

Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council



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

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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 @ 7:02 PM & Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Recited by all in attendance.

3. Public Comment

- **Community Use of Vacant Lot** – Mr. Turner (Local Business Owner) - Mr. Turner requested temporary use of the vacant lot at Investment Street and Parker for community events such as outdoor movie nights. He offered to maintain the site and was advised to submit a permit request to the Department of Conservation and Development, with a response expected by October. The panel thanked him for his initiative, and the request was recorded for follow-up.

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.

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6. Agency Reports:

a. Contra Costa County Sheriff Department – Lt. Brian Fitzgerald

- **Calls for Service:** 598 total in Rodeo area over the past month.
- **Reports Taken:** 58
- **Notable incidents:**
 - 2 Batteries (1 domestic-related)
 - 1 Brandishing a Weapon
 - Remaining incidents primarily trespassing-related.
- **Community Inquiry:** Concern raised about woman frequently in distress near Vista.
 - Often refuses services; officers cannot force her to leave or accept help.
 - Continued wellness checks and offers of medical assistance.

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

- **Calls for Service in August**
 - 87 total calls in Rodeo; 71% were medical-related (62 calls).
 - Slightly down from June/July; considered a normal month.
 - Fire activity typically peaks in June due to dry grass and wind
- **Firewise Program Overview:**
 - Presented by Michelle Reinhartt (Fire Safe Council)
 - Aims to reduce wildfire risk through education and neighborhood collaboration.
 - Encourages forming Firewise Communities (minimum 8 homes).
- **Resident Benefits:**
 - May qualify for insurance discounts and reduce risk of cancellations.
 - Access to free home assessments to identify fire safety improvements.
- **Key Topics Covered:**
 - Defensible space, especially **Zone 0** (0–5 feet from the home).
 - Home hardening techniques (non-combustible landscaping, etc.).
 - Emergency preparedness using:
 - Community Warning System (CWS)
 - Genesis alert app
 - Local evacuation and wildfire readiness guides.
- **Community Discussion Highlights:**
 - No current seismic-related fire risks, but residents encouraged to:
 - Install automatic gas shut-off valves.
 - Prepare homes for infrastructure disruptions.

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- Firewise team available for follow-up and additional outreach events.

c. **West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) – Deborah Brandon**

- Introduction of new Superintendent, Dr. Letitia Bia, who has been engaging with schools prior to officially starting.
- Acknowledgment of district's successful superintendent search process.
- Reminder: Transitional Kindergarten (TK) enrollment is open for children who turn 4 by September 1.
- Extended Learning Opportunity program (formerly after-school program) is free to students.
- Student attendance trends will be reported next month; early indications show improved post-break return rates.
- Superintendent Bia praised as a positive addition to the district

d. **Office of Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Presto (District 5)**

- Community Benefit Advisory Boards for Phillips 66 and Marathon were approved at the September 9 BOS Meeting.
- District 5 Community Impact Fund Survey closes September 30.
- Grant Applications are open until October 31 at 5 PM.
- Rodeo residents can apply to fill the vacant MAC seat via the RMAC website.

e. **Contra Costa Office of Education- Lynn Mackie, County Superintendent of Schools**

- Shared personal connection to Rodeo and background as former local principal.
- **Countywide Context:**
 - Student population: ~170,000 students
 - 46% from families at or near poverty; 14% with IEPs; ~3,000 homeless students; 776 foster youth.
- **Operations:**
 - 18 school districts plus CCCOE as 19th LEA; oversight of small and medium districts.
- **Board Roles:**
 - Appeals, budget & LCAP approval, oversight of county-operated schools (juvenile hall, expelled programs, jail-based adult education).
- **Services:**
 - Juvenile Court Schools, Adult School in county jails, expelled/truant youth programs
 - Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Visually Impaired services
 - Early intervention programs (birth–3)
 - Career Technical Education (ROP) – A-G approved, over 120 John Swett students

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- participated last year.
- **Youth Services:** Mock trials, Special Olympics, Teacher of the Year, youth summits, foster & homeless youth support.
- **Substance Abuse Prevention:** Tobacco/cannabis education, intervention in lieu of suspension.
- **Community College Partnerships:** Dual enrollment, programs in juvenile hall.
- **Local Impact:** Fewer expelled/truant students sent to community schools; increased youth engagement.
- **Board Interaction:** Acknowledgments and commendations for CCCOE's positive impact.
- **Follow-Up:** Invite Dr. Bia to future RMAC meeting; continue collaboration between CCCOE and JSUSD.

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** – *Holiday Season of Sharing*
- \$5,000 | Vote: Pass 3–0 (Drake / McCollins)
- **Bayo Vista Tenant Council** – *BV Annual Events*
- \$5,000 | Vote: Pass 3–0 (Hodge / McCollins)
- **CCC Sheriff's Charities** – *Shop with a Sheriff*
- \$5,000 | Vote: Pass 3–0 (Drake / Hodge)

All three 3–0) grants approved unanimously

9. Future Agenda Items

- Discussion of RMAC applying for CBA grant to refurbish the East Bay Community Foundation funding structure for microgrants.
- Public Works Special Districts Report on Projects in Rodeo- Rochelle Johnson, Special Districts Manager at Contra Costa County

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10. Community Announcements

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned following acknowledgments and closing remarks.
- Next meeting: October 23, 2025

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