

# Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council



**Supervisor Shanelle Scales -  
Preston, District V**

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189 Parker Ave  
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*The Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council serves as an advisory body to the  
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Agency.*

## RECORD OF ACTION (MINUTES)

February 2026 | 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order @ 7:00 PM & Roll Call
  - Meeting called to order with a quorum present.
  - Roll Call: Deborah Drake, Lauren McCollins, Jaron Davis.
  - Absent: Anthony Hodge.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
  - Recited by all in attendance.

3. Public Comment

- Film Event About Homelessness

A community member promoted an upcoming film and discussion panel about homelessness titled “The Dirty Divide.” The event will be hosted by the Rotary Club at John Swett High School. The speaker noted that approximately 12% of the high school’s students are currently experiencing homelessness, highlighting the significance of the issue within the community.

- Community Food Program Proposal

A representative from St. Vincent de Paul shared that the organization received a \$15,000 food sustainability grant. Plans include serving hot meals to residents without access to kitchens, establishing a community food pantry where individuals can select food items, and potentially installing a 24/7 food access shed. The representative requested assistance navigating permitting and insurance requirements. RMAC members asked her to return next month with a formal presentation.

- Community Garden Event

A community representative invited the council and community members to attend a Cesar Chavez Day celebration and volunteer work day at the Laurel Court Community Garden scheduled for April 3. She also inquired about the status of a previously submitted grant application and was informed that the related funding is currently frozen.

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- Questions About County Grants

A resident asked about county funding distributed through the Board of Supervisors. It was explained that each Supervisor has approximately \$1 million available for community-based grants, and additional allocations may be considered during upcoming Board meetings.

4. Approval of Agenda

- Motion: Approve agenda.
- Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Record of Action

- Motion: Approve October meeting minutes.
- Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

6. Agency Reports:

A. Contra Costa County Sheriff Department

- The Sheriff's Office reported 651 calls for service in January and 37 reports filed.
- Reported incidents included assault with a deadly weapon, domestic violence, and theft.
- Deputies noted that overall crime trends have declined over the past three months.
- Community members were encouraged to lock vehicles, keep valuables out of sight, and report suspicious activity.

A resident raised concerns about an individual experiencing homelessness living on county property near a roadside sign. Deputies explained that enforcement requires a notarized trespass authorization from the property owner, in this case the County. Outreach services have been offered, but shelter beds are currently unavailable. The discussion was concluded to keep the meeting on schedule.

B. Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Con Fire)

- Con Fire reported a total of 1,101 incidents for 2025 to date.
- Incident breakdown included:
  - 66.5% medical emergencies
  - 2.5% vehicle accidents
  - 146 ambulance-only calls
  - 9 structure fires
  - 3 vegetation fires

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- 1 vehicle fire
- 26 vehicle accidents

- Operational Updates

Con Fire continues training partnerships with the Phillips 66 refinery, including industrial firefighting, rope rescue training from refinery towers, and shipboard firefighting training for docked vessels.

- Leadership Change

The current Fire Chief announced retirement at the end of March. Assistant Chief Sam Nichols will serve as the new liaison to the council.

- Additional Updates

The County Hazardous Materials (CUPA) program will transition to the Fire District on July 1. Local fire stations remain fully staffed and facility upgrades are under discussion.

C. John Swett Unified School District

- The Superintendent reported that students participated in a walkout demonstration in February. While the district did not organize the event, it supported students' right to civic expression and coordinated with police and fire departments to ensure safety.
- The district is actively recruiting students due to school closures elsewhere in the county.
- Local rapper LaRussell visited schools and performed with students as part of a special event.
- Black History Month was celebrated with student dance performances and cultural activities.
- Enrollment remains stable at approximately 1,200 students.
- The district continues promoting Transitional Kindergarten (TK), which now serves 4-year-old students as part of California's expanded early education system.
- Future opportunities may include students attending RMAC meetings as part of civic learning activities.

D. Office of Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston (District 5)

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- Updates were provided on upcoming community events including a Lunar New Year Parade in Hercules and a District 5 Grant Workshop scheduled for March 11, 2026 focused on writing successful grant proposals.
- Information was shared about Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) grants funded by Phillips 66 and Marathon refineries. A mandatory bidders conference will take place on March 19 and the minimum grant amount is \$50,000.
- Staff also noted that a local pedestrian bridge requires significant repairs and the County is seeking funding options to support the project.

## 7. New & Unfinished Business

- Possible future presentations include the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry proposal.
- Additional discussion topics may include regional parks involvement, ADA access improvements at the waterfront, improved parking infrastructure near the shoreline trail, presentations from organizations serving the homeless community

## 8. Future Agenda Items

- St. Vincent de Paul food program presentation.
- Waterfront accessibility and parking improvements.
- Homeless services and outreach presentations.
- Rodeo waterfront revitalization discussion.

## 9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned following acknowledgments and closing remarks.
- Next meeting: April 23, 2026.

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