

MONDAY, MAY 7, 1979

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara convenes this day in adjourned session in the Chambers of the Board, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, at 7:10 a.m., with the following members present: Chairperson Pro Tempore Dan McCorquodale, Rod Diridon, Geraldine F. Steinberg, Susanne Wilson, and Gary F. Voecks, Assistant Clerk, for Donald M. Rains, Clerk. Chairperson Dominic L. Cortese is absent on County business.

The meeting is called to order and the following proceedings are had to wit:

The Chairperson Pro Tempore requests the County Executive read a proposed resolution, received from the State, which would declare a local emergency exists in regard to the gasoline shortage, thereby allowing the County to participate in the Gasoline Management Plan of the State.

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Diridon, it is unanimously ordered on roll call vote that a resolution be adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND REQUESTING  
THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE ORDERS AND REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, gasoline has become increasingly in short supply in the County of Santa Clara, local gasoline retailers having received allocation cutbacks and therefore reducing service hours, and such limited supplies creating long lines at local gasoline stations and causing traffic congestion and other related problems; and

WHEREAS, such facts require the implementation of a mandatory gasoline marketing plan to provide relief from this emergency situation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, that:

(a) This Board hereby declares a state of local emergency within the territorial limits of the County of Santa Clara, such emergency existing by virtue of the fact that gasoline has become increasingly in short supply in the County of Santa Clara, local gasoline retailers having received allocation cutbacks and therefore reducing service hours, and such limited supplies creating long lines at local gasoline stations and causing traffic congestion and other related problems; and

(b) This Board hereby requests the Governor of the State of California, pursuant to the authority granted by section 8567 of the Government Code of the State of California, to issue the necessary orders and regulations pertaining to the California gasoline emergency and governing and restricting the purchase of gasoline; and

(c) This Board hereby requests the Governor to implement such orders and regulations within the territorial limits of the County of Santa Clara so that such orders and regulations are applicable thereto.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of California, to the State Office of Emergency Services, and to all cities located within the County of Santa Clara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, on May 7, 1979, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors McCorquodale, Steinberg, Diridon, Wilson  
NOES: Supervisors None  
ABSENT: Supervisors Cortese

/s/ Dominic L. Cortese  
Dominic L. Cortese  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: DONALD M. RAINS, Clerk  
Board of Supervisors

/s/ Donald M. Rains

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Supervisor Wilson initiates discussion on the problem of the three-day Memorial weekend, coming up. She suggests a plan be recommended to the Governor whereby some areas of the State would celebrate the weekend on May 26, 27 and 28, and other areas would celebrate on June 2, 3 and 4. Discussion follows.

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Diridon, it is unanimously agreed to refer to the Governor a suggested amendment to the Operational Plan that would have some counties celebrating Memorial Day on May 26, 27 and 28, and other counties observing the holiday on June 2, 3 and 4.

Supervisor Steinberg indicates that any suggestions to the plan alleviate the problem only temporarily since allocation is the real problem. Supervisor Diridon suggests the Board simply recommend that people do not plan any trips for the Memorial Day weekend as that is the way to save energy. It is agreed that whatever is done now is a means to solve the immediate problem only, but there are very important long range problems which must be considered in dealing with the shortage of energy supplies. Supervisor Diridon indicates that in line with recommendations from the Energy Task Force various ordinances are forthcoming which will deal with the mandating of energy-saving devices, and the Board will be considering these soon.

Paul R. Hay, Executive Director of the Santa Clara County Service Station Dealers Association, is present. Upon questioning from Supervisor Steinberg, he indicates that in order to possibly forestall the proposed four-day shutdown, the Board could adopt a resolution asking the President, Governor Brown, James Schlesinger and David Bardin, with the Economic Regulatory Administration, to provide dealers with a fair and reasonable profit margin and pass regulations which are clearly understandable. There is discussion as to what constitutes a fair and reasonable margin and whether the regulations are enforceable. Supervisor Wilson indicates she will be meeting May 13 at 4:00 p.m. with members of the Service Station Dealers Association to discuss

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these issues.

On motion of Supervisor Steinberg, seconded by Supervisor Diridon, it is unanimously ordered that County Counsel be requested to prepare a resolution urging that profit margins be evaluated in relation to gasoline sales and that fair and equitable margins be established. It is further ordered that understandable and enforceable regulations be adopted by the government, with the understanding that there is a time problem, and that an immediate answer be requested in order to possibly forego the proposed four-day closure of gasoline stations. Said resolution by reference hereto is made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Hay requests that there be some clarification on portions of the proposed operational plan, one being doctors' vehicles, which he recommends be totally exempt. Individual Board members feel this may be going too far as doctors have recreational vehicles and are not always on duty and in need of gas any more than other members of the public. The question of emergency vehicles being allowed to come to the head of the line is discussed, and it is felt that this should be allowed whether or not the regulations so state. Mr. Hay indicates that flags and signs have been ordered, telephones are being set up for hot line purposes, and newsletters are also being prepared.

James Graebner, Transportation Agency Director, gives a brief report on the marked increase in transit passengers, and the Board points out that Southern Pacific passenger counts are also showing a marked increase.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

DOMINIC L. CORTESE, Chairperson of the  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: DONALD M. RAINS, Clerk  
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