

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

*1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

6:00 PM

St. Anne Church, 2800 Camino Diablo Rd., Byron, CA 94514

Byron Municipal Advisory Council

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Present

Dennis Lopez, Mike Nisen, Ron Schmit, Linda Thuman, and Paula Wherity

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Martha Minasian - Expressed concerns regarding the potential purchase of land in Byron by developers for AI data center construction. Raised concerns about the potential impacts of data center operations on surrounding communities, including noise generated by facilities, effects on local water, electricity resources, and overall quality of life. Inquired about Contra Costa County's current policies, regulations, and provisions related to AI data centers.

Jack Nix - Requested an update on the State Route 239 project and whether improvements are anticipated. He also voiced his opposition to the development of AI data centers in the unincorporated area of East County. He noted that he is aware of land in the area that may currently be under consideration by potential developers.

Chet Scorsonelli - Reported a concern regarding a property near his home; requested that Code Enforcement review the matter.

4. **Agency Reports**

- a. Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff - Lieutenant Ryan White
Contra Costa County Fire Protection District - TBD
California Highway Patrol - TBD
Office of Supervisor Diane Burgis - District Representative Wendy Fabian Rubio

Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff - Lt. White provided an activity report for the previous month (June) and shared that the Sheriff's Department would be participating in National Night Out activities in unincorporated East County.

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District - No report given.

California Highway Patrol - No report given.

Office of Supervisor Diane Burgis - District Representative Fabian Rubio shared an update on the previous month's work including an update on the YAI Community Crisis Home and Public Works provisions pertaining to asphalt grindings and how to convert a private road to a county road.

5. **Consent Items: Items are subject to removal from the Consent Calendar by request of any Byron Mac Member. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered with the Discussion Items.**

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[26-3226](#)

Attachments:

[MeetingMinutesApril 2026](#)

Motion:

Nisen

Second: Wherity
Aye: Lopez, Nisen, Schmit, Thuman, and Wherity
Result: Passed

6. Presentation Items

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[26-3227](#)

Attachments: [EOP MAC Meeting Presentation \(3\)](#)

This Presentation Item was received.

Lorena Herrera, Community Warning System Manager, and Ashley Lerner, Emergency Planning Coordinator, from the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services - provided resources on emergency preparedness and discussed the internal processes and parameters for emergency communications. They also provided geographical information showing how the county is divided into areas so residents can receive updates specific to their location. When signing up for alerts, community members can add up to three locations, such as their residence, workplace, or child's school. They also shared that the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services is seeking community feedback on its emergency preparedness plan and encouraged residents to visit the website or scan the QR code to review the plan and provide feedback.

7. Discussion Items

8. Councilmember Comments

Chair Thuman: Discussed concerns regarding red-light runners and the potential use of grant funding to install traffic cameras along Camino Diablo Road. Suggested requesting an update from Public Works.

Councilmember Father Ron: Reported that St. Anne Church has experienced multiple accidents in front of the church involving vehicles entering and exiting Camino Diablo Road. Asked whether a delineator could be installed to prevent westbound traffic from making left turns. Noted that the church has a 30-foot easement onto the property.

Vice Chair Nisen: Raised concerns about traffic congestion and confusion at Byron Corners, noting that some drivers make U-turns through the parking lot. Suggested requesting CHP for additional traffic control measures in the area.

9. Correspondence

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[26-3228](#)

Attachments: [Byron MAC May - July 2026 Correspondence](#)

Aye: Nisen, Schmit, Thuman, and Wherity

Absent: Lopez

Result: Passed

10. Future Agenda Items

Camino Diablo Rd. traffic calming report, insights and or assessment from the Department of Public

Works.

County traffic assessment on Camino Diablo Road.

11. Adjourn

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 25, 2026.

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