



Meeting Minutes

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

7:00 PM El Sobrante Library (4191 Appian Way, El Sobrante) | Zoom:
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Thomas Lang (Chair), George Cleveland (Vice-Chair), Tom Owens, Dr. Melinda V. McLain, Jim Hermann, Randy Loyd, Mikki Norris, Teri Edlinger, Jedd Hart

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions

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Present	Teri Edlinger, Jedd Hart, Thomas Lang, Mikki Norris, and Tom Owens
Excused	James Hermann
Absent	George Cleveland, and Randy Loyd
Late	Melinda McLain

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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3. Treasurer's Report

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4. Approval of Minutes

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The Council approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

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This Discussion Item was approved.

Motion: Owens

Second: Edlinger

5. Presentations

P.1. County Update, Supervisor John Gioia

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Ronnie Mills provided updates on several county initiatives and community concerns. Ronnie reported on the ongoing development of the Countywide Noise Ordinance, which is currently focused on outdoor amplified sound and construction related noise in unincorporated areas.

An update was also provided regarding unpermitted food vendors operating along San Pablo Dam Road. Ronnie outlined ongoing enforcement efforts involving Environmental Health, Code Enforcement, and other county departments. Ronnie noted that multiple complaints and enforcement actions have occurred and that additional legal remedies are being evaluated.

Ronnie also shared information regarding traffic safety concerns throughout District 1, including discussions related to truck traffic and roadway safety improvements. Residents were encouraged to apply for vacancies on county boards, commissions, and advisory bodies.

P.2. Sheriff's Office Bay Station Update, Lt. Fitzgerald

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The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office reported on public safety activity during April, including calls for service, arrests, investigations, and community response efforts. Deputies discussed recent incidents involving vehicle burglaries, stolen vehicle recoveries, vandalism, and other criminal activity within the service area.

Residents raised concerns regarding traffic safety, nuisance activity, animal related complaints, and response times to ongoing issues. Sheriff's representatives clarified that most animal related concerns are handled through Animal Services unless an immediate public safety threat exists. Community members also shared positive feedback regarding recent law enforcement assistance provided in the area.

P.3. Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Update, Michelle Rinehart

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Fire District representatives provided updates on district operations, wildfire preparedness efforts, and community engagement initiatives. Staff discussed the ongoing Wildfire Mitigation Program, which supports resident driven projects aimed at reducing wildfire risk and improving community resilience.

Representatives highlighted available resources including community chipping programs, evacuation route cleanup efforts, home hardening outreach, and other fire prevention initiatives. Staff emphasized the importance of defensible space, emergency preparedness, and collaboration between residents, local agencies, and community organizations.

The Fire District also discussed ongoing efforts to update the countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan and noted the importance of public participation throughout the planning process. During the presentation, attendees were informed that Deputy Chief Aaron McAlister had been selected

as the next Fire Chief following the retirement of Chief Lewis Broschard.

P.4. California Highway Patrol (tentative)

P.5. Project Priorities in El Sobrante, Contra Costa County Public Works

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Representatives from Contra Costa County Public Works provided an overview of the department's responsibilities and services. Staff discussed the maintenance and operation of county roadways, bridges, drainage systems, flood control infrastructure, county buildings, and airports.

The presentation highlighted ongoing capital improvement projects, roadway maintenance programs, and infrastructure investments occurring throughout the county. Staff also reviewed the department's organizational structure and the various divisions responsible for delivering services to residents.

P.6. El Sobrante Evacuation Drills, Marilyn Saarni

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Representatives provided information regarding emergency preparedness and community evacuation planning. Residents were encouraged to register for Community Warning System alerts and other emergency notification programs.

The importance of evacuation readiness, including maintaining emergency supply kits and family preparedness plans, was emphasized. Information was also provided regarding an upcoming evacuation drill in the El Sobrante Valley area and the benefits of community participation.

6. Discussion Items: DI. Development plan applications, variance reports, building modification requests, appeals etc., received in the previous month from the Contra Costa County Conservation and Development Department and Notices of Public Hearing

DI.1 - (Update) Countywide Noise Ordinance

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

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Residents discussed ongoing traffic safety concerns throughout the community, including speeding, vehicle collisions, pedestrian safety, and potential infrastructure improvements. Discussion included questions regarding crosswalks, speed enforcement technologies, and opportunities to pursue future traffic safety grants.

Community members expressed interest in exploring additional tools to improve roadway safety and reduce speeding in residential areas.

Representatives from AC Transit provided an overview of the agency's current financial outlook and future service planning efforts. Staff reported that the agency is facing significant budget challenges over the next several years and is evaluating potential service adjustments.

An upcoming public meeting and open house were announced to gather community feedback on

proposed service changes. The Council encouraged residents to participate in the public engagement process.

8. Information Items

9. Subcommittee Reports – Next Clean Up, June 20, 2026

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Community members shared updates regarding recent volunteer cleanup efforts and upcoming neighborhood events. Organizers thanked local businesses, volunteers, and community organizations for participating in beautification activities throughout El Sobrante.

Upcoming events included additional cleanup activities, community celebrations, a night market, and a local flea market. Organizers also discussed ongoing efforts to reduce litter and improve awareness regarding the impacts of trash entering local waterways.

10. Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings

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Council members discussed potential agenda items for future meetings, including presentations regarding wastewater rates, transportation and public safety topics, and additional agency updates. Members emphasized the importance of continued collaboration with public safety partners and community organizations.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 10, 2026

Adjourn

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