



Meeting Minutes

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

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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

00:00:48

Present

George Cleveland, Teri Edlinger, Jedd Hart, Thomas Lang, Randy Loyd, Melinda McLain, and Mikki Norris

Absent

James Hermann, and Tom Owens

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Treasurer's Report

00:02:03

MAC treasury was reported to be \$3,000

4. Approval of Minutes

This was approved.

Aye:

Cleveland, Edlinger, Hart, Lang, Loyd, and Norris

Absent:

Hermann, and Owens

Abstain:

McLain

Result:

Passed

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Meeting minutes were approved without substantive amendment.

Motion: Cleveland
Second: Lang

5. Presentations

P.1. County Update, Supervisor John Gioia

00:02:55

Supervisor Gioia provided an update on several funding initiatives impacting District 1. Each supervisorial district has been allocated \$1 million through the new Community Impact Fund grant program, focused on addressing health and economic disparities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations or projects operating with a nonprofit fiscal sponsor, with grants capped at \$50,000 per award.

In addition, a separate \$36 million funding program, derived from fines and penalties associated with refinery pollution violations, is being administered through the regional Air District. These funds are designated to improve public health outcomes and support economic transition efforts in impacted communities, including portions of El Sobrante and surrounding unincorporated areas. A public webinar will be hosted to provide additional details regarding eligibility and application timelines. An update was also provided regarding food security investments.

The County allocated \$4 million in Measure X funds to regional food banks, including a \$1 million opportunity for kitchen and vehicle upgrades for churches and food pantries. Concerns were raised regarding the recent transition of Meals on Wheels services in West County. Reports of potential service interruptions will be reviewed in coordination with the Employment and Human Services Department to ensure eligible residents continue receiving meals without disruption.

Supervisor Gioia also referenced a proposed temporary 5/8-cent sales tax measure under consideration to offset anticipated federal reductions to food assistance and health services.

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

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

00:43:25

The Fire Protection District provided operational updates, including the launch of a new district website and preparations for an upcoming large-area evacuation drill scheduled for May 23 in the 94803 area. The drill will test community notification systems and evacuation procedures, and residents are encouraged to participate.

The District also announced the purchase of two Cold Cut Cobra suppression systems to address the growing number of electric vehicle (EV) and lithium-ion battery fires. The \$200,000 investment, funded through existing district resources, will enhance firefighter safety and response capabilities when managing high-heat battery-related incidents.

P.4. California Highway Patrol (tentative)

P.5. Presentations by Contra Costa Public Works on Pebble Drive street/traffic issues and by Cynthia Ainsworth on 5 Point Plan for Pebble Dr.

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Monish Sen (Public Works, Senior Traffic Engineer) presented traffic data for Pebble Drive, noting an average daily traffic volume of approximately 2,600 vehicles and an 85th percentile speed of 30-32 mph, compared to the posted 25 mph speed limit. Advisory curve speeds of 15 and 20 mph remain posted at either end of the roadway. Advanced curve warning signs were previously installed, and the County is evaluating additional measures, including solar-powered speed feedback signs and enhanced striping.

A community proposal was presented by Cynthia Ainsworth outlining potential safety measures, including speed humps, crosswalk installations, weight restrictions, and additional traffic calming features. Public Works explained that new stop signs and crosswalks must meet established engineering warrants and safety criteria. Staff noted that uncontrolled crosswalks may increase collision risks if not placed appropriately and that signal-controlled or enhanced flashing crosswalks may be considered where warranted.

Discussion also included truck traffic impacts on La Paloma and surrounding streets. Existing weight restrictions were reviewed, and staff explained the legal limitations associated with enforcement, including bill-of-lading requirements. Residents shared concerns regarding soil instability, roadway wear, and pedestrian safety. CHP enforcement coordination and further evaluation of speed mitigation tools were discussed as next steps.

P.6. Services Introduction, CoCo Family Justice Center

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LaShara Johnson from the Contra Costa Family Justice Center provided an overview of services available to victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, elder abuse, and human trafficking. The Center offers coordinated, trauma-informed services including legal assistance, counseling, case management, and connections to housing and public benefits.

In the past year, the Center served more than 6,200 families, including approximately 5,000 children. The model emphasizes co-location of services and partnerships with law enforcement and community-based organizations to streamline access to care and reduce barriers for survivors.

6. 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

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

02:30:33

Community members shared information regarding upcoming neighborhood cleanups, pop-up markets, and local civic events. Residents were encouraged to remain engaged through volunteer

opportunities and public safety initiatives, including the upcoming evacuation drill.

8. Information Items

9. Subcommittee Reports – Next Clean Up, February 21, 2026

02:34:28

10. Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings

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The next meeting is currently scheduled for March 11, 2026

Adjourn

02:37:19

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