



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Public Protection Committee

Supervisor Ken Carlson, Chair
Supervisor Candace Andersen, Vice Chair

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Monday, June 15, 2026 **1:30 PM** **309 Diablo Road, Danville, CA 94526 | 1025**
Escobar Street, Room 110 C, Martinez, CA
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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 Carlson called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.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 public comment.

3. CONSIDER accepting the Record of Action for the May 18, 2026 meeting of the Public Protection Committee (PPC). (Enid Mendoza, Staff to PPC) [26-2583](#)

Attachments: [5-18-26 DRAFT ROA](#)

Approved as presented.

Aye: Vice Chair Candace Andersen and Chair Ken Carlson

Result: Passed

4. CONSIDER accepting a report from the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services on the Emergency Operations Plan. (Rick Kovar, Emergency Services Manager) [26-2584](#)

Attachments: [Emergency Operations Plan Update](#)

Rick Kovar and Beatriz Portillo from the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services presented an overview of the County's Emergency Operations Plan and the current and upcoming planning and activities for their office to update the plan by Fall 2027. Committee discussions focused on planning efforts to address outreach and partner involvement in the planning process and evacuation planning. Mr. Kovar confirmed the Office of the Sheriff has explored technology tools available to support evacuation planning and escape routing. However, the cost impact could be \$1-\$2 million for one technological tool that may only support one specific emergency management function. Due to the complexity and variables within each type of emergency it has been difficult to find a solution that meets the most critical needs and can integrate with systems in other functional areas.

The Committee invited Fire Chief Aaron McAlister to comment on computer solutions and models and he confirmed challenges with finding a comprehensive fire emergency solution due to the amount of variables. He mentioned two new applications, Watch Duty and Genasys, the Fire District is utilizing.

The Committee accepted the report, encouraged the Sheriff's Office to continue seeking automated tools, including commercially available mapping tools, and asked to be informed of outreach efforts so that they can help get the word out to our communities.

Motion: Carlson

Second: Andersen

Aye: Vice Chair Candace Andersen and Chair Ken Carlson

Result: Passed

5. CONSIDER accepting an update from the Office of the Sheriff on the Community Warning System (CWS). (Lorena Herrera, CWS Manager)

[26-2585](#)

Attachments: [CWS Presentation - June 15, 2026](#)

Lorena Herrera from the Office of the Sheriff presented the update on the Community Warning System. She shared program improvements over the past year, which included refined procedures, enhanced public outreach and messaging clarity, countywide training efforts, and strengthened readiness. She also shared how planning efforts for the next year aim to continue advancing system reliability, increase public awareness and notification registrations, and improve coordination with public safety and industry partners.

The Committee accepted the report, shared gratitude for the continued public outreach and training, and is looking forward to the continued community engagement efforts.

Motion: Andersen

Second: Carlson

Aye: Vice Chair Candace Andersen and Chair Ken Carlson

Result: Passed

The next meeting is currently scheduled for August 17, 2026.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

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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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