



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Protection Committee

Supervisor Candace Andersen, Chair
Supervisor Ken Carlson, Vice Chair

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Wednesday, April 30, 2025

**10:00 AM 309 Diablo Road, Danville, CA 94526
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Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee.

1. Introductions

Chair Andersen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: District II Supervisor Candace Andersen and District IV Supervisor Ken Carlson

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two (2) minutes).

No one requested to speak during the public comment period.

3. CONSIDER accepting the Record of Action for the February 18, 2025 meeting of the Public Protection Committee (PPC). (Enid Mendoza, PPC Staff) 25-1642

Attachments: [DRAFT 2-18-25 PPC Record of Action](#)

Approved as presented.

Aye: Chair Candace Andersen and Vice Chair Ken Carlson
Result: Passed

4. CONSIDER accepting a report from the Office of the Sheriff on the Community Warning Systems and providing direction to staff as needed. (Julie Beach, CWS Manager; Leslie Monroy, Sr. Emergency Planner) 25-1643

Attachments: [SO CWS PPC Report](#)

Assistant Sheriff Jose Beltran provided an introduction and Community Warning System Manager Julie Beach presented the report.

Discussion during the presentation included topics of public options for taking an opt-out approach to community warning system (CWS) notifications; opt-in outreach, including information about opting-in for chemical facility alerts even for those who may not live near a refinery; and response times during the CWS activation process. Ms. Beach informed the Committee that the Sheriff's Office uses a combined opt-in and opt-out approach for CWS notifications, where members of the public self-register and the department also accesses contact information through reverse 911 contracts. Ms. Beach informed the Committee of the Sheriff's Office continual coverage of CWS trained staff with 24/7 access to all CWS tools needed to respond and activate notifications. Assistant Sheriff Beltran informed the Committee how the Sheriff's Office and Incident Commander partners with various agencies, including fire agencies, to ensure appropriate response and activation times.

Chair Andersen provided feedback on opportunities to make the CWS webpage more user friendly, particularly for the public to easily access 'know your zone', fire maps, and 'frequently asked questions' resources, so that residents know how to best prepare for emergencies and evacuations. She shared supporting efforts to increase public emergency preparedness.

Vice Chair Carlson emphasized the importance of public education covering a broader umbrella of emergency events, which are more than refinery or hazardous materials incidents, and is looking forward to further discussions on the topic at this Committee.

The Committee accepted the report and directed staff to return in October with further updates. After the October update, the Committee will provide further direction to staff on providing a report to the Board of Supervisors.

City of Martinez Police Chief, Andrew White, commented on the successful partnership with the Sheriff's Office and the critical work they've done to supporting the City of Martinez, including customized notifications. He mentioned the importance of understanding the difference between emergency notifications and community warning notifications, and appreciates the County's carefulness to not "water down the system".

The Committee heard public comment from one member of the public.

Aye: Chair Candace Andersen and Vice Chair Ken Carlson

Result: Passed

5. CONSIDER accepting the proposed 2025 Public Protection Committee work plan and providing direction to staff regarding any changes, as needed. (Enid Mendoza, PPC staff)

[25-1644](#)

Attachments: [Proposed 2025 PPC Work Plan](#)

The Committee reviewed the report calendar and canceled the June and August meetings due to lack of anticipated business.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 19, 2025.

Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

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HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Public comments generally will be limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. In the interest of facilitating the business of the Board Committee, the total amount of time that a member of the public may use in addressing the Board Committee on all agenda items is 10 minutes. Your patience is appreciated.

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