

CCA GENERAL MEETING AND TOWN HALL MEETING  
July 20, 2010

Officers present: Paul Johnson, Susan Lee Cooke, Rick Bradt. Cathy Kolbenschlag was injured and is excused. Tony Atkins was absent for unknown reasons.

Minutes from the June meeting were not available for distribution as the photocopier was not working properly. Rick Bradt made a motion that they be accepted as submitted by the secretary to the president. Paul Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report was not available as the treasurer was ill.

The president made an announcement of the upcoming events.

Open Forum:

Kandhy Franklin-Collins announced that she received approval from the CCA Board of Directors for an amateur ham radio in the clubhouse. She needs volunteers for the construction of a cabinet to house the equipment.

Kandhy met with a sign company and county officials regarding equestrian signs at the top of the hills. She apprised us of the options available.

Kandhy informed us of a practice drill to take place in Crest in October, sponsored by Crest CERT. Volunteers are needed to participate. Also, our emergency siren should be raised in height in approximately two weeks. This should allow the siren to be heard for a greater distance in the community.

Kandhy, our long-term chairperson of the Crest July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities, thanked those who participated in the success of this year's celebration. CCA President Paul Johnson echoed her thanks.

Pat Bunsold asked what we can do to increase guard rails along La Cresta Road. Paul Johnson has been in contact with county officials. He discussed options that have been presented. It may be some time before changes are made. One resident opposes a flashing speed sign as it would disturb the tranquil setting of Crest.

PADRE DAM:

Mike Uhrhammer, Communications Director, displayed a map demonstrating the water lines in our area. He explained the importance of a secondary system during emergency conditions. Alpine's growth is anticipated to reach a population of 24,000; other areas will swell in population, also. Consequently, water needs will increase.

California Environmental Quality Act, CEQA, requires several steps before development. A 2 ½ acre property was purchased from a private seller. Native American artifacts were discovered during Step 2. No human remains were included. Fourteen fingernail-sized

bones and other insignificant remains were uncovered. Permission by the Native American Heritage Commission was given to begin construction. A ceremony by the Native American community blessed the site in November, 2009.

In February, dissension began. Construction halted. The court interceded, and the land was declared a sacred burial site.

\$150,000 is being lost each month in construction costs. Go to Padre Dam website [padredam.org](http://padredam.org) for a more detailed report of the lawsuit and suggestions as to what individual water customers can do to assist Padre Dam Municipal Water District.

#### SAN MIGUEL FIRE DISTRICT:

Fire Chief August Ghio stressed the importance of “defensible space” around properties, especially with fire season approaching. He also shared a long list of accomplishments that the department has made in training its firefighters. He complimented residents for their responsible attitudes toward fire safe measures and acting upon the advice in the “Before the Threat” information that was distributed door to door in the community.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL LAND MANAGEMENT:

Johnny Gonzalez (The Goat Man) and Kandhy Franklin-Collins updated us on the progress that has been made during the many, many months that the goats have been working on the Crest hillsides. They now feel that our community is safer for this effort. They discussed some of the politics that have been involved with this project and invited feedback.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.