Meeting Minutes

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 **7:00 PM** **El Sobrante Library (4300 Garden Rd. El Sobrante), Zoom: https://cccounty-us.zoom.us/j/87569145041**

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

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

1. Roll Call and Introductions

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

2. Treasurer's Report

Ronnie Mills reported the Council's account balance is $2,867.13

3. Approval of Minutes

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

25-1708

Attachments: 4.9.25 esMAC Minutes

00:00:25

The Council approved the May 14, 2025 meeting minutes with corrections

This Discussion Item was adopted as amended.

Motion:	**Cleveland**
Second:	**Hermann**
Aye:	**Cleveland, Edlinger, Hart, Hermann, and Loyd**
Absent:	**McLain, Norris, and Owens**

Recused: **Lang**
Result: **Passed**

4. Presentations

P.1. County Update, Supervisor John Gioia

00:12:06

Ronnie Mills from Supervisor Gioia's Office announced that Clark Road was officially accepted as a county-maintained road. New stop-ahead signage has been installed at Hilltop Manor. Updates were shared on the County's Noise Ordinance Task Force, which will reconvene on June 3. Residents were encouraged to apply for openings on public advisory committees. A question was raised about road maintenance timelines, and it was confirmed that restriping efforts are planned for the summer.

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

00:02:10

Sheriff's Office. The department responded to 627 calls for service in El Sobrante, including thefts, burglaries, and a stolen vehicle incident. Significant copper theft by individuals targeting AT&T lines caused over $180,000 in damage during April alone. Code enforcement updates included the removal of trailers and vehicles from a nuisance property owned by Jason Crane. Ongoing concerns remain about persistent violations at other local properties.Community members raised questions about burglaries at Urban Soil and enforcement follow-ups. Appreciation was shared for the Sheriff's presence during the El Sobrante Stroll event. Continued vigilance was encouraged regarding code enforcement issues, including known problem properties.

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

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Concerns were raised about vehicle speeds and pedestrian safety along San Pablo Dam Road. While increased law enforcement presence has helped, attendees expressed frustration with the pace of improvements. Suggestions included pursuing community-led awareness campaigns and seeking grant funding to support long-term safety projects.

P.4. California Highway Patrol (tentative)

P.5. Presentation from Richmond City Council Member, Soheila Bana

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Richmond City Council member,Sohelia Bana, emphasized the need for stronger city-county collaboration on evacuation planning. The West Contra Costa Fire Safe Council's work was acknowledged, and the creation of integrated maps was suggested. esMAC members discussed forming a joint task force to address evacuation preparedness, infrastructure, and communication.

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 Hearings.

DI.1 - County File Number: CDDP25-03007 (5030 SAN PABLO DAM RD, EL SOBRANTE, CA 94803) Request approval of a Development Plan to construct retaining walls in M-29 zoned parcel and request approval of Tree Permit to remove one code-protected tree.

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Attachments: Agency Comment Packet_CDDP25-03007

00:57:34

A retaining wall project on San Pablo Dam Road was presented, proposing the use of concrete soldier piles and slab reinforcements. The project also includes the removal of a nearby dead tree based on an arborist's recommendation. After discussion, the Council approved a motion to issue a letter of no objection to the project.

Motion:	**Cleveland**
Second:	**Hart**
Aye:	**Cleveland, Edlinger, Hart, Hermann, and Lang**
Absent:	**McLain, Norris, and Owens**
Recused:	**Loyd**
Result:	**Passed**

DI.2 - (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).

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The Good Table, a new local community engagement effort, was introduced. Additionally, a community clean-up is scheduled for the third Saturday of the month at the El Sobrante Library. Ronnie Mills shared progress on relocating Jerry's Place and noted that further meetings would be required to finalize plans.

7. Information Items

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8. Subcommittee Reports – Next Clean Up, May 17, 2025

9. Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings

01:25:00

Upcoming presentations will include Daniel Bark and John Kopchick from the Department of Conservation and Development (DCD).

The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 11, 2025

Adjourn

01:26:29

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