Meeting Minutes



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 7:00 PM El Sobrante Library (4300 Garden Rd. El Sobrante), Zoom:

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Thomas Lang (Chair), George Cleveland (Vice-Chair), Tom Owens, Dr. Melinda V. Mclain, Jim Hermann, Randy Loyd, Mikki Norris, Teri Edlinger, Jedd Hart

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions

00:00:33

Present George Cleveland, Teri Edlinger, Jedd Hart, Randy Loyd, Melinda

McLain, and Tom Owens

Absent James Hermann, Thomas Lang, and Mikki Norris

2. Treasurer's Report

00:01:32

The Treasurer's Report was delivered, noting a current balance of \$2,867.

3. Approval of Minutes

00:01:44

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Attachments: 25-05-14 Meeting Minutes

This Discussion Item was approved.

Motion: Loyd Second: Owens

4. Presentations

P.1. County Update, Supervisor John Gioia

00:02:59

Ronnie Mills provided an update on the County-Wide Noise Ordinance Task Force, which has been rescheduled to July 8 due to scheduling conflicts. The meeting will be held virtually and is open to the public. Mills also shared preliminary updates regarding the Republic Services franchise agreement

extension, which will be reviewed in a future MAC meeting.

P.2. Sheriff's Office Bay Station Update

00:06:18

Lieutenant Fitzgerald from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office reported 660 calls for service, 58 incidents for the month of May. These included two residential burglaries and four domestic violence cases. Discussion followed regarding semi-truck noise near The Good Table Café and potential coordination with Public Works and CHP to address the issue.

P.3. Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Update, Michelle Rinehart

00:16:47

Michelle discussed the ongoing community wildfire protection planning process and highlighted the recent open house held at the Richmond Fire Station. She expressed appreciation for community attendance and emphasized the value of local partnerships.

P.4. California Highway Patrol (tentative)

P.5. Presentation from Contra Costa County Conservation and Development, Director John Kopchik 00:20:49

Jamar Stamps presented an update on the County's draft tree ordinance. The proposed changes aim to simplify the permitting process and improve clarity for the public. The ordinance would apply to unincorporated private property, excluding public rights-of-way and utility easements. Discussion included the possibility of implementing over-the-counter permitting for qualifying requests.

5. Discussion Items: DI. Development plan applications, variance reports, building modification requests, appeals etc., received in the previous month from the Contra Costa County Conservation and Development Department and Notices of Public Heari

DI.1 - (Update) Countywide Noise Ordinance

6. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

00:35:19

Members discussed traffic safety concerns along San Pablo Dam Road. Ronnie shared that the County has applied for a \$10 million "Safe Streets for All" grant to support a complete streets redesign. There was strong community interest in advancing pedestrian safety measures, lowering speed limits, and improving crosswalk visibility. Several members proposed forming a committee and organizing a demonstration to raise awareness.

7. Information Items

00:50:52

Community members shared upcoming events, including the El Sobrante Pride celebration scheduled for September 28 at Cheese Park. Other announcements included the closure of The Good Table Café on Juneteenth due to PG&E-related issues and a celebratory event at the café on the same day. Ongoing

efforts to clean and beautify Cheese Park were also acknowledged. Members were reminded about the "No Kings Kick Out the Clowns Day" event on June 14.

8. Subcommittee Reports – Next Clean Up, June 21, 2025

00:55:33

9. Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings

00:55:47

Monish requested to come to a future meeting.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for July 9, 2025

Adjourn

00:56:42

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