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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007 7:30 PM

**MEETING LOCATION: PASO ROBLES LIBRARY/CITY HALL
CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET**

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TO THE MEETING WITH A COPY TO THE CITY CLERK**

7:30 PM – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Downstairs Conference Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL Councilmembers John Hamon Gary Nemeth, Duane Picanco, and Frank Mecham
Absent: Fred Strong

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Regarding West Coast Kustoms Car Show: Susan March, Norma Moye, Cody Ferguson, David Madrid, Katy Davis, Scoti Russell, Josh Muse, Brian England, Clay Bragg, David Mendoza, David Bond, Ron French, Tiffany Dusi, James deBrauwere, Dale Gustin, Susan Warren, Jason Crawford, Dennis Cassidy, and Alex Sanchez
- Michael Donahue, concerning a Dental Hygiene School at Cuesta College (attachments)
- Chuck Miller; and
- Susan Scholl, regarding landscaping concerns within Zone 2, Subarea 2A-1 (attachments)

Council adjourned for a 5-minute recess and reconvened at 8:35 PM

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED (IF ANY) - None

PRESENTATIONS– None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Appeal of Planning Commission Denial of Conditional Use Permit 07-009**
R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

The City Council considered an appeal of a denial of a Conditional Use Permit to establish a Bed & Breakfast business at 1521 Vine Street. **CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 7, 2007.**

Councilmember Nemeth and Mayor Mecham disclosed separate *ex parte* discussions with the applicant. Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was John McCarthy, the applicant's representative, Norma Moye, Grace Pucci, Judith Barron, Cody Ferguson, Dale Gustin, John Cardinale, and Shelly Moore. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to refer the matter back to the Planning Commission to consider alternate parking options.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, and Mecham
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Strong

2. Street Abandonment 07-002 - 34th Street (Jeffrey)

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

The City Council considered the abandonment of a 10-foot portion of 34th Street, an 80-foot wide street. The purpose of the request is to expand the applicant's residential use, and is consistent with the Streets and Highway Code, and the City's General Plan.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-178 to abandon a 10-foot wide portion of 34th Street from Spring Street to Park Street.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, and Mecham
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Strong

3. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

L. Solomon, Chief of Police

For the City Council to consider accepting approximately \$12,500 in FY 2008 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. The Police Department intends to use the funds to purchase new AR-15 rifles and accessories to replace old, antiquated rifles in its patrol fleet. The budget for this program will allow for six new rifles to be installed in over half of the current patrol fleet. These are "entitlement" funds and do not require matching funds from the City's budget.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Dale Gustin. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-179 accepting the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Funds (Number 16.738). and approving the outlined expenditure plan;

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Strong

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Mecham called for public comments on Consent Calendar items. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed. A revised draft of resolution 07-181 was distributed to the Council and public.

4. Approve City Council minutes of August 21, 2007
5. Approve Warrant Register: Nos. 71951—72088 (08/17/07) and 72078—72234 (08/24/07)
6. Receive and file Advisory Body Committee minutes as follows:
Citizens Airport Advisory Committee meeting of June 28, 2007
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting of July 10, 2007
7. Proclamation designating September 9-15, 2007 as National Assisted Living Week 2007.
8. Proclamation designating September 2007 as National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month.
9. Adopt Resolution 07-180 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Blue Cross for medical coverage for one additional year beginning October 1, 2007.
10. Authorize Mayor to execute 4-year agreement with the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce for Visitor Center services.
11. Adopt Resolution a revised Resolution No. 07-181, and other Resolutions Nos. 07-182, and 07-183 authorizing the purchase of property located at 1720 Riverside Avenue, as part of an approved project for a new southbound on-ramp to Highway 101 at 16th/17th Street.
12. Adopt Resolution 07-184 accepting the recordation of Parcel Map PR 04-0428, a two-lot residential subdivision located at 411 Vine Street. All conditions imposed by the Planning Commission have been satisfied. No annexation to the Communities Facilities District will be required since the subdivision pre-dated its formation. (Dike)
13. Adopt Resolution 07-185 accepting the recordation of Parcel Map PR 04-0495, a two-lot residential subdivision located at 415 7th Street. All conditions imposed by the Planning Commission have been satisfied. No annexation to the Communities Facilities District will be required since the subdivision pre-dated its formation. (Erskine)
14. Adopt Resolution 07-186 accepting the recordation of Parcel Map PR 06-0012, a two-lot residential subdivision located at 1810 Park Street. All conditions imposed by the Planning Commission have been satisfied. No annexation to the Communities Facilities District will be required since the subdivision pre-dated its formation. (Stoll)

15. Adopt Resolution 07-187 authorizing the recordation of Tract 2782, a seven-lot subdivision of an 8.33-acre site, located on the easterly extension of Experimental Station Road near Buena Vista Drive, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Subdivision Improvement Agreement guaranteeing construction of the subdivision improved by September 4, 2008; and adopt Resolution 07-188 annexing Lots 1-7 of Tract 2782 into the Community Facilities District No. 2005-1, and recording the Amendment to the Notice of Special Tax Lien; and adopt Resolution 07-189 annexing Tract 2782 into the Landscape and Lighting District. With the exception of the construction of public improvements, all conditions imposed by the Planning Commission have been satisfied. (Paso Robles VII, LLC)

Consent Calendar Items Nos. 1-9 and 11-15 were approved on a single motion by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, with Councilmember Picanco abstaining on Warrant Register Items Nos. 191250, 191360, 191285, 191329, 191358, 191353, 191424, 191415, 191471, 191559 and 191561, and Mayor Mecham abstaining on Warrant Register Item Nos. 072070, 072210.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, and Mecham
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Strong

Consent Calendar Item No. 10 was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, and Mecham
NOES: Picanco
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Strong

Council adjourned for a 5-minute recess and reconvened at 9:30 PM.

DISCUSSION

16. **Request to Remove One Oak Tree at 3328 Spring Street OTR 07-005**
R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

The City Council considered a request by Paso Robles Spring Street LLC to remove one 6-inch oak tree in the 34th Street frontage of a proposed mixed use development (58 unit senior condo, and 5,300 s.f. of commercial space) located at 3328 Spring Street (former Paso Robles Ford Dealership site).

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-190 approving OTR 07-005, allowing the removal of a 6-inch Live Oak tree to allow construction of improvements or otherwise allow reasonable use of the property, and require two replacement trees.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, and Mecham
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Strong

17. Prisoner Litigation Reform Act – Request to Intervene

L. Solomon, Chief of Police

The City Council considered authorizing the Chief of Police to enter into a legal motion to intervene along with other state Police Chiefs, Sheriffs, and other various state officials against the federal Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA).

Under the PLRA, an appointed three-judge court can issue an order establishing a cap on the number of inmates to be incarcerated in the state prison system (thereby limiting the ability of county sheriffs to transfer inmates sentenced to state time) and/or order the immediate release of up to 40,000 prisoners.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to authorize the Chief of Police, as well as other state law enforcement agencies, to enter into a legal motion to intervene against the federal Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA).

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, and Mecham
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Strong

18. Integrated Water Resource Plan: Wastewater Quality Control

D. Monn, Director of Public Works

For the City Council to determine the direction for implementation of the Pre-Treatment and Source Control Program for wastewater. The implementation of this program is included in the City's Integrated Water Resources Management Plan and budgeted at \$70,000 annually. Katie DiSimone presented the staff report.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to authorize an Industrial Waste Manager position at a professional management II level for development and implementation of the City's Pretreatment and Source Control Program, and an associated permanent base year budget amendment of \$61,000 for the Sewer Operations Fund.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, and Mecham
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Strong

CITY MANAGER - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

ADVISORY BODY COMMUNICATION – None

AD HOC COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

19. Ad Hoc Committee Formation – Town Centre Master Plan

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

Consider forming an ad hoc committee to assist and guide staff in selection of consultant and direction for a Town Centre Expansion/Revitalization Plan.

It was the consensus of Council to appoint Councilmembers Nemeth and Strong to the ad hoc committee to work with staff to select the most qualified consultant and direction for a Town Centre Expansion/Revitalization Plan, and report back to Council by December 31, 2007.

COUNCIL COMMENTS (Including oral reports on conferences attended) - None

ADJOURNMENT:

- to THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 TO SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2007 AT THE SACRAMENTO CONVENTION CENTER
- to THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007, AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET
- to THE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007, AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET

Submitted:

Deborah D. Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
Approved:

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PART OF THE RECORDS UNTIL APPROVED BY THE CITY
COUNCIL AT A FUTURE REGULAR MEETING.**

ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS...

...THE DETENTION BASIN NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!



As many of you have already noticed the grass in the detention basin at the corner of Cool Valley and Oriole is turning brown and dying. Soon...plants, shrubs, and trees will follow.

Why is this happening? Due to a Landscaping & Lighting budget deficit the maintenance and watering of the basin has been discontinued effective July 1st.

What can you do to help? Agree to increase the Landscaping & Lighting maximum assessment rate from \$101.66 to \$318.00/year.

HISTORY: The Landscaping & Lighting assessment rate for 44 homes in our Sub Area 2A-1 was established in 1990. It has remained at this rate ever since. The city could have increased it at any time, but chose not to. Then in 1996 per the requirements of Proposition 218, the City could not alter the rate unless here was a majority vote by the homeowners. Property owners have voted against an increase twice, but now the City can no longer maintain the basin due to insufficient funds.

IMPACT: The deterioration and eventual demise of the basin will certainly have a negative impact upon the overall look of your neighborhood.

FACTS: Our Sub Area is also part of Zone 2. In this zone there are 448 homes and assessment rates range from \$100/year to \$750/year. According to the City, all 44 homes in our Sub Area are paying \$101.66 for this assessment. We are definitely paying the lowest rate and the City simply cannot afford to maintain and water certain areas. The water basin is one of the "first to go." In a few years the shared areas of Zone 2 (i.e. landscaping along Meadowlark and Airport Roads) may also be affected due to lack of funds.

Some may say, "**The City is doing so well and has so much money?** But money in the General Fund cannot be used for maintenance and watering. Money must come from the maximum assessment rate approved by homeowners. **Only you can make a difference to keep your neighborhood looking the best it can be. We ask that you sign a petition approving an increase in your Landscaping & Lighting assessment rate.**

I approve of the proposed Landscaping & Lighting maximum assessment rate of \$318 per year for my property and the annual inflation adjustment applicable to future assessments based on the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Name (Printed)	Name (Signed)	Address	Date
Cristina Sharp	C Sharp	2485 Drywell Pl.	8-21-07
Ed Glass	Ed Glass	2497 Drywell Pl.	8-21-07
Sue Scholl	Sue Scholl	2494 Drywell Pl.	8-21-07
DOUGLAS MOORE	Douglas Moore	2493 DRYWELL PL	8-21-07
NANCY WATKINS	Nancy Watkins	508 COOL VALLEY DR	8/21-07
Ann Roy	Ann Roy	506 Cool Valley Dr	8.21.07
DAVID BACON	David Bacon	2487 HARVEST MEADOW PL	8/21/07
Michael Reagan	Michael Reagan	2486 Harvest Meadow Pl	8/22/07
Stephen Preston	Stephen Preston	510 Cool Valley Rd	8/22/07
Summer Goldstein	S. Goldstein	602 Cool Valley Rd.	8/22/07
WENDELL BONE	Wendell Bone	601 COOL VALLEY Rd.	8/23/07
Nanni Williams	Nanni Williams	2499 Drywell Pl	8/25/07
Catherine Winter	Cath Winter	607 Cool Valley Rd	8/25/07
Jean Gonzales	JEAN GONZALEZ	606 Cool Valley Rd	8/25/07
Russ Cosentino	Russ Cosentino	604 Cool Valley Rd	8/25/07
Liquid Viveros	Liquid Viveros	504 Cool Valley Rd	8/26/07
Brent Adams	Brent Adams	605 Cool Valley Rd.	8-28-07
AUDREY McHENRY	Audrey McHenry	2488 Harvest Meadow	8/28/07
Catherine Brady	Catherine Brady	2489 Harvest Meadow Pl	8-28-07
ORIAN S. REAZOR	Orian S. Reazor	2490 Oriole Way,	8-28-07
HERMIE KADILE	Hermie Kadile	603 Cool Valley Rd.	8/28/07
Dennis Lavelle	Dennis Lavelle	2485 Harvest Meadow	8/28/07
Deanna Sherman	Deanna Sherman	2496 2484 Oriole Way	9-1-07

**COMMITTEE OF DENTAL PROFESSIONALS OPPOSED TO A
DENTAL HYGIENE SCHOOL AT CUESTA COLLEGE
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA**

The California State Employment Development Department has determined economic growth in Central California will result in nine new full-time dental hygiene jobs per year in Kings County, Monterey County, San Luis Obispo County, and Santa Barbara County combined.

Kings County	0
Monterey County	4
San Luis Obispo County.....	3
Santa Barbara County	2

Annual dental hygienist job growth for years 2006, 2007, and 2008
Source: www.edd.ca.gov, click labor market information

MAY 2006
DATA

As recently as four or five years ago there was a shortage of dental hygienists in San Luis Obispo County, and dozens of help-wanted advertisements would be featured in the Tribune each year. In 2005 there were five advertisements for dental hygiene employment (all of which were part-time positions). In the first four months of 2006 only one advertisement has appeared and that ad was for a one-day-per-week position. (Source: The Tribune classified, 805-781-7811, Cathy Hedges)

At this time there is a growing number of dental hygienists seeking employment in San Luis Obispo County. A dental hygiene school at Cuesta College would graduate 18 to 24 dental hygiene students per year.

THE COMMITTEE OF DENTAL PROFESSIONALS OPPOSED TO A DENTAL HYGIENE SCHOOL AT CUESTA COLLEGE feels that a new dental hygiene school at Cuesta is an unwise use of precious state education resources. *Present labor market conditions indicate that most Cuesta College dental hygiene graduates would be unable to find employment on the Central Coast.*

At this time, according to the California Employment Development Department, EDD Career Infonet, there are zero job openings within 100 miles of San Luis Obispo. (Source: www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/cgi/databrowsing) Statewide there is an abundance of dental hygienist labor in relation to employment demand. A survey of help-wanted dental hygiene advertisements on Sunday, May 7, 2006, in the Los Angeles Times, Fresno Bee, and San Francisco Chronicle netted a total of two job openings (one in the L.A. Times and one in the S.F. Chronicle).

In 2006 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury found that Cuesta graduates far too few nurses to meet the needs of hospitals and nursing homes in this county. At present there is a critical nursing shortage on the Central Coast. Among the 50 states, California ranks last in the number of RNs per 100,000 population. (Source: www.slocourts.ca.gov/grandjury/intrim2006/cuesta-nursing.pdf)

THE COMMITTEE OF DENTAL PROFESSIONALS OPPOSED TO A DENTAL HYGIENE SCHOOL AT CUESTA COLLEGE feels that the *Cuesta College Allied Health Department must allocate fiscal and administrative resources to expedite an urgently needed expansion of the present nursing program and defer development of a new dental hygiene program at Cuesta at this time.*

We members of **THE COMMITTEE OF DENTAL PROFESSIONALS OPPOSED TO A DENTAL HYGIENE SCHOOL AT CUESTA COLLEGE** feel it is unwise, immoral, and simply wrong for Cuesta or any junior college to open a new dental hygiene school or any vocational training program when fewer than 20% of each graduating class will have any prospect of finding employment within a 100-mile radius of the school.



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Dental Hygienists in Santa Barbara County

AUGUST 2007

Clean teeth and examine oral areas, head, and neck for signs of oral disease. May educate patients on oral hygiene, take and develop X-rays, or apply fluoride or sealants.

View a [video](#) for this occupation from America's Career InfoNet (requires Windows Media Player)

Occupational Wages

Area	Year	Period	Hourly Mean	Hourly by Percentile		
				25th	Median	75th
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria MSA	2007	1st Qtr	\$36.17	\$27.63	\$37.47	\$44.71

Data for Santa Barbara County is not available. Data for Santa Barbara-Santa Maria MSA has been displayed for Occupational Wages.

Occupational Projections of Employment (also called "Outlook" or "Demand")

Area	Estimated Year-Projected Year	Employment		Employment Change Percent	Annual Avg Openings
		Estimated Projected	Number		
Santa Barbara County	2002 - 2012	190	210	20	4

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Possible Licenses Required and Issuing Authority

License Title	License Authority
Extended Functions - Dental Auxiliaries (Dental Hygienist)	Department of Consumer Affairs, Committee on Dental Auxiliaries 1428 Howe Avenue, Suite 58 Sacramento, CA 95825- Phone: 916-263-2595
Dental Hygienist, Registered	Department of Consumer Affairs, Committee on Dental Auxiliaries 1428 Howe Avenue, Suite 58 Sacramento, CA 95825- Phone: 916-263-2595

Data for Santa Barbara County is not available. Data for California has been displayed for Possible Licenses Required and Issuing Authority.

Top 15 Industries Employing This Occupation (click on Industry Title to View Employers)

Industry Title	Number of Employers in Santa Barbara County	Percent of Total Employment for Occupation in State of California
Offices of Dentists	263	94.5%
Employment Services	64	1.7%



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Occupational Wages

Area	Year	Period	Hourly Mean	Hourly by Percentile		
				25th	Median	75th
Salinas MSA	2007	1st Qtr	\$50.42	\$47.06	\$51.88	\$56.90

Data for Monterey County is not available. Data for Salinas MSA has been displayed for Occupational Wages.
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Occupational Projections of Employment (also called "Outlook" or "Demand")

Area	Estimated Year-Projected Year	Employment		Employment Change		Annual Avg Openings
		Estimated	Projected	Number	Percent	
Monterey County	2002 - 2012	120	140	20	16.7	3

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Job Openings from JobCentral National Labor Exchange

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Within miles of Zip Code.

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Possible Licenses Required and Issuing Authority

License Title	License Authority
Extended Functions - Dental Auxiliaries (Dental Hygienist)	Department of Consumer Affairs, Committee on Dental Auxiliaries 1428 Howe Avenue, Suite 58 Sacramento, CA 95825- Phone: 916-263-2595
Dental Hygienist, Registered	Department of Consumer Affairs, Committee on Dental Auxiliaries 1428 Howe Avenue, Suite 58 Sacramento, CA 95825- Phone: 916-263-2595

Data for Monterey County is not available. Data for California has been displayed for Possible Licenses Required and Issuing Authority.

Top 16 Industries Employing This Occupation (click on Industry Title to View Employers)

Industry Title	Number of Employers in Monterey County	Employment for Occupation in State of California	Percent of Total
Offices of Dentists	207		94.5%
Employment Services	66		1.7%

School plans opposed

Cuesta College plans to build a dental hygiene school. The California Employment Development Department forecasts three full-time dental hygiene job openings in San Luis Obispo County per

year for years 2006, 2007 and 2008.

EDD expects annual job growth for these years of zero in Kings County, four in Monterey County and two in Santa Barbara County. (Source: www.edd.ca.gov)

At present, the EDD Web site indicates there are zero dental hygiene job openings within 100 miles of San Luis Obispo.

A dental hygiene school would graduate 18 to 24 students per year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unemployment and underemployment is already a significant problem among dental hygienists here on the Central Coast.

San Luis Obispo County voters sent a clear message with the defeat of Measure G: Use public funds wisely for critically needed projects only.

More than three dozen dental professionals have signed a petition opposing a dental hygiene school at Cuesta.

The Committee of Dental

Professionals Opposed to a Dental Hygiene School at Cuesta College asks Cuesta officials to immediately terminate plans to build a dental hygiene school at Cuesta and to redirect funding to expand the existing nursing program.

Michael Donahue
Registered Dental Hygienist

*Secretary for Committee of Dental Professionals
Opposed to a Dental Hygiene School at Cuesta College*

Shortage. . . What Shortage?

Dentistry Using Imaginary Shortage to Promote Scaling Assistants

In the Irony-of-all-Ironies Department, new studies have thrown cold water on the California Dental Association's (CDA) assertion that there is dire shortage of dental hygienists in the state of California.

The source of the reports? The CDA's own research foundation!

The studies were commissioned by the CDA Foundation and conducted by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and the UC Berkeley's Nicholas C. Petris Center for Health Care Markets and Consumer Welfare. According to the foundation's own news release:

- ◆ The studies "indicate that the supply of these key members of the workforce is stabilizing to meet market needs, despite widespread perceptions among California dentists that there is a shortage of personnel."
- ◆ Researchers at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research examined delays in hiring allied dental personnel, and other staffing issues, through a survey of approximately 13,600 general dentists throughout California in 2003. They found that:
 - Only half (51%) of California dentists employed dental hygienists.
 - More than 2/3 of the dentists who employed hygienists only employed them on a part time basis.
 - Only 11 percent of dentists experienced delays in hiring qualified hygienists, and only 20 percent had similar delays in hiring assistants.
 - Experiences of shortage were more frequent in Greater San Francisco Bay Area, Sacramento Area, and Southern California Counties other than Los Angeles.

- The perception of a shortage of dental hygienists and assistants was widespread, even among dentists without openings and those with openings but no shortage experience.
- "Most dentists in California believe there is still a shortage of dental hygienists and dental assistants, but these perceptions are most likely due to their past experiences," said Nadereh Pourat, PhD, lead author and senior research scientist at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research.
- ◆ The UC Berkley report looked at trends in the labor supply and demand and found:
 - There was a clear rise in the average inflation-adjusted wages for dental hygienists in 1999, which was also consistent with the perception from dentists that this was the beginning of the dental hygiene shortage.
 - The average inflation-adjusted wage for dental hygienists has steadily decreased since its peak in 2002 (\$45.69 per hour in 2002 vs \$39.51 per hour for 2005).

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For years, CDA has sought to foster false fears about shortages in our profession as a way to support its arguments that foreign-trained dentists and dental students should automatically be allowed to practice dental hygiene. Now, the CDA is investigating increasing the scope of practice for registered dental assistants, allowing them to add scaling of Type I and II periodontal cases to their list of expanded duties. All this under the guise of extreme shortages of dental hygienists in our state.

Despite having the results of these new studies at their annual House of Delegates in November 2005, Dr. Ariane Terlet, former Dental Board of California member and member of the Berkley Dental Society, submitted a resolution calling for dental assistants to be able to scale teeth. In her justification to the delegates in attendance, Dr. Terlet stressed the inability of dentists to find dental hygienists because of the critical shortage. She also suggested that by allowing RDAs to scale Type I and II periodontal cases, this would increase access to care. After some debate, the following resolution was passed by the policy making body of the CDA:

Resolved, that the Policy Development Council study increasing the scope of practice of registered dental assistants to include the prophylaxis of Type I and II periodontal cases under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist following specified years of experience and additional training.

Aside from the obvious confusion of how periodontal cases qualify as prophylaxis, this means that CDA will once again direct their vast financial resources towards investigating a way to undermine the scope of practice of the registered dental hygienist. "It is disturbing to see an organization like the CDA support a policy statement that clearly is not in the best interest of the public, but rather for the financial benefit of their members," said Michelle Hurlbutt, RDH, BS, Immediate Past President of CDHA.

CDA's support for scaling assistants comes on the heels of organized dentistry's long time support for less qualified, less educated and even unlicensed oral healthcare workers. Currently Kansas is the only state that allows scaling assistants, a law that went into effect in 1999. According to Kansas state law, a "nonlicensed person may perform coronal scaling only under the direct supervision of a supervising dentist licensed and practicing in Kansas." In order to be allowed to perform supragingival scaling, an individual must attend a 90-hour course to learn about coronal scaling and polishing with both hand and ultrasonic instruments.

Recently the ADA unveiled its answer to access to care, the Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC). This new clinician will be trained via internet modules. According to the ADA, the CDHC will work in underserved communities with a dentist's supervision, must be competent in the development and implementation of community-

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based oral health prevention (such as public water fluoridation) and promotion programs. In addition, the CDHC must be competent in the knowledge and skill required to provide individual preventive services, including fluoride and sealant applications, dietary and tobacco cessation counseling and more. The "and more" resembles the scaling assistant! Not to go unnoticed, former CDA president, Dr. Debra Finney, serves on the ADA committee that is proposing the CDHC.

What is important to note is the CDA is suggesting far more than scaling and polishing coronal surfaces, it is advocating that RDAs perform nonsurgical treatment of periodontal disease.

The CDA claims to be the "trusted source for dental information." Given the source of these studies, CDA might want to spend more time educating its members to change these perceptions rather than perpetuating a self-serving myth and continuing its campaign to undermine and usurp the scope of practice of the registered dental hygienist.



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for my work to improve access to dental services, particularly in our nation's rural and underserved communities."

During the March 21 visit, the CDHA delegation met with key staff members in Senator Feinstein's and Senator Boxer's office as well representatives of their respective Congressional districts.

"We were extremely encouraged by how receptive our audience was on Capitol Hill," said JoAnn Galliano, CDHA's chair of the Government Relations Council. "California has historically led the nation in advancing progressive solutions to improve public health and there is broad recognition that our efforts to expand access to care are viewed favorably in that context."



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