

Tuesday, October 15, 2002

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M..

PRESENT: Supervisors Harry L. Ovitt, Peg Pinard, K.H. ‘Katcho’ Achadjian, Michael P. Ryan and Chairperson Shirley Bianchi

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG LED BY CHAIRPERSON BIANCHI.

SUM AGN

1 A-1A **Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and on the following roll call vote:**

AYES: Supervisors Ryan, Ovitt, Pinard, Achadjian, Chairperson Bianchi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-391, resolution recognizing October 19th, 2002 as “Make a Difference Day” in San Luis Obispo County, adopted.

Supervisor Ryan: reads the resolution and presents the same to Ms. Shannon Peet, President of the Board of Directors for the United Way and Mr. Dan Pronsolino, Cal Poly.

Mr. Pronsolino: thanks the Board for their support; states the planning of “Make a Difference Day” was a collaborative effort within the community; invites the Board and the public to the Mission Plaza on October 19, 2002 for “Make a Difference Day.”

2 A-1B **Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and on the following roll call vote:**

AYES: Supervisors Ryan, Ovitt, Pinard, Achadjian, Chairperson Bianchi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-392, resolution proclaiming October 18, 2002 as Disability Achievement Day, adopted.

Supervisor Ovitt: reads the resolution and presents the same to Mr. Mark Schaffer.

Mr. Schaffer: thanks the Board for the recognition; states the month of October is Disability Awareness Month; indicates they will be handing out awards during the month to special individuals and presents Julian Craig a plaque of acknowledgment for his achievements.

3 B-1 This is the time set for members of the public wishing to address the Board on items set
 thru on the Consent Agenda.
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Chairperson Bianchi: opens the floor for public comment without response.

Consent Agenda Item B-13 is withdrawn for separate action. **Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and on the following roll call vote:**

AYES: Supervisors Achadjian, Ovitt, Pinard, Ryan, Chairperson Bianchi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Consent Agenda Items B-1 through B-13 are approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as amended by this Board.

Consent Agenda Items B-1 through B-13, as amended, are on file in the Office of the County Clerk-Recorder and are available for public inspection.

- B-1 The 2002-03 contract (Clerk's File) with American Care Home to provide social support services for Mental Health clients, **Approved.**
- B-2 Contracts (Clerk's File) with Families First, Inc., Rebekah Children's Services and True to Life Children's Services to provide group home services Mental Health clients, **Approved.**
- B-3 Agreement (Clerk's File) with the State Department of Mental Health for services provided through the Conditional Release Program, **Approved.**
- B-4 State grant application (Clerk's File) for continuation of the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) block grant funded programs for 2002-03, **Approved.**

Board of Supervisors Items:

- B-5 **RESOLUTION NO. 2002-393**, honoring Cheryl Villaran for her accomplishments as Executive Director of the Nipomo Recreation Center, **Adopted.**
- B-6 **RESOLUTION NO. 2002-394**, honoring Robert Martin for his dedication to service to the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department, Company 40, **Adopted.**

General Services Items:

- B-7 Authorize the Director of General Services to execute a use permit for use of the Board of Supervisors Chambers by the League of Women Voters, **Approved.**
- B-8 **RESOLUTION NO. 2002-395**, accepting a quitclaim deed of real property with Joseph and Penelope Rappa for property located in Avila Beach; 3rd District, **Adopted.**
- B-9 An easement agreement with Joseph and Penelope Rappa for installation of a sewer force main to cross under See Creek located in Avila Beach; 3rd District, **Approved.**

Public Works Items:

- B-10 Bid opening report for the Cambria Cooperative Roads Project, **Approved, RESOLUTION NO. 2002-396**, accepting Pineridge Drive from Pickwick Lane to its end, Ellis Avenue from Richard Avenue to its end, Merlyn Avenue from Richard Avenue to Pineridge Drive and Bradford Road from Pineridge Drive to Spencer Street, Cambria into the County maintained road system, **Adopted**, and a corresponding budget adjustment in the amount of \$13,295 from Roads Projects; 2nd District, **Approved and the Chairperson is instructed to sign contract documents with Souza Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$144,747.**
- B-11 The following maps:
 - A. Tract 2370, a proposed subdivision resulting in 5 lots by Thor Krichevsky, Evergreen Way, Nipomo, reject the offer of dedication without prejudice to future acceptance; 4th District, **Approved..**
 - B. CO 01-0233, a proposed subdivision resulting in 2 lots by Frances Woeste, Ormonde Road, north of Arroyo Grande, reject the offer of dedication without prejudice to future acceptance; 4th District, **Approved.**
 - C. CO 99-0114, a proposed subdivision resulting in 3 lots by Edwin and Janet Hayashi, Country Hills Lane, east of Arroyo Grande; 4th District, **Approved.**

Other Items:

- B-12 The Inmate Welfare Fund Statement, **Approved.**
- B-13 Request by the Auditor -Controller to approve a rate increase for Midstate Solid Waste and Recycling Company for the expansion of recycling services in the Company's urban areas and the annual CPI rate adjustment; 5th District, **Withdrawn for separate action.**
- 4 B-13 Request by the Auditor -Controller to approve a rate increase for Midstate Solid Waste and Recycling Company for the expansion of recycling services in the Company's urban areas and the annual CPI rate adjustment; 5th District, is presented.

Supervisor Ryan: addresses his concerns regarding raising rates for users which will discourage them from using the services; feels the Franchise Fee should be reviewed, with Mr. Gere Sibbach, Auditor-Controller responding.

Matter is fully discussed and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian, and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Ovitt, Achadjian, Pinard, Chairperson Bianchi
NOES: Supervisor Ryan
ABSENT: None

the Board approves the new rate schedule to be effective December 1, 2002, as detailed in Exhibit A of the staff report dated 10-15-02.

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C-1 This is the time set for hearing to consider a representation petition by the Probation Department employees requesting to create their own bargaining unit (County Probation Peace Officers Association).

Ms. Sue Wilkison: Personnel, presents the staff report; asks the Board to find: 1) that the Petition filed by SLOCPPOA/COPS is timely filed; 2) that the unit comprised of non-administrative, non-supervisory sworn peace officer employees of the Probation Department constitutes an appropriate unit; and 3) authorize the management representative to arrange for a secret ballot election in the newly created appropriate unit to determine the employee organization in accordance with the Employee Relations Policy (ERP).

Supervisor Ovitt: questions the clause regarding the time frame of the filing of the petition.

Ms. Ellen Aldridge: Avery & Associates, states according to the current policy of the Board in the Employee Relations Resolution regarding the timing of filing a petition, a petition may be filed either in the month of January or at the conclusion of a three year MOU, whichever occurs first.

Mr. Larry Katz: Attorney representing the San Luis Obispo County Probation Peace Officers Association (SLOCPPOA), states in December 2001 SLOCPPOA affiliated with the California Organization of Police and Sheriffs (COPS) and filed a Petition for Recognition to be recognized by the County of San Luis Obispo as the exclusive representative for the sworn, non-administrative employees of the Probation Department; indicates the petition was again filed on January 17, 2002, with supporting documentation indicating a showing of interest for the affected employee group; addresses the time frame from the time the petition was filed to the present; urges the Board to adopt the staff recommendation.

Mr. Dean Rollins: General Manager for the San Luis Obispo County Employees Association (SLOCEA), indicates what is at issue is the interpretation of the language of the Employee Relations Policy Section 5; states if the Board accepts this petition as timely it would set a precedent and create labor chaos; urges the Board to reject the petition as being untimely filed.

Supervisor Pinard: states she disagrees with staff's findings.

Supervisor Ovitt: feels the policy sets two bars: filing in the month of January of any year following the first full year of recognition or during the thirty day period, commencing one hundred and twenty days prior to the termination of the contract whichever occurs first; feels the filing was done properly and the Board should take steps to establish a single bar.

Matter is fully discussed and thereafter, a motion by Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Ryan, to: 1) find that the Petition by SLOCPPOA/COPS is timely filed, 2) find that the unit comprised of non-administration, non-supervisory sworn peace officer employees of the Probation Department constitutes an appropriate unit, and 3) authorize the management representative to arrange for a secret ballot election in the newly created appropriate unit to determine the employees' choice of employee organization in accordance with the employee relations policy fails with Supervisors Pinard, Achadjian, and Chairperson Bianchi casting dissenting votes.

Supervisor Pinard: believes the intent was for a multi-year agreement; feels the language should be simplified.

Supervisor Ovitt: feels the language is very clear.

Ms. Aldridge: states they are currently undergoing a review of the ERP to clear up some of the principals the Board is looking at here and some other clarifications and updates in the policy to reflect changes in the law that have occurred since this was originally drafted. **No action taken.**

6 C-2A This is the time set for hearing to consider A010014A- a proposal by Vintners for Zuperb Zinfandel/Jean-Noel Fourneaux to establish an agricultural preserve and enter into a land conservation contract on 88 acres located on the north side of Las Tablas-Willow Creek Road midway between Township Road and Niederer Road, west of Templeton; 1st District.

Mr. Warren Hoag: Planning, introduces the item and Mr. Terry Wahler, Planning who will present the staff report on each item.

Mr. Terry Wahler: Planning, hands the Clerk an amended resolution for C-2-A, to correct a typographical error; presents the staff report and recommendation.

No one appearing and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Ryan and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Ovitt, Ryan, Pinard, Achadjian, and Chairperson Bianchi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-397, resolution establishing an Agricultural Preserve pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, adopted as amended.

7 C-2B This is the time set for hearing to consider A010015A - a proposal by Joseph and Marie Manno to establish an agricultural preserve and enter into a land conservation contract on 85 acres located on the north side of Union Road about 1,500 feet east of Branch Road and east of Paso Robles; 1st District.

Mr. Terry Wahler: Planning, presents the staff report and recommendation.

Board Members: discuss various issues, comments and concerns regarding: the wine industry impact; tax advantages; the Williamson Act lowering the tax burden for agricultural production.

Ms. Peggy Jenkins: states she doesn't mind the Manno's getting a tax decrease; indicates her concern is land banking, where the Manno's would get paid for not growing something, with staff responding.

Matter is fully discussed and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Ryan and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Ovitt, Ryan, Pinard, Achadjian, Chairperson Bianchi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-398, resolution establishing an Agricultural Preserve pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, adopted.

8 C-2C This is the time set for hearing to consider A010019A - a proposal by Odyssey Thuristone Vineyard LLC/Bob Newberry to establish an agricultural preserve and enter into a land conservation contract on 86 acres located on the west side of the Union Pacific Railroad with access from Highway 227 just south of the Buckley Road intersection and south of the San Luis Obispo City limits; 4th District.

Mr. Terry Wahler: Planning, hands the Clerk an amended resolution for C-2-C, to correct a typographical error; presents the staff report and recommendation.

Supervisor Pinard: questions the land not having its own water supply, with Mr. Warren Hoag, Planning, responding.

No one appearing and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Pinard and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Achadjian, Pinard, Ovitt, Ryan, Chairperson Bianchi

NOES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-399, resolution establishing an Agricultural Preserve pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, adopted as amended.

- 9 C-2D This is the time set for hearing to consider A010023A - a proposal by Jeffrey Meier to establish an agricultural preserve and enter into a land conservation contract on 630 acres located one mile southwest of Soda Lake Road about 18 miles southeast of California Valley; 5th District.

Mr. Terry Wahler: Planning, hands the Clerk an amended resolution for C-2-D, to correct a typographical error; presents the staff report and recommendation.

No one appearing and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Ryan, Ovitt, Pinard, Achadjian, Chairperson Bianchi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-400, resolution establishing an Agricultural Preserve pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, adopted as amended.

- 10 C-2E This is the time set for hearing to consider A010024A - a proposal by SDS Family Trust/Walton Ernmick to establish an agricultural preserve and enter into a land conservation contract on 399 acres located between Highway 1 and the ocean in the vicinity of Point Estero and China Harbor about six miles west of Cayucos; 2nd District.

Mr. Terry Wahler: Planning, presents the staff report and recommendation.

No one appearing and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Pinard and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Achadjian, Pinard, Ovitt, Ryan, Chairperson Bianchi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-401, resolution establishing an Agricultural Preserve pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, adopted.

- 11 C-2F This is the time set for hearing to consider A010025A - a proposal by Betty Eyraud and Larry Hendricks to establish an agricultural preserve and enter into a land conservation contract on 279 acres located about three miles southwest of Oak Shores in the Lake Nacimiento area; 1st District.

Mr. Terry Wahler: Planning, presents the staff report and recommendation.

No one appearing and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Ryan and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Ovitt, Ryan, Pinard, Achadjian, Chairperson Bianchi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-402, resolution establishing an Agricultural Preserve pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, adopted.

- 12 C-2G This is the time set for hearing to consider A010026A - a proposal by Chuck and Jennifer Lenet to add their organic farm property of 79 acres to an existing agricultural preserve to enable them to enter into a land conservation contract. The property is located at the north end of Picachio Road about four miles northwest of Cayucos; 2nd District.

Mr. Terry Wahler: Planning, presents the staff report and recommendation.

No one appearing and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Achadjian, Ovitt, Pinard, Ryan, Chairperson Bianchi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-403, resolution altering the boundaries of Cayucos Agricultural Preserve No. 36 pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, adopted.

- 13 C-2H This is the time set for hearing to consider A010029A - a proposal by Dale Iliff to add 360 acres to an existing agricultural preserve and land conservation contract on 600 acres, located about a half mile east of Highway 166 and about one mile north of the Pine Canyon Ranger Station northeast of Twitchell Reservoir; 4th District.

Mr. Terry Wahler: Planning, presents the staff report and recommendation.

No one appearing and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Pinard and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Achadjian, Pinard, Ovitt, Ryan, Chairperson Bianchi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-404, resolution altering the boundaries of Huasna Agricultural Preserve No. 29. pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, adopted.

- 14 C-2I This is the time set for hearing to consider A010031A - a proposal by Thomas and Carol Hinkle to amend an existing agricultural preserve to enable them to add their vineyard property of 64 acres and enter into a land conservation contract; the property is located on the south side of Union Road about 1,000 feet west of Penman Springs Road, one mile east of the Paso Robles city limits; 1st District.

Mr. Terry Wahler: Planning, presents the staff report and recommendation.

No one appearing and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Ryan and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Ovitt, Ryan, Pinard, Achadjian, Chairperson Bianchi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-405, resolution altering the boundaries of El Pomar Agricultural Preserve No. 49 pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, adopted.

- 15 C-2J This is the time set for hearing to consider A000003C - a County-initiated notice of non-renewal of land conservation contract to serve a notice of non-renewal of land conservation contract on Phillip and Tracy Cagliero for a small (6.77 acre) property that does not qualify for contract; the property is located on the north side of Estrella Road about 1.4 miles east of North River Road and about three miles southeast of San Miguel; 1st District.

Mr. Terry Wahler: Planning, presents the staff report and recommendation.

Board Members: discuss various issues, comments and concerns regarding: the time frame of the lot line adjustment which created a 6-acre parcel; how a 6-acre lot was created in an agricultural preserve; if the existing contract is still in place; tax consequences relating to this particular site; having County Counsel review the contract so the Board is not in violation of the contract, with staff responding.

Chairperson Bianchi: directs staff and County Counsel to review the wording of the contract and bring it back this afternoon.

- 16 C-2K This is the time set for hearing to consider A000015C - a County-initiated notice of non-renewal of a land conservation contract to serve a notice of non-renewal of land conservation contract on Joyce Williams, Trustee of the Tony Williams Exempt Trust, for a small parcel (20.41 acres) remaining under contract after the U.S. Forest Service acquired the rest of the contract land; the property is located on the east side of Highway 1 (Cabrillo Highway) and north of San Carporo Creek about three miles south of the Monterey County

line; 2nd District.

Mr. Terry Wahler: Planning, presents the staff report and recommendation.

No one appearing and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Ryan and unanimously carried, the Board directs staff to file a notice of non-renewal for the land conservation contract on Joyce Williams.

17 C-2L This is the time set for hearing to consider A010009A - a proposal by Douglas and Nancy Beckett to remove an 80 acre property from an agricultural preserve; and the Agricultural Preserve Review Committee recommendation to disestablish the entire preserve of 117 acres consisting of the Beckett property and 37 acres owned by Carolyn Scott; the agricultural preserve is located southwest of the intersection of Nacimiento Lake Drive and Mustard Creek Road about three miles northwest of Paso Robles; 1st District.

Mr. Terry Wahler: presents the staff report and recommendation.

Supervisor Ryan: questions how this property can be in an agriculture preserve without a contract and if the Board wanted to keep this property in a preserve what legal basis would it have; states he would like staff to bring back a rule in the future that will address contracts running concurrently with agricultural preserves, with staff responding.

Mr. Tom Shelley: states he is in opposition of the disestablishment of the Beckett's agricultural preserve and feels their intent is for future development; hands the Board a letter written by Mr. James J. Lockshaw, another neighboring property owner, that opposes the disestablishment.

Mr. Tom Vaughan: states he represents the Becketts and urges the Board to adopt the resolution that will disestablish the entire Paso Robles Agricultural Preserve No.18.

Matter is fully discussed and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Ryan and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Ovitt, Ryan, Achadjian, Chairperson Bianchi
NOES: Supervisor Pinard
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-406, resolution disestablishing the entire Paso Robles Agricultural Preserve No. 18 pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, adopted.

18 C-2M This is the time set for hearing to consider A000026 - a proposal by Ralph and Linda McCornack to rescind two land conservation contracts of 333 and 69 acres each and simultaneously enter into three new contracts on three properties, one of which is 202 acres and two of which are proposed to be adjusted by COAL 01-0209 to sizes of 62 and 138 acres each.(402 acres in total, subject to two contracts, 200 acres of which are within the lot line adjustment site). The property is located on the north side of Peachy Canyon Road about one mile north of Willow Creek Road and about six miles due west of Paso Robles; 1st District.

Chairperson Bianchi: states the staff report indicates this item needs no action.

Mr. Warren Hoag: Planning, states this item was inadvertently advertised for hearing and the Board does not need to taken any action on this item today. **No action taken.**

19 PC This is the time set for members of the public wishing to address the Board on matters other than scheduled items.

Mr. Richie Ray Walker: discusses the American Judicial System; addresses buying justice and ruling on the basis of prejudice; speaks to the need for equality and justice in the courts.

Mr. Jesse Arnold: states the Board has been asked to fund new voting touch screens; feels "if it ain't broke don't fix it"; believes the problem with the lack of volunteer poll workers is the lack of communication and participation among the Elections Department and the volunteers due to having elections every other year.

Mr. Michael Kovacs: urges the Board to return San Luis Obispo County to the number one ranked county in California. **No action taken.**

C-2J A000003C - a County-initiated notice of non-renewal of land conservation contract to serve a notice of non-renewal of land conservation contract on Phillip and Tracy Cagliero for a small (6.77 acre) property that does not qualify for contract. The property is located on the north side of Estrella Road about 1.4 miles east of North River Road and about three miles southeast of San Miguel; 1st District, is brought back for hearing.

Mr. Warren Hoag: Planning, hands the Board a packet of information including a page from the Agricultural Preserve Rules of Procedures dealing with “Mandatory Filing” and a copy of the Land Conservation Contract; indicating there is nothing in the contract that prohibits the County from filing a notice of non-renewal.

A motion by Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Pinard to direct staff to file a notice of non-renewal for a land conservation contract on Phillip and Tracy Cagliero, is discussed.

Supervisor Ryan: states he will not be supporting this notice of non-renewal because he feels he hasn’t had enough time to review the packet that was just presented to him.

Matter is fully discussed and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Pinard, with Supervisor Ryan casting a dissenting vote, motion carries and the Board directs staff to file a notice of non-renewal for a land conservation contract on Phillip and Tracy Cagliero.

21 C-3 This is the time set for hearing to consider service delivery changes at General Hospital and the Family Care Centers.

Ms. Gail Wilcox: Assistant County Administrative Officer, presents the staff report; states on June 4, 2002, the Board held a public hearing to discuss potential changes to the service delivery system at General Hospital and Family Care Centers; indicates staff was directed to research and provide responses to a series of questions asked by Board members.

Mr. Gere Sibbach: Auditor-Controller, discusses the scenarios on page C-3-37 of the staff report, indicating the savings to the County by closing General Hospital would be approximately \$1.4 million; states the report was done as a collaborative effort between several departments; presents his analysis of the differences from previous figures presented and describes seven of the most significant listed on page C-3-36 of the staff report.

Supervisor Ryan: asks what it would take to re-open a hospital, with Mr. Larry Hood, Chief Executive Officer, responding.

Mr. Dan Cashier: Chairperson of the Interim Hospital Authority Board (IHAB), presents a brief personal background; indicates the savings is only \$1.4 million per year and that number should not be disputed; addresses the County’s health care obligations; discusses the inpatient safety net and the units that will be eliminated if the hospital closes; states to close the hospital and rely on the private sector will create a risk for the County to maintain control relating to cost, quality and stability of service; addresses the change in today’s health care system; states IHAB recommends the development of a Master Plan before a decision is made to close the hospital; indicates the County will only be saving \$1.4 million a year and will be eliminating the County’s health safety net.

Ms. Sara Horne: League of Women Voters, states the Leagues position is to support cooperation to provide efficient public health care; states her intent for being here was to ask for a continuance due to the lack of background information, however after listening to Mr. Sibbach speak that will not be needed; feels the Board needs to have a philosophical discussion as to whether this County wants to use General Hospital as a safety net for the working poor, Medi-Cal recipients or some Medicare recipients.

Mr. Richie Ray Walker: addresses the cost to open and re-open a hospital; the need for General Hospital in case of terrorist attacks and a Diablo Canyon emergency; states the Board owes their constituents the safety net of keeping General Hospital and it should be their number one priority.

Ms. Laurie Wolf: reads a letter from Eric Greening addressing the lack of information that has been presented prior to this hearing and asking for this analysis to be clear.

Ms. Lori Anderson: states this County is lucky to have General Hospital; urges the Board to be careful in making their decision relating to future health care in the County.

Mr. Michael Kovacs: holds up a copy of The Tribune and an article written by Jamie Hurley presenting the history of General Hospital; urges the Board to make a decision and move forward.

Mr. Stan Ryan: states there is a national health care crisis; feels it is important to think about infrastructure; believes it is time to think about a universal health system.

Mr. Dean Rollins: General Manager for San Luis Obispo County Employees Association (SLOCEA), states the current numbers show a savings of approximately \$1.4 million; indicates it makes this debate less of a financial issue; urges the Board not to eliminate the County's safety net and keep the hospital open.

Ms. Vita Miller: feels the closure of General Hospital will be a mistake; addresses the issue of raising funds to make up for the \$1.4 million annual loss.

Mr. Pat Veesart: states he is here to show his support for General Hospital; indicates he has cancer and without medical insurance General Hospital has been his safety net; urges the Board to keep it open.

Ms. Sandra Sarrouf: urges the Board to keep the hospital open; shares a story relating to small pox and asks where the public would go for this type of health crisis.

Mr. Babak Naficy: states he can't imagine closing the hospital; indicates what is on the table is public health and peace of mind; urges the Board not to put these things in the hands of the private sector.

Mr. Jesse Arnold: states he supports the comments of the previous speakers.

Dr. Richard Krejsa: states he is a past Supervisor; feels by closing General Hospital this Board will be throwing away a life line for a lot of people.

Ms. Heather Champeau: addresses the cost of human treatment; urges the Board not to take the hospital away.

Ms. Barbara Atkinson: states she is also a success story; General Hospital helped her when she had no money.

Mr. John Stocksdale: IHAB member, addresses the health care crisis; states this County needs a safety net; feels General Hospital is the County's insurance; indicates it would only cost \$5.52 per year, per resident to keep it open.

Ms. Pamela Heatherington: states she has a vision of a community hospital for all citizens of San Luis Obispo; indicates she wants to see things move forward and if the Board decides to close the hospital they need to remember their obligation to provide a health safety net.

Board Members: discuss various issues, comments and concerns regarding: qualifications for County Medical Service Program (CMSP); the ability of patients to be treated at any hospital; what type of patient would a clinic care for and what happens to mental health patients; the idea of a privately owned community hospital and the cost of renovating the existing building, with staff responding.

Supervisor Ovitt: states history has shown that the community wants the Hospital but is not willing to pay for one; indicates in 1997 the annual savings for the closure of the hospital was approximately \$3 million; states General Hospital services approximately 10 patients per day; feels in the last five to six years this County has not improved its health care; believes if the hospital closed five years ago that money could have gone a long way in helping the clinics grow; states the discussion of a master plan cannot happen without direction; it's time to move forward.

Supervisor Ryan: presents a brief history on items that were placed on the ballot relating to the hospital and were defeated because the public did not want to pay for it; addresses the issue of preventative health care; states General Hospital lacks patients who have the ability to pay; indicates it's time to close General Hospital and take steps to reach out and put the clinics together.

Chairperson Bianchi: states she doesn't believe there will be a \$1.4 million savings; addresses the operational difficulties this hospital experienced, indicating the Board of

Supervisors cannot oversee a hospital; indicates she would like to see full health care continue in the County.

Supervisor Pinard: states she is committed to public health care; indicates her concerns regarding the lack of support the hospital has received; states maybe it is time to change to public ownership; indicates she would support a community health care facility.

Supervisor Achadjian: addresses putting the \$1.4 million back into health care to make it more accessible; thanks IHAB and staff for their hard work; addresses the key issue of having a master plan; speaks to the liability issues.

A motion by Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Ryan to direct staff to begin the process of moving forward with closing the hospital and related facilities as outlined in Option 2, which directs staff to discontinue operation of Inpatient unit and return as soon as possible with a comprehensive listing of key issues to be addressed including: 1) Identify alternate uses of existing hospital buildings & improvements needed; 2) Oversight of outpatient clinics and ancillary services; and 3) Terms and conditions related to licensing of our inpatient psychiatric unit & related space issues to close the facility, is discussed.

Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried the Board agrees to continue the meeting past 5:00 p.m..

Board Members: return to discussion on the main motion; discuss cost increases; if the \$1.4 million saving included current contracts; and, the time frame for closing the hospital, with staff responding.

Matter is fully discussed and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Ryan and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Ovitt, Ryan, Pinard, Achadjian
NOES: Chairperson Bianchi
ABSENT: None

the Board directs staff to begin the process of moving forward with closing the hospital and related facilities as outlined in Option 2, which directs staff to discontinue operation of Inpatient unit and return as soon as possible with a comprehensive listing of key issues to be addressed including: 1) Identify alternate uses of existing hospital buildings & improvements needed; 2) Oversight of outpatient clinics and ancillary services; and 3) Terms and conditions related to licensing of our inpatient psychiatric unit & related space issues to close the facility.

Ms. Wilcox: states staff will report back in 90 days.

On motion duly made and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts, does now adjourn.

I, **JULIE L. RODEWALD**, County Clerk-Recorder and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio clerk of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held Tuesday, October 15, 2002, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts.

JULIE L. RODEWALD, County Clerk-Recorder
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: /s/Cherie Aispuro,
Deputy Clerk-Recorder

DATED: 10-19-02
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