

Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council



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

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Chairperson of the Rodeo MAC
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)

September 25, 2025, | 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order @ 7:04 PM & Roll Call

- Meeting called to order with a quorum present.
- Roll Call: Anthony Hodge, Deborah Drake, Lauren McCollins, Jaron Davis

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Recited by all in attendance.

3. Public Comment

- Art Project proposal

A local artist, in partnership with the RYP (Rodeo Youth Program), proposed a community art project to create a tile mural on the 7th Street Bridge. The project will engage children, seniors, and families to design a lasting piece of public art. The artist requested a letter of endorsement from the RMAC to help secure additional community and organizational support. The project is already funded; the letter will assist in ensuring its success. RMAC members were invited to provide contact information for updates.

- Homelessness Concerns

A resident raised concerns regarding a homeless individual living behind a roadside sign, leading to trash accumulation and unsanitary conditions. The resident reported the issue to the County and was informed by a sheriff's deputy that due to limited staffing and a lack of prosecution from the District Attorney's office, enforcement was unlikely. The resident urged RMAC to advocate for stronger enforcement and accountability.

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- **Community Event Announcement**

The Lauren Community Garden Group will host a Movie Night on Saturday, October 25th.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Record of Action

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

6. Agency Reports:

a. Contra Costa County Sheriff Department

- The Resident Deputy reported that the Bay Station Lieutenant was in training and could not attend.
- A summary of recent activities was provided verbally.

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

- Each geographical area is assigned to a battalion, with a Battalion Chief rotating on “A,” “B,” or “C” shifts.
- Rodeo is served by Stations 75 and 76.
- Con Fire typically participates in local community events and parades when invited.

c. Contra Costa County Public Works – Special Districts

- The County has contracted with Dekra-Lite to install holiday lights on streetlights in the medians from Safeway to 2nd Street, and a festive lighted display at the Rodeo Sign Board. Installation is scheduled for early November, funded through Zone 38.
- The Willow Avenue Pedestrian Bridge was closed on September 18, 2025, after structural damage was identified during inspection. Repair options are being evaluated to ensure public safety.
- Replacement of benches and trash cans along the Rodeo Creek Trail is moving forward as previously discussed, with County staff handling installation.

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d. Sustainable Contra Costa – Contra Costa Tree Plan

- The Contra Costa County Public Works Department received a **\$750,000 grant** from the **Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation** to develop a **countywide Urban Forest Management Plan**.
- Focus: Tree planting, care, and protection in unincorporated areas.
- Goals: Improve air quality, lower temperatures, and promote public health.
- Activities: Up to 50 trees will be planted; workforce training supported by **Civicorps** and the **Workforce Development Board**.
- Partners: **The Watershed Project** and **Sustainable Contra Costa** will lead community engagement, including a survey, public meetings, and a **Learning Academy with stipends**.
- Advisory Group: Includes DCD, Public Works, Con Fire, and community partners.

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

- Armando provided an overview of the **Contra Costa County Community Impact Fund**, which utilizes one-time funds from **former FEMA COVID-19 reserves** and **ARPA** allocations to address urgent community needs through local grants.
- Each supervisorial district received **\$1 million** for community-based projects.
- Eligible applicants include **501(c)(3)** and **501(c)(6)** nonprofits and public agencies.
- Focus areas: Affordable housing, health and wellness, public safety, youth services, and food security.
- **District 5 application deadline: October 31, 2025.**

7. New & Unfinished Business

- Outreach to fill one RMAC vacancy via social media and flyers.
- Veterans Memorial Project presentation for possible RMAC letter of support

8. Grants

Approved Mini Grants:

- **New Horizon Career Development Center – Royal Ministries**
- \$1,000 | Vote: Pass 4–0 (Drake / Hodge)

Grant was approved unanimously

9. Future Agenda Items

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The November Rodeo MAC Meeting will be on the third Thursday and not the 4th Thursday of the month due to Thanksgiving.

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned following acknowledgments and closing remarks.
- Next meeting: November 20, 2025

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