



**COLAB SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**



**WEEK OF MARCH 22-28, 2015**

 **COLAB** <sup>6th</sup> **ANNUAL**  
San Luis Obispo County

# **DINNER & FUNDRAISER**

## **BEN SHAPIRO**

**Keynote Speaker**

Shapiro, a provocative and biting national political commentator, is editor at large of *Breitbart News*, hosts the daily radio show *Morning Answer* and is a *New York Times* best selling author.

**Thursday, March 26th**

Alex Madonna Expo Center

**5:15 pm** Social Hour, No Host Cocktails

**6:15 pm** Filet Mignon Dinner including Wine

\$125 per person / \$1,100 per table of ten  
Reserved seating for Tables of Ten

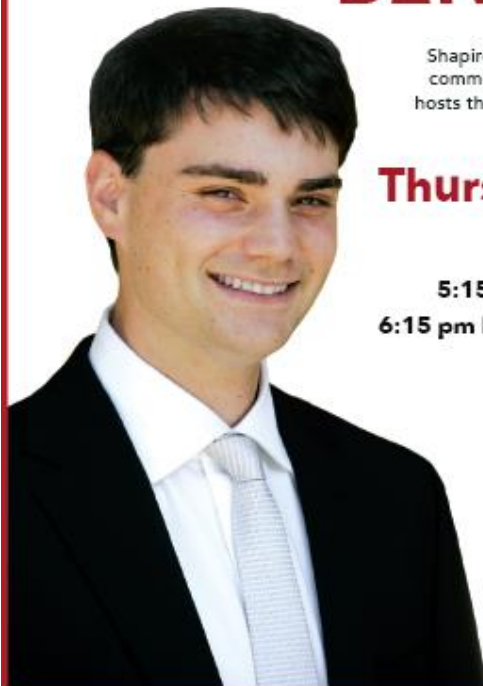
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**Cocktail Attire Optional**



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# HILL ATTACKS COLAB (AGAIN)

## BOARD APPROVES WORK ON GROUNDWATER EXPORT ORDINANCE

## NOT ENOUGH LAND FOR STACK AND PACK HOUSING

## APCD TO RENEW GREENHOUSE GAS PROSELYTES PROGRAM

## VERY LAST MINUTE TO GET YOUR COLAB DINNER TICKETS

Board of Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, March 17, 2015 (Completed)

### **Item 13 - General Public Comment Period - Hill Falls Off the Decorum Wagon – Again.**

Third District Supervisor Adam Hill attacked COLAB Government Affairs Director Mike Brown’s brief recap of a prior agenda item at general public comment as “bloviating<sup>1</sup> foolishness.” (Brown had just finished criticizing Hill’s and Gibson’s support for a wealth transfer shakedown which would affect cable and internet service rates.) We wonder if Hill is a closet aficionado of the Fox News O’Reilly Factor show. O’Reilly often refers to bloviating in his end of show monologues. Both Board Chair Debbie Arnold and Vice-Chair Lynn Compton objected. Compton sharply pointed out that such attacks on a public speaker are out of place and not within the bounds proper Board member conduct.

The Board Rules of Procedure require that public speakers address the board as a whole and refrain from personal attacks on the Board or others. Apparently Hill sees the Rules as a one-way street.

As Hill’s hot bile rose in his gullet, he retorted, “My response is that he (Brown) is a not a citizen but a lobbyist that meets with you (Compton and Arnold) every week. Don’t conflate the issue with the citizens.”

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<sup>1</sup> Bloviate: to talk at length in an inflated way. (Note: Brown only got 3 minutes).

One reader of The CAL Coast News responded aptly to the News's March 18, 2015 article on Hill's legislative acid reflux as follows:

*So A. Hill calls Mike Brown a lobbyist, probably because he is an employee of COLAB. OK. Using that logic, Andrew Christie is a lobbyist for the Sierra Club. Dawn Legg is a lobbyist for Topaz Solar. And on and on.....*

*Continuing with that twisted logic, I guess every agent for any land use application should be considered a lobbyist since they're a paid advocate for their clients.*

*Wait a minute....doesn't Adam Hill accept campaign contributions from local developers? Is he then technically in their employ with his quid pro quo support their project applications? Does that make A. Hill a lobbyist of sorts for his campaign supporters?*

*Of course it doesn't. Everybody has the same access to all 5 supervisors. Call their office and make an appointment. Mike Brown made the same request to meet with Hill and Gibson several years ago and was rebuffed. So he continues to meet with those supervisors that are willing to speak with him. End of story.*

*Glad to see Sup Compton there to back up Sup Arnold.*

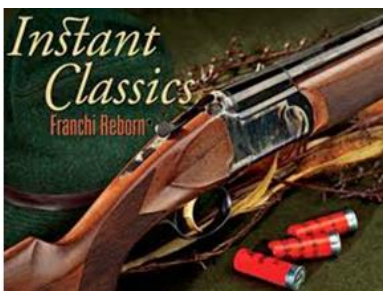
Actually Brown would be glad to meet with all 5 Supervisors individually on the Mondays prior to Board meetings and go over the **Weekly Update** and see what questions they have. As our readers know, the **Update** is directly sent to our members and is available on our website at [www.colabslo.org](http://www.colabslo.org). Not only can all the Supervisors see what COLAB is supporting or opposing in advance of the meeting, but so can the rest of the world. What could be more transparent?

In fact COLAB is not a lobbying firm. Unlike for-profit registered lobbying firms, it does not endorse candidates and it does not provide political campaign contributions. It does not represent or receive fees and retainers from entities in exchange for representing them on particular pieces of legislation, particular regulatory actions, or for a stipulated contract term. In fact COLAB has no contracts to represent anyone. COLAB's income is generated by voluntary membership dues and its annual dinner/fundraiser, which happens to be on Thursday, March 26, 2015 this year.

Attendance at the 2015 COLAB Dinner/Fundraiser will surpass all prior years. There are some terrific auction items. The keynote speaker is the brilliant, nationally recognized Breitbart News Editor, author, and extraordinary critic of failed left policies and political correctness, Ben Shapiro. There is a festive sit down dinner with filet mignon and wine.



Clearly Hill would like to scare people away from the dinner. He and Gibson's paid radical left operative, Tom Fulks, have amped up their anti-COLAB assault in recent months. They would like nothing better than to slander COLAB in the hope of driving potential guests away. This having already failed, we won't be surprised to find some of their agent provocateurs lurking around the Madonna Expo Center in the parking lots observing the crowd and taking names. Of course this contains some risk as the Expo Center is on private property and



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admission to the event and parking is by advanced purchase reserved ticket only. Moreover, many of the attendees are lifelong experts in dealing with noxious pests and other varmints. One of the great auction items available at the dinner is illustrated above.

**Item 18 - Discussion and possible direction regarding an amendment to the Health and Sanitation Ordinance, Title 8 of the San Luis Obispo County Code relating to regulation of the exportation of groundwater.** The Board directed staff to restart work on the preparation of the ordinance which would require that a permit be obtained to export water out of the County and between water basins within the County. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The cities are exempt because they are not under the County's land use or safety code authority. PRAAGS, the Farm Bureau, and others testified (13 in all) that they supported the ban (not a total ban but a strict permit process because a total ban is not legal). Gibson stated, "I'm fully supportive of the ban so we can calm the situation and remove conspiracy theories." The provision exempting the County from its own rules was removed from the draft ordinance. It was suggested that this was purely symbolic (that the County would do whatever it wanted anyhow – perhaps under the existing drought declaration of emergency).

**Background:** Probably as a result of Supervisor Arnold's repeated requests (and now that she is Board Chair), the proposed ordinance regulating the export of ground water out of the County was placed on the agenda for potential consideration. Readers will remember that on November 25, 2014, after several months of consideration, it was moved off agenda (sent to the woods). The original concept was aired because some residents of the Paso Basin fear that the proposed Paso Basin Water Management District (as embodied in AB 2453) could become a conduit for the importation, mixing of native groundwater and imported water, storage, extraction, and ultimate sale of water to outside interests. To allay this fear, an export ban was proposed. In fact, as the Board of Supervisors adopted its endorsement and support for a Paso Robles Basin water management district, it made a promise to the public that it would expeditiously adopt a prohibition on the export of groundwater outside of San Luis Obispo County.

**Future concern:** Notwithstanding the direction to prepare and return to the Board with an ordinance, there is continuing doubt about the ultimate result. Chief Deputy County Counsel Tim McNulty stated during the meeting:

*The future of solving all water problems in CA is the ability to move water to places where it is needed from where it exists and to store water in times like these. This ordinance may well end up becoming a hindrance to one or more of those activities in some point in the future. There is just no way for us to identify today whether or not that is true.*

**Supervisor Arnold's reply:** *We are in a minority in the state. We must protect our resources and force people to ask our permission.*

**Board of Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, March 24, 2015 (Scheduled)**

**Item 16 - Monthly Drought Report.** There is nothing much new here. Obviously, the winter rainy season did not produce enough storms to substantially impact the drought. The report contains the requisite hand wringing and statistics. As we have noted in the past, Attachment 6, entitled County Water Systems - One Year Look Ahead by Wade Horton provides the best description of future problems and potential solutions. It's well worth a look at the link:

<http://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/agenda/sanluisobispo/4481/QXR0YWNobWVudCA2IC0gQ291bnR5IFdhdGVyIFN5c3RlbXMgT25lIFllYXIgTG9vay1BaGVhZC5wZGY=/12/n/41770.doc>



**Matters After 1:30 PM**

**19 - Month of the Child Resolution.** The Resolution is prepared to support Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year's version is fairly tame and does not contain any overt pleas for social engineering. Anyone who opposes it as an example of hypocritical, feel good political correctness will be labeled as prejudiced, heartless, and a child abuse denier. Of course retention of the Diablo Power Plant (and its nearly \$1 billion economic impact), the approval of the Phillips 66 Rail Spur Project with retention and expansion of the refinery (and its payroll and economic multipliers, not to mention school property taxes), and large scale expansion of the oil industry (which would provide massive school property taxes) all enhance jobs and resources for families, children, and the economy.

Alas, these things are too real.

**Item 22 - Amend the Land Use Ordinances to Promote Smart Growth Higher Density Housing by Eliminating Mini Storage Facilities from the Residential Multi Family (RMF) zone.** The County’s overall smart growth strategy relies, in part, in promoting residential projects with densities of from 20 to 38 dwelling units per acre. Templeton, Nipomo, Oceano, and San Miguel are the target communities.

A problem is that, historically, the RMF Zone has included mini-storage facilities as a permitted use. In recent years important pieces of land which could have been used for higher density residential have had mini-storage facilities built on them. This of course undermines the County’s smart growth stack-and-pack densification strategy. Accordingly the proposed action here is to amend the relevant ordinance sections and plans to eliminate this situation.

The write-up indicates that the RMF zone is being amended to allow storage facilities to be included within the higher density residential projects in order to meet the need for storage.

The write-up states in part:

*“The primary purpose for revising multi-family standards is to reduce constraints to high density housing, with emphasis on locations where residents can use alternatives to private automobiles.”*

*The key reason to remove mini-storage warehouse facilities as an allowable use in RMF categories is to lessen the competition for land zoned Residential Multi-Family and maximize the opportunity to develop housing in these areas. This is particularly important in areas in close proximity to shopping, services and transit. In Los Osos, for example, several mini-storage facilities have been developed on sites in the Residential Multi-family category, precluding the opportunity to develop multi-family housing in those areas.*

The section highlighted in yellow is significant as a statement of primary purpose. They want you out of your car.

**Item 23 - Consideration of a request for authorization to process a Specific Plan, General Plan and Land Use Ordinance Amendment (LRP2014-00016 – Black Lake Golf Resort, LLC) to amend provisions of the Black Lake Specific Plan that would increase the residential density allowed under the current specific plan, expand the list of allowable uses, and allow for resort development. The site is in the Black Lake Village Reserve Line in the South County Inland subarea of the South County Planning Area. District 4.** The request by the Black Lake Village developer is for the Board to determine if it would allow an application for modifications to the development’s adopted plan to proceed. This is not a request for actual approval of plan amendments at this time. It is a request to see if the Board would even consider it after the normal analysis, CEQA, etc., process.

It would appear that there is some substantial opposition by the current residents. The project would include new homes, a hotel, and other features.

**Air Pollution Control District (APCD) Meeting of Wednesday, March 25, 2015 (Scheduled)**

**Item B-3: Renewal of the Civic Spark Program.** The staff is recommending the renewal of the Civic Spark Program, which is a kind of domestic Peace Corps-like program that hires recent college graduates and has them proselytize on climate change and greenhouse gas reduction, and provide “technical” assistance to cities, civic groups, and other organizations to ramp up their greenhouse gas reduction efforts. It is funded by an outfit called the Local Government Commission (which is really a government funded not-for-profit) with an 18% local share (about \$75,000). The write-up states in part:

*This program is a partnership with the Local Government Commission (LGC), Governor’s Office of Planning and Research and AmeriCorps to help local governments overcome capacity limitations to implementing CAPs throughout the region. San Luis Obispo County APCD was selected as one of nine Regional Partners throughout California to implement CivicSpark, which is a three-year program with a sunset date of December 2017. This program allows the APCD to build on its prior efforts and continue to serve local governments in their climate action planning needs.*

The LGC website says:

*The Local Government Commission (LGC) is a nonprofit organization fostering innovation in environmental sustainability, economic prosperity and social equity. The LGC is helping to transform communities through inspiration, practical assistance and a network of*

*Since 1980 LGC has been a pioneer cultivating innovative local approaches to improving communities including promoting clean energy and waste reduction. In 1991, LGC developed the Ahwahnee Principles for Resource-Efficient Communities, which helped pave the way for the smart growth movement and has since worked to build awareness about the impact land use decisions have on transportation, natural resources, public health, climate change and fiscal strength.*

Members’ names and sources of financing are not listed on its website. The Board of Directors is comprised of some California mayors, city council members, and county supervisors.

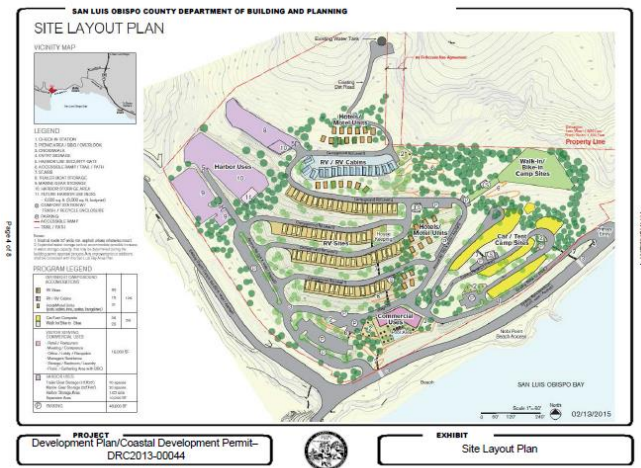
**Read the staff recommendation in the link below. It describes the activities that they have undertaken so far. This is a pretty fair sized make-work program.**

[http://slocounty.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view\\_id=7&event\\_id=1008&meta\\_id=298262](http://slocounty.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=7&event_id=1008&meta_id=298262)

**Planning Commission Meeting of Thursday, March 26, 2015 (Scheduled)**

**In General:** There are no items of large policy impact on the agenda. There are a number of conditional use permit applications from people who wish to expand wineries or build a house. Some have been before the Commission previously and were sent back for more work. Who knows what direct extra costs and lost time costs occurred. There is one interesting and positive item listed below.

**Item 3 - Hearing to consider a request by PORT SAN LUIS HARBOR DISTRICT for a Development Plan/Coastal Development Permit to develop the 32-acre Harbor Terrace site pursuant to the goals and criteria set forth in the Harbor Terrace Planning Sub-Area of the San Luis Bay Area Plan. The project would include a range of low-cost overnight accommodations including 80 recreational vehicle (RV) sites, 15 RV/RV cabins, 35 car/tent campsites, 21 walk-in/bike-in campsites, and 31 cabin/bungalow/yurt-type units. The project will also include 16,000 square feet of visitor serving commercial uses, harbor uses (e.g. trailer boat storage, marine gear storage, harbor storage area, expansion area and 6,000 square feet for future harbor use building), restrooms, and 48,000 square feet of parking. Additional features include on-site paths between parking areas and campsites; an accessible ramp between the commercial use and pool area and the proposed crosswalk across Avila Beach Drive; a check-in station near the primary entrance, and trash and recycling enclosure within a screening wall and swinging doors. This looks like kind of a cool proposal to enhance the Port San Luis Harbor and enable more people to enjoy the coastal environment at a reasonable cost. There appears to be wide support.**



**Please see next page for pictures.**



CABIN / RV CABIN / COMFORT STATION

CABIN SAMPLE FLOOR PLANS

Cabin layouts could include a variety of bedroom counts so as to accommodate a range of occupant counts.

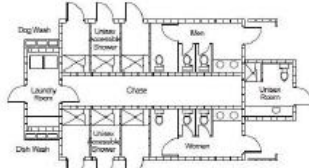


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- Accessible units are provided.

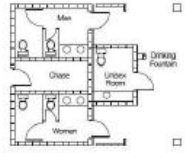


Precedent images are useful to illustrate scale and function but may not reflect final proposed design.

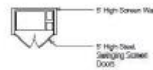
COMFORT STATION SAMPLE FLOOR PLANS



COMFORT STATION W/ SHOWER, LAUNDRY



COMFORT STATION W/O SHOWER, LAUNDRY



TRASH / RECYCLE ENCLOSURE

NOTES:

- Comfort station roof may incorporate solar panels.
- 4 site comfort stations are planned plus comfort stations incorporated within the commercial use building.
- Laundry facilities are planned at commercial use area and one upper level station.

ATTACHMENT 4

PROJECT  
Development Plan/Coastal Development Permit-  
DRC2013-00044



EXHIBIT  
Cabin/RV/Comfort Station