup>th</sup> the BOS would be hearing proposals from County Planning involving an update to the cannabis ordinance currently published in the Land Use Ordinance.
- Peschong remarked that the County was working to build up the budgets for seven local fire departments so that their operations could be sustained.
- He remarked on an emergency aid project for the homeless in the Paso Robles area. A goal for funding has been established by the BOS to provide funding for needed housing. Paso Robles is seeking to build a shelter along the river using grant money. The shelter is being planned as a means to facilitate having a place for the homeless to be able to relocate. This shelter is viewed as especially important and will serve as an alternative to those seeking domicile along the river. He cited recent events where the CHP helicopter had to be used for rescue in river-related incidents.
- Other reports included comments about cell towers coming back to the area, the importance of Toad Creek to TAAG as an organization, the return of the Director of Planning and Building from a health-related leave of absence.
- Peschong acknowledged the efforts of Chris Cobey who has been serving as the coach of Templeton high school student activity in a mock trial competition where Cobey has been advising students with interest in the legal process.
- Stone asked as to the number of homeless. Peschong commented that the County did conduct a count three years ago and that the number had dropped. The results of a new count will be released in May or June mentioning that California ranked first in the fifty states as having the highest number of people in the poverty level.

7.5 District 5 – Supervisor Debbie Arnold, (Legislative Assistant Jen Caffee):

- Agency or entity not represented – neither verbal nor written reports were provided.

7.6 County Planning Department – (Liaison: Kate Shea, Supervising Planner)

- Agency or entity not represented – neither verbal nor written reports were provided.

7.7 Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) – (Liaison: Pam Jardini, Director)

- Jardini had a handout requesting support for a tax increase from the voters within the Service District adding \$15/month to provide needed funding for the Templeton Fire Department.
- TCSD would appreciate talking with members of the public or others regarding these issues and to provide additional information if needed. Voting for the proposed funding increase will be held at the end of August
- Written or verbal comments are welcome, but closing on April 3, 2019.
- Jardini announced that there would be a new representative from TCSD to replace her based on a recent reorganization within the District. The new representative should be expected to attend next month's meeting to be held on May 16, 2019.

7.8 Public Works and Transportation – (Liaison: Joshua Roberts, Transportation Division Manager)

- Agency or entity not represented – neither verbal nor written reports were provided.

7.9 Templeton Chamber of Commerce (Liaison: Jennifer Main, Executive Director)

- Agency or entity not represented – neither verbal nor written reports were provided.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Dorothy Jennings provided handouts that contained information on wildflower viewing on the Carrisa (also known as Carrizo) Plain. The area is about 6,000 acres in size and managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Jennings reported that the wildflower viewing was spectacular, but advised that the trip took approximately 2.5 hours to get to the location from Templeton by auto. She suggested that visitors should take a full tank of gas also water, and lunch. The viewing areas are open Thursday through Sunday's between 9 am and 4 pm. There are public restrooms at the Education Center, and there are also limited porta-potty facilities provided in other locations. The function of the Education Center is to provide information about the area managed by the BLM.

- She also provided a handout and information regarding the Juan Batista Historic Trail which goes through the County. Cobey mentioned that the past Chair Bejarano had an interest in the trail, and enjoyed the history.
- Other delegates asked questions regarding how many people are normally participating in the trails walk, directions to the trail and Jennings responded. Another commenter mentioned that dirt bikers were a problem on the trail as it ran through Atascadero.

## **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

A copy of the draft minutes of the February meeting was circulated by Secretary Fluer to the Board for review in advance of the meeting. A copy of the treasurer's report was circulated to the Board in advance of the meeting by Treasurer Powell. Fluer made a motion, seconded by De Morales for approval of the consent agenda as modified. The motion to approve the consent agenda passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

9.1 Approval of Minutes:

9.2 Approval of the Treasurer's Report: See the attachment to these minutes under item 9.2. Powell asked to address the reimbursement of funds paid from a personal credit card for miscellaneous expenses related to the recent election to include the purchase of a banner, and posters. The consent agenda was modified to include the reimbursement request.

## **10. OLD BUSINESS**

At last month's meeting, Jardini had passed along a comment from County Planning relative to a suggestion that was made to consider "pre-meeting" between project applicants and TAAG's project review committees where the applicants wanted to receive further information.

- Jardini reported that it currently takes between four and six weeks to get an appointment with County Planning to arrange a pre-application meeting and that costs could run between \$500 and \$5,000 for the meeting. She was not supportive of the concept as a matter of routine with TAAG.
- Cobey stated that it was desirable to have as much information as possible when projects were scheduled for review by TAAG committees.
- Gwen Pelfrey, a Templeton resident, spoke to the need to serve the small client suggesting that there was a value to such meetings.
- After some discussion board members agreed that the review committees were always open to inquiries by applicants and that informal telephone or other meetings could always be requested so that the applicants better understood the TAAG process and could become familiar with the standards to be applied.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

11.1 Project Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations. Copies of the PRC Chair were distributed to the delegates for reference and use. Copies of distributed reports are included as attachments to the minutes. Application of Bilson\_(DRC2019-00003) for a proposed minor use permit for the expansion of an existing winery facility and the addition of approximately 3,635 square feet in a two-story agricultural processing facility, with an exemption from the 200-foot, required property line setback, located at 7970 Vineyard Drive, Paso Robles (Adelaida sub-area). (PRC; Delegate Jones.)

There was no presentation from the applicant and no questions from the public. Cobey made a motion, seconded by Jones, to approve the recommendations made in the PRC report. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1.

11.2 Election Committee report (Powell). Powell reported that there would not be an Election Committee report issued as the Special Meeting of March 14, 2019, had addressed the issues. Cobey suggested that suggestions for improvement ben handled by the Election Committee. Powell offered that the issues should be referred to the Bylaws Committee as changes were needed in the bylaws to address the issues raised.

11.3 Cobey distributed a handout where committee members had been suggested based on the response from delegates to a survey which had been sent to delegates before the meeting. Before discussing the matter, Cobey declared a short break to allow the members to discuss as needed and to take a needed comfort break.

Before continuing Powell commented on the survey, and a need to discuss the purposed of each committee to include the time spent on each, also suggesting that the delegates needed to know how each of the committees operated.

Cobey asked whether or not the delegates had any specific questions instead of going through what could be a lengthy process of explanation. Spurgeon requested further information on the scope and purpose of the Toad Creek Committee. Pelfrey, a Templeton resident, recited historical background as to the formation of the committee with the following comments:

- Historically Toad Creek was used for all water, principally stormwater and drainage. In heavy rains, flooding could occur annually.
- Twenty years ago the creek was cleaned out, but over time brush and other growth has begun to impede water flow.
- A study was conducted by the County and TAAG engaged the County to walk the creek from Main Street down to the river.

- As the County studied the issue, TAAG gave the county comments on drainage and retention.
- Fifty years ago all water flowed to the river properly and moving forward to today where over time runoff, dirt from construction and movement over the years have again entered into the need for improvement. In the interim period, the Resource Conservation District (RCD) was formed.
- Pelfrey suggested that TAAG needed to stay on top of the issue to ensure that when money is available that Templeton is on the County radar so that funding can be made available to maintain the creek and make the needed improvements to avoid flooding.
- She stated that there were 2500 homes and people in the TCSD and that TAAG had formed the Special Committee (Toad Creek Committee) as a mechanism to follow the issue actively.

There were no further questions on committees that came forward, and Cobey put a committee organizational chart on the whiteboard to include Committee Membership, Suggested Members, and Suggested Alternate Members. The continuing discussion resulted in a motion by Cobey, and seconded by Jones, to accept the organization as written on the board. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 7-0-0.

<b>Committee Assignments, Including Alternate, Listed In Alphabetical Order</b>		
* designated senior member to establish an organizational meeting.		
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
PRC	De Morales, Jones, Powell*	Spurgeon
CPRC	Fluer*, Powell, Roth	De Morales
CORC	Spurgeon, Roth, Woodruff	Cobey
TRAFFIC	Cobey*, Jones, Woodruff	Fluer
TOAD CREEK	De Morales*, Spurgeon, Roth	Woodruff
BYLAWS	Fluer, Powell*, Woodruff	Jones
ELECTIONS	Cobey*, De Morales, Jones	

## **12. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES**

Cobey asked that senior members take responsibility for scheduling the first meeting of each committee and that the committees report back to the meeting of the Board as to organization at the April 18, 2019, meeting of the TAAG board if not done before.

- 12.1 Project Review Committee (PRC) (permanent committee) – [NAME],  
Chair Next meeting to be April 4, at 4 pm
- 12.2 Cannabis Project Review Committee (CPRC) (not specified in bylaws) –  
[NAME], Nest meeting to be April 4, at 7 pm
- 12.3 Community Outreach and Public Relations Committee (permanent  
committee) – [NAME], Chair Next meeting TBD  
Next meeting TBD
- 12.4 Traffic Circulation Committee (permanent committee) – [NAME], Chair  
Next meeting TBD
- 12.5 Election Committee (permanent committee) – [NAME], Chair  
Next meeting TBD
- 12.6 Bylaws Special Committee– [NAME], Chair  
Next meeting TBD.
- 12.7 Toad Creek Special Committee - [NAME], Chair  
Next meeting TBD.

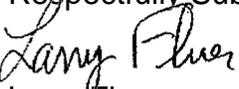
## **13. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE DELEGATES (not on the agenda)**

None.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Larry Fluor  
Acting Secretary

Encl: Attachments, 7 pages (pending the addition of election certification letter)

**ITEM 1**  
**MEETING AGENDA**

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## NOTICE OF MEETING; AGENDA

### TEMPLETON AREA ADVISORY GROUP Thursday, March 21, 2019 7:00 pm

A regular meeting of the Templeton Area Advisory Group (TAAG) will be held in the Templeton Community Service District Board Room located at 420 Crocker Street (to the right/east of the fire station) in Templeton, California

#### 2018-2019 TAAG BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Bejarano, Chair  
Chris Cobey, Vice Chair  
Larry Fluer, Secretary  
Murray Powell, Treasurer  
Matthew Parker, Delegate  
Joel Woodruff, Delegate  
Larry Stone, Delegate  
Bruce Jones, First Alternate Delegate  
[Vacant], Second Alternate Delegate

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1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR OF ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (Delegate Powell; per Bylaws, Art. VI, sec. 2<sup>1</sup>)
  2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
  3. ROLL CALL
  4. SEATING OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS
  5. SELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020
    - 5.1. Chair
    - 5.2. Vice chair
    - 5.3. Secretary
    - 5.4. Treasurer

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<sup>1</sup> "The Chairperson of the TAAG Election Committee will preside at the regularly scheduled March Board meeting until Officers are selected for the new term. After seating the newly elected Board members at the regularly scheduled March Board meeting, the first order of business will be the selection of Officers for the new term. Nominations may be made by TAAG Board members at the March meeting. The seated Board will then select the Officers for the new term by an affirmative vote of four (4) or more Delegates."

6. RECOGNITION OF FORMER DELEGATES

7. AGENCY REPORTS & UPDATES

- 7.1. Sheriff's Office (liaison: Cmdr. Keith Scott)
- 7.2. Templeton Fire and Emergency Services (liaison: Chief Bill White)
- 7.3. California Highway Patrol (liaison: Officer Clint Rutter)
- 7.4. Supervisorial District One (Supervisor John Peschong/Leg. Ass't Vicki Janssen)
- 7.5. Supervisorial District Five (Supervisor Debbie Arnold/Leg. Ass't Jen Caffee)
- 7.6. County Planning Department (liaison: Kate Shea, Senior Planner)
- 7.7. Templeton Community Services District (liaison: Pam Jardini, Director)
- 7.8. Public Works and Transportation (liaison: Joshua Roberts, Transp. Div. Mgr.)
- 7.9. Templeton Chamber of Commerce (liaison: Jennifer Main, Executive Director)

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

For this agenda item, members of the public who wish to speak on any topic not on the Agenda that is within the purview of the TAAG may approach the podium on a first-come, first-served basis. Please state your name (and representation, if any) for the minutes, and limit your comments to three minutes. Per TAAG's Bylaws, no action will be taken on items not on the agenda.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- 9.1. Approval of Minutes Meeting of February 21, 2019
- 9.2. Treasurer's Report March, 2019

10. OLD BUSINESS

- 10.1. Consideration of proposal to permit pre-application reviews of proposed projects by the Project Review Committee (PRC; Delegate Cobey). *Possible action.*

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1. TAAG board review of applications referred to TAAG by the County Planning Department, and which have been previously reviewed by the Project Review Committee or the Cannabis Project Review Committee. Applicant's name provides a link to the referred application.

- 11.1.1. Application of [Bilson](#) (DRC2019-00003) for a proposed minor use permit for expansion of existing winery facility and addition of approximately 3,635 square feet in a two-story agricultural processing facility, with an exemption from the 200-foot required property line setback, located at 7970 Vineyard Drive, Paso Robles (Adelaida sub area). (PRC; Delegate Jones.) *Possible action.*

11.2. Election Committee report and recommendations (Delegate Powell)  
*Possible action.*

11.3. Proposed 2019-20 committee memberships (Chair-elect) *Possible action.*

## 12. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES

- 12.1. Project Review Committee (Chris Cobey, Chair)
- 12.2. Cannabis Project Review Committee (Larry Fluor, Chair)
- 12.3. Community Outreach and Relations Committee (Larry Stone, Chair)
- 12.4. Traffic Circulation Committee (Joel Woodruff, Chair)
- 12.5. Bylaws Special Committee (Murray Powell, Chair)
- 12.6. Toad Creek Special Committee (Matt Parker, Chair)

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

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

*The reports of the chairs of the Project Review Committee and the Cannabis Project Review Committee, concerning applications for review at this meeting (if any), and reports of any other committees, may be available for viewing (and downloading and printing) three days before the TAAG meeting at TAAG's website (<http://www.taaginfo.org>), on the "Committee Reports" page. A limited number of paper copies of the reports may be available at the meeting.*

### APPLICATION PRESENTATION PROCEDURES

1. Chairperson will call the agenda item.
2. The project applicant or its agent will present the application.
3. The Project Review Committee will present its report.
4. Chairperson will open the floor to Delegates' questions of the applicant or agent.
5. Chairperson will open the floor for public comment. Please direct public comments to the Chairperson, not to the applicant.
6. Applicant or agent addresses public comments by responding directly to the Chairperson.
7. Public comment portion of the proceedings on this item will be closed, and no further testimony will be taken.
8. The TAAG Delegates will discuss the application and, considering all public comments, will consider making a recommendation.

## GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTING ORAL COMMENTS

It is important that all participants conduct themselves with courtesy, dignity, civility, and respect for all parties involved. If you wish to present oral comments, please observe the following guidelines:

1. Identify yourself by your full name (and representation, if any) for our minutes, and speak from the rostrum so other attendees will have the opportunity to listen to the comments. (We do not currently use speaker slips, but we ask that speakers sign in on the list provided at the rostrum so that we can include the names of speakers in the minutes.)
2. Address your comments to the Chair. Conversation or debate between a speaker at the podium and a member of the audience is not permitted.
3. Oral comments should be brief and to the point. Your comments should be about issues, and not about any individuals involved.
4. Public oral comment is limited to three minutes per individual unless the Chair permits otherwise.
5. Please -- no audience reaction (applause or otherwise) during or after comments.
6. Written testimony (letter, e-mail, etc.) is acceptable, but should be distributed to TAAG members at least three days before the meeting.
7. Once the public comment portion of the meeting is closed, there will be no further public oral comments unless requested or permitted by the Chair.

**ITEM 4  
REPORTS AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM  
COMMITTEES**

**TEMPLETON AREA ADVISORY GROUP (TAAG)  
CERTIFICATION OF THE 2019 ANNUAL BOARD MEMBER ELECTION  
HELD ON MARCH 2, 2019**

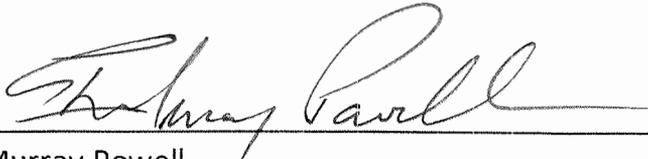
**TOTAL BALLOTS CAST**                    **219**  
**TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED**           **213**  
**TOTAL PROVISIONAL BALLOTS**    **6 (not counted)**

**RESULTS OF THE BALLOT COUNT**

Chris Cobey	177	Elected to 2 year term as Delegate
Bruce Jones	158	Elected to 2 year term as Delegate
Jon DeMorales	117	Elected to 2 year term as Delegate
Rocky Spurgeon	78	Elected to 1 year term as 1st Alternate
Marie Roth	37	Elected as 1 year term as 2nd Alternate
France Esters	17	Not elected
Jason Kallen	16	Not elected

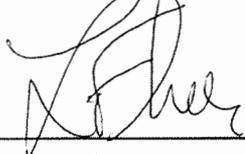
The procedures used in conducting the ballot count is attached to this document and incorporated by reference.

We, the undersigned members of the TAAG 2019 Election Committee, certify that we assisted and/or observed the ballot count process for ballots cast in the March 2, 2019 annual TAAG Board election and we agree with the above reported vote count tabulations.



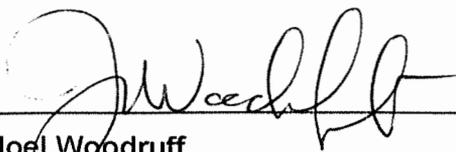
Murray Powell

TAAG Election Committee Chair



Larry Fluer

TAAG Election Committee Member



Joel Woodruff

TAAG Election Committee Member

# memo

To: Election Committee: Murray Powell, Joel Woodruff  
From: Larry Fluer  
CC: Chris Cobey  
Date: March 3, 2019 (transcribed to memo from email of same date with minor grammatical corrections)  
Re: TAAG Election, March 2, 2019

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Comments: I am enclosing a copy of the chart that I made at the end of the vote count for Saturday's election (Vote Count 2019) and copies of 4 photographs that I took using my cell phone as the count was being conducted. Murray Powell will be using the figures in the Vote Count document (circled) as he constructs his report of the election to be submitted to the TAAG Board. I am sending you this archival copy of the summary document containing the vote count as made by me with the original being retained by Murray with the recognition that Murray's report will be included in the committee report per se. My reason for doing this is to independently demonstrate the procedures which I observed and participated in as well as the actions of those participating during the vote count on behalf of TAAG. Murray was not involved in the counting of the votes, nor did he direct the activity which was decided on by the participants. The results were determined by the data as explained below. Referring to the file titled "Vote Count" ...

The first row at the top includes the following names:

Jim Jones – volunteer observer (and Retired Police Chief from City of Los Angeles)

Kathy Miller – volunteer observer

Joel Woodruff – TAAG Delegate

Larry Fluer – TAAG Delegate

The two volunteer observers performed the first vote count each one independent of the other. The two delegates likewise conducted a vote count independent of one another. There were 213 ballots filed (counted by Woodruff and Fluer). There were six additional PROVISIONAL BALLOTS which were NOT COUNTED based on the

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votes that were not provisional. In arriving at a total ballot count it was discovered that in the highlighted list marked by the volunteers distributing the blank ballots one of the lines had been marked with a "No" or similar marking and it was eliminated from the count. A count of the final individual ballots confirmed the count.

The attached file shows the results from the four of us that made independent counts of the ballot results as they appeared for the votes cast for the candidates. The vote count for three of the seven candidates including Kallen, Esters and Spurgeon was identical counts. There was a variation of one or two votes by one or more counter for the four remaining delegates. The group took the highest vote count in all cases out of the four of the counters as represented by the circles around the highest number in any row. The vote count took approximately three hours to perform. A comparison was then made as to the impact or not of including the provisional ballots, and it was determined that the outcome would not be influenced as there were only six possible votes for any single candidate and there were clear winners in the five candidates that were selected by the results. Each of the pictures has a sticky note added by me to explain the activity in the photograph. I did not include a selfie, but I took the pictures using my cell phone.

Please contact Murray Powell or me if there are any questions in this regard. See the photographs and data file below.

Larry Fluer  
Delegate 

Encl: 4 Photographs, 1 data sheet

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	Jones	Miller	WOODRUFF	FLUZZER
CORBY	176	177	176	175
JONES	158	156	158	157
ROTH	36	36	36	37
DEMORALES	115	116	117	114
KALLER	16	16	16	16
ESTERS	17	17	17	17
SMITHSON	76	78	78	78
	195	196	198	194

**ITEM 7  
AGENCY REPORTS AND  
UPDATES**

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# Templeton Fire & Emergency Services

# Fact Sheet

## Our Growing Fire and Emergency Services Dilemma

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### The Challenge

**Our Templeton community is at risk when a medical emergency, fire, natural disaster or other emergency strikes.**

Templeton Fire and Emergency Services a division of the Templeton Community Services District (TCSD), has one fire station that serves our community of 8,000 residents. Due to limited property tax funding from the County, that Templeton station is only staffed from 8 AM to 5 PM daily. Nights are currently covered voluntarily by firefighters when available. This leads to longer response times and occasionally our emergency service crew is unable to respond to after-hour 911 calls.

Templeton Fire and Emergency Services experienced a 75% increase in service calls since 2010. Sixty percent (60%) of all calls for service are for emergency medical incidents. This includes responding to victims of heart attacks, stroke, traumatic injury, car accidents, youth sport injuries and other medical emergencies.

The American Heart Association states that brain deterioration starts between four and six minutes after a person stops breathing. The average 911 response time for Templeton Fire and Emergency Services is 6 minutes. Even a one-minute delay in response time increases mortality rates. Due to the lack of adequate property tax funding, there are times when Templeton emergency responders (firefighters) are not available to respond to your 911 calls for help.

Current staffing levels at Templeton Fire and Emergency Services are not adequate to properly protect you, your family and your property. Additional funding is required to staff our fire station 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TCSD is conducting a thorough financial study to determine how much additional funding is needed to keep our only fire station open. Decisions will be made soon.

### Why Keep Templeton Fire and Emergency Services?

For more than 120 years, Templeton Fire and Emergency Services has been a proud and important part of our community. If TCSD is forced to close your Fire Department and Templeton's ONLY fire station, it is uncertain as to whether or not operations would be provided by Cal Fire. What is certain is that our community would lose local control of this vital life-saving service.

### Loss of a North County Resource:

If Templeton Fire and Emergency Services was forced to dissolve, the loss would be felt by Templeton Residents and the entire North County. No one agency can safely mitigate large incidents such as freeway accidents, structure or wildland fires alone. Templeton receives assistance from Atascadero, Paso Robles and Cal Fire for large emergency incidents. Templeton provides assistance to our neighboring communities as well. The loss of Templeton Fire and Emergency Services would eliminate a valuable resource to an already understaffed North County.

**Cal Fire is a valuable partner, but already stretched thin.** If our fire service is handed over to Cal Fire, Templeton would most likely be served by County Fire Engine 30, located in Paso Robles. Engine 30's primary response area is over 60 square miles and one of the busiest Engines in SLO County. It is possible that simultaneous incidents could occur which would create longer 911 response times for a fire or medical emergency in Templeton.

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## Identified Solutions Include:

In order to protect lives and property, improve response times and provide fire and emergency response coverage 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, Templeton Fire and Emergency Services has been aggressively working towards a solution that would provide a sustainable and reliable fire and emergency service delivery model.

**1:** In 2017, the TCSD Board of Directors voted to create a Community Facility District (CFD) for new residential and commercial development to ensure that new development pays their fair share of the increase in demand for emergency services. This anticipated future funding, unfortunately, will not address the Fire Department's current funding shortfalls.

**2:** The District asked the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors for a remedy in the form of an increased share of our property tax allocation. Templeton Fire Department's only source of funding comes from property taxes. Our current property tax allocation from the County was established in 1976 and is about 8.4%. So, of all the property taxes paid by TCSD property owners, only 8.4 cents of every dollar you pay to the county comes back to the District. After numerous meetings with the TCSD Officials over the past several years, the Board of Supervisors denied our specific request to increase our property tax share.

**3:** A remaining sustainable and reliable option available to the District is to seek community support for a local parcel tax. This allows your local Fire Department to provide lifesaving fire and medical emergency services on a 24 hour, 7 days per week basis.

### Funds from the proposed measure would be used to:

- **Provide** essential local fire protection and emergency medical services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- **Reduce** fire and 911 emergency response times
- **Recruit and retain** qualified firefighters

### Community input is welcome!

As we evaluate Templeton Fire and Emergency Services needs, we want to make sure that we include our community. We welcome input from you in our study process. It is our responsibility to keep you informed and to do everything possible to ensure adequate fire protection and quick access to life-saving emergency medical care. Please share your opinions by emailing Chief Bill White at [chief@templetoncsd.org](mailto:chief@templetoncsd.org).

**For more information, visit our website at:** [www.templetoncsd.org](http://www.templetoncsd.org) **or call us at:** (805) 434-4911

**CONSENT AGENDA  
AGENDA ITEM 9.2  
Treasurer's Report**

**APPROVED**

3/21/19

**Templeton Area Advisory Group  
Treasurer's Report  
March 21, 2019**



Checking Account Bank Statement Activity	Date	Balance
Bank Balance	1/31/2019	\$2,434.79
Checks Cleared - 2/1/19- 2/28/19		- 0 -
Other Charges - 2/1/19 - 2/28/19		- 0 -
Deposits - 2/1/19 - 2/28/19		- 0 -
<b>Bank Statement Balance</b>	<b>2/28/19</b>	<b>\$2,434.79</b>

**Account Activity - March 1, 2019 thru March 21, 2019:**

Deposits - 3/1/19 - 3/21/19		- 0 -
Checks Written - 3/1/19 - 3/21/19		- 0 -
<b>Current Account Balance</b>	<b>3/21/19</b>	<b>\$2,434.79</b>

Accounts Payable -

Annual TAAG Post Office Box Rental - Paid by Powell on February 22, 2019 with personal credit card		102.00
2019 Annual TAAG Board Election Banner and Signs - Paid by Powell on March 1, 2019 with personal credit card		254.18
2019 Annual TAAG Ballott form copy service cost - Paid by Powell on March 1, 2019 with personal credit card		9.65

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