

West Ranch Town Council

**Minutes of the Meeting Dated:
Wednesday, March 4, 2015
The Tournament Players Club
26550 Heritage View Lane
Valencia, CA 91381**

- A. 6:30 PM call to order, welcome, introductions – Ron Meschner
 - a. Present: Ron Meschner, Don Fleming, Dave Bossert, James Zimmerman, Chuck O’Connell
 - b. Absent: none

- B. Approval of Prior Month’s Minutes – Chuck O’Connell
 - a. Approved unanimously

- C. Treasurer’s Report and Banking Update-James Zimmerman-
 - a. Bank Account Balance- Approximately Zero

- D. Appointment of Rick Ryan as WRTC Councilmember. Rick Ryan was sworn in as WRTC Councilmember by Supervisor Antonovich’s Deputy, Rosalind Wayman.

- E. LA County Updates
 - a. LA County Parks and Recreation Department Report-Doug Newell
Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 28 -very popular 800-900 expected; Flag Football is scheduled; T-Ball registration in March; co-ed Softball starts 3/8, Spring Day Camp 3/30 to 4/10; Youth Co-ed Basketball registration Mar-May

 - b. LA County Sheriff’s Report- Deputy Yesenia Holwager
Relatively quiet. Residential and vehicle burglaries down; 5 school burglaries; Petty theft, burglary at Wal-Mart; Some shop lifting events continue at Valencia Marketplace.

 - c. California Highway Patrol Report-Officer Christopher Proper
3 DUI citations; 1 Hit and Run at The Old Rd /Pico Cyn Rd; Over the past year in Santa Clarita Valley 881 DUIs, 900 seat belt violations, 1200 cell phone violations. Thousands of speeding violations. There will be a dinner to support the Special Olympics [to be held at the Coliseum this summer]. The dinner will be at the Claim Jumper 4/9 from 6 to 9 PM.

 - d. Newhall Land Report- Alex Durell
EIR for new project “Entrada”, just north of Westridge –Scoping meeting to be held at Rancho Pico Jr. High on 3/24/15

- e. LA County Supervisor Antonovich's Office Report – Library Manager Matt Gill reported that the Stevenson Ranch Library Grand Opening is scheduled for March 14 at 11AM.

Rosalind Wayman-reporting:

1. One Stop Permitting –Planning and Public Works will now consolidate the permitting process, along with other Departments.
2. Board of Supervisors approved Antonovich motion to neuter and spay cats.
3. Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 to assist illegal immigrants with drivers license, etc. [Supvr. Antonovich voting against.]
4. Board of Supervisors voted a total of \$3 million to construct new SCV Senior Center. An addition \$3 million will have to be raised for construction of the new facility. .
5. Supvr Antonovich is opposed to the SCVSD's Deep Well Injection at TPC / The Old Road area. Rosalind presented a letter from the Supvr's Chief of Staff Kathryn Barger.

F. Guest Speakers-

- a. None- SCV-Sanitation District- Deep Well Injection- cancelled by Sanitation District.

G. New Business –

- a. Should the WRTC file a public comment regarding the Deep Well Injection DEIR at the TPC site?

After brief discussion, the Board unanimously voted to oppose the project citing safety concerns including the potential to trigger seismic activity as well as traffic and other environmental concerns. The SCVSD having extended the comment period to March 23, 2015, Dave Bossert will send formal letter expressing WRTC strong opposition to the SCVSD Deep Well Injection Project at the TPC.

The Board also unanimously agreed to oppose the chloride level [100 ppm] that the LARWQCB is imposing on the Santa Clarita Valley. Dave Bossert will form a subcommittee along with Don Fleming to petition the State WQCB, Los Angeles Regional WQCB, and elected officials at the District, County and State levels [including Assemblyman Wilk and Governor Brown] to overturn the arbitrary and discriminatory chloride level set by the LARWQCB for the Santa Clara River in this Valley.

- b. Resignation – Ron Mechsner

President Ron Mechsner will be moving to the City of Santa Clarita and has tendered his resignation effectively immediately. After many years of dedicated service to the WRTC and the community, Board members expressed their profound appreciation to Ron, and wished him the best.

c. Officer Elections

Dave Bossert was unanimously elected to succeed Ron Mechsner as President of the WRTC.

From the Floor- Don Whaley, from the Stevenson Ranch Master HOA reported that the SRHOA, in cooperation with the Westridge HOA and the Southern Oaks HOA had hired an attorney and geologist to assist in their extensive campaign against the proposed Deep Well Injection Project at the TPC.

H. Adjournment-

The next meeting of the TPC will be April 1, 2015 at the new Los Angeles County Stevenson Ranch Library, 25920 The Old Road, in the Library Conference Room at 6:30 PM. The WRTC Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.