



Meeting Minutes

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

7:00 PM El Sobrante Library (4300 Garden Rd. El
Sobrante), Zoom:
<https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/87569145041>

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

00:00:23

Present	George Cleveland, Teri Edlinger, Jedd Hart, James Hermann, Thomas Lang, and Melinda McLain
Excused	Mikki Norris
Absent	Tom Owens
Late	Randy Loyd

2. Treasurer's Report

00:01:48

The Treasurer's Report noted a balance of approximately \$3,000.

3. Approval of Minutes

[25-4041](#)

Attachments: [9.10.25 esMAC Minutes](#)

00:01:54

This Discussion Item was approved.

Motion: Cleveland

Second: Edlinger

4. Presentations

P.1. County Update, Supervisor John Gioia

00:02:40

Ronnie Mills, representing Supervisor Gioia's Office, provided a county update highlighting progress on the new countywide Noise Ordinance, which will restrict outdoor amplified sound and construction noise. The ordinance aims to limit outdoor sound after 10 PM on weekends and 8 PM on weekdays. The update also included information about the final Community Impact Town Hall, scheduled for Thursday, where residents can share priorities for allocating \$1 million in local funding.

P.2. Sheriff's Office Bay Station Update, Lt. Fitzgerald

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

00:07:02

Contra Costa County Fire representatives discussed local fire safety efforts and emphasized the importance of residents registering for emergency alert systems. A resident raised concerns regarding a fire-prone property on Mifflin Road that has experienced multiple fires caused by unhoused individuals. The Fire Department suggested a letter-writing campaign to the property owner and coordination with the Building Department to mitigate the hazard. Additional discussion covered vegetation management challenges and the need for inter-agency coordination to address overgrowth and improve defensible space in fire-prone areas.

P.4. California Highway Patrol (tentative)

P.5 San Pablo Dam Road Safety Improvements, Contra Costa County Traffic Engineering

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Fernando Valdez from the County's Traffic Engineering Division provided an update on San Pablo Dam Road safety improvements, including recent sidewalk and pavement rehabilitation projects. Plans for a proposed road diet and pedestrian crosswalk installations were reviewed, along with traffic signal criteria and funding challenges. Council members discussed potential pedestrian crossings near La Cheim School and traffic calming measures to enhance safety.

P.6 Center for Elders' Independence-West County PACE Healthcare Center, Uche Uwahemu

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Representatives from the Center for Elders' Independence introduced the new West County PACE Healthcare Center, which now serves over 1,500 participants. The program provides comprehensive medical and in-home services to help older adults maintain independence. The capitated health care system ensures participants receive full coverage for care, regardless of location. Eligibility criteria include being 55 or older and close to nursing home-eligible status. Council members discussed community outreach and encouraged residents to share information about the program. CEI offered to send assessment teams for home visits upon request.

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 Hearing

DI.1 - (Update) Countywide Noise Ordinance

D.I.2 - County File Number: CDVR25-01044 (41 HELTSLEY PL, EL SOBRANTE, CA 94803) The applicant requests approval of a variance to allow a 12-foot secondary front setback (where 15 feet is the minimum required) to replace an existing deck.

[25-4039](#)

Attachments: [CDVR25-01044 Agency Comment Packet](#)

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A variance request was reviewed and approved for a property owner seeking to construct a deck within a setback area due to easement constraints. The improvement will replace an unsafe balcony and include the removal of Italian cypresses to reduce fire hazards and improve visibility.

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

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Public comments included concerns about RV parking, a landslide on Melinda Road, and maintaining clear fire roads used for emergency access. Suggestions included contacting Code Enforcement for site review and safety remediation.

7. Information Items

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Members also reflected on the recent El Sobrante Stroll, noting successful community participation and expressing gratitude to local law enforcement.

8. Subcommittee Reports – Next Clean Up, October 18, 2025

9. Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings

02:01:06

The Council discussed scheduling a future presentation by East Bay Regional Park District to address community feedback on the proposed Wildcat Canyon Bike Flow Trail.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for November 12

Adjourn

02:05:41

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