

Alamo Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Meeting Summary

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Michaela Straznicka.

Roll Call:

Present: Michaela Straznicka, Sharon Burke, Robert Brannan, Michelle Parkinson, and Michael Sene

Absent: Anne Struthers and Cecily Barclay

District II Update

Carol Mascali, District Representative for Supervisor Andersen, provided updates on behalf of Contra Costa County District II regarding pending issues affecting Alamo.

Presentation – EBMUD

EBMUD President Luz Gomez delivered a comprehensive presentation outlining EBMUD's services and infrastructure as they relate to Alamo residents. Key highlights included:

- EBMUD operates as a not-for-profit special district, in contrast to investor-owned utilities such as PG&E.
- The district maintains approximately 4,200 miles of pipeline, including some segments over 100 years old that were inherited from predecessor private water companies.
- EBMUD replaces approximately 25 miles of pipeline annually as part of its infrastructure renewal program. While this pace may appear lengthy relative to the total system size, much of the system consists of newer infrastructure that does not yet require replacement.
- Water account growth continues steadily; however, overall demand has remained stable due to significant conservation efforts and water-efficient technologies.
- EBMUD has implemented a groundwater storage program to enhance drought resilience.
- The "purple pipe" recycled water program continues to expand.
- Reservoir levels are currently above 100% of historical averages, though current dry conditions may impact levels moving forward.

Ms. Gomez confirmed that EBMUD maintains a detailed inventory and mapping system identifying pipeline age and condition. It was suggested that obtaining Alamo-specific infrastructure data may be beneficial for the MAC.

Ms. Gomez responded to questions from both Council members and the public.

Public Comment

- **Dawn Delahunty**, representing San Ramon Valley Village, introduced the nonprofit organization's senior services available throughout the San Ramon Valley. The Council suggested potential outreach through Supervisor Andersen's office and consideration of including information in future communications.
- **Derene Allen, AIA**, spoke in opposition to the installation of artificial turf at Livorna Park and distributed informational materials.

- **Douglas Robbins**, Victorian Lane HOA, requested to speak on Agenda Item #6 and was advised to wait until that item was heard.

Land Use Applications

In the absence of the Land Use Chair, Sharon Burke presented the following applications:

194 Smith Road

Application for a swimming pool requiring a secondary frontage variance on a three-frontage lot exceeding one acre. No neighbor opposition was noted.

Public comment indicated AIA considered the plans incomplete.

Motion: Sharon Burke; **Second:** Michelle Parkinson.

Action: Unanimously approved for recommendation to the County.

137 Dean Road

Interior lot line adjustment to facilitate construction of a garage at 135 Dean Road.

Concerns were raised regarding plan accessibility and notice to AIA. It was clarified the adjustment is internal and not near the Danville border.

Motion: Robert Brannan; **Second:** Michelle Parkinson.

Action: Unanimously approved for recommendation to the County.

926 Forest Lane

Variance application on a substandard lot to allow a minor rear bump-out. AIA recommended approval.

Motion: Michaela Straznicka; **Second:** Robert Brannan.

Action: Unanimously approved for recommendation to the County.

3240 Stone Valley Road West

Reclassification of a previously reviewed 60-unit condominium project from a minor to major subdivision due to a County processing error.

Motion: Robert Brannan; **Second:** Michaela Straznicka.

Action: Unanimously approved for recommendation to the County.

Expansion of Committee Oversight – Community Safety

Robert Brannan proposed expanding the Public Safety Subcommittee's scope to include comprehensive coordination of Alamo safety issues and collaboration with relevant agencies, including P2B, P5, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, and San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. The Council agreed without objection.

Subcommittee Reports

Schools

Michelle Parkinson reported that Superintendent C.J. Cammack of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District will attend the March MAC meeting. She invited Council members to provide input regarding school-related concerns, including attendance boundaries and traffic impacts.

Parks & Recreation

Michelle Parkinson, Sharon Burke, and Anne Struthers met with Supervisor Andersen and Cameron Collins regarding communication and oversight of Special District expenditures. It was agreed that improved coordination and advance notice of extraordinary expenditures are needed. Cameron Collins committed to improving communication and facilitating daytime staff meetings to minimize overtime costs. The Board also requested development of an annual informational flyer about the Alamo MAC for distribution to residents.

Public Safety

Robert Brannan reported on the P2 meeting.

Roundabout/Downtown Committee

The Council recommended a white crepe myrtle for the roundabout center and will follow up with Public Works.

Trees & Landscaping

Tree work along the Boulevard has been delayed due to the discovery of nesting bats. Replanting will proceed once removal work is completed. Members of the public expressed interest in timely replanting and species selection planning.

Future Presentations

Upcoming presentations are anticipated from:

- San Ramon Valley Unified School District
- San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District
- Department of Conservation

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.