

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

*1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

6:00 PM

3090 Ranch Lane Bethel Island, CA

Bethel Island Municipal Advisory Council

1. Roll Call and Introductions

- Mark Whitlock, Chair
- Phil Kammerer, Member
- Belinda Bittner, Member
- Rob Brunham, Member
- Roger Broom, Member (appointed 3/31/2026)

- Roger Broom: Newly appointed in vacant seat: 5 year resident, previously Antioch, engaged with the community and prepared to work with Supervisor Burgis office

2. Pledge of Allegiance**3. Approval of THIS agenda; Action item**

This was approved.

4. General Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of this board and NOT on this agenda (speakers shall be limited to two minutes).

None

5. Presentation, Ironhouse Sanitary District

Attachments: [Presentation Ironhouse Sanitary District](#)

Notes in addition to attached slide deck:

- a 4 of the 19 miles of pressurized lines from slide are on Bethel Island
- b All 13 (orange locations) from slide pump off the island over the bridge
- c Industrial computers (PLCs) tell the system when to start, stop and maintain flow
- d FYI PLC contract \$650k cost
- e FYI Ironhouse owns the island, 0 discharge on the island, conveys the pipe through the river; development discussions not ongoing; in discussions to sell to Diablo Water District (pending sale Dec 2026)
- f Finance (audit slide 23) audits completed by a 3rd party auditor
- g Reducing energy costs (slide 14): current solar produces about 40% of current energy but will increase the capacity and will allow to set costs
- h Rate increase (slide 15: public comment, appeals, etc instructions sent out in mailer and available on website under rates including FAQs (**included in materials collected add to minutes**); FYI it is paid through property tax; do not increase rates every year and largely due to increase of maintenance costs and being
- i Discussion
 - i Kammerer: On hydro how often is that done? A: as needed or every 5 years
 - ii Unknown male: 10 year anniversary on an lateral ordinance, how many events have triggered and how are they performing A: laterals on island are taking on water and on a dry day we are 6000 gallons per day and in wet weather over a million, has been effective on the island at about 80%, work with real estate on island and giving 60 days after close of escrow to be as accommodating as we can; we have seen a reduction of infiltration of about 60%, we track through GIS and approx 70% of parcels have infiltration; it is important to ISD because if we take on ground water it puts a huge burden on the

- iii Steve: why did you purchase jersey island initially A: bought the island to irrigate and in 2010, farming for cows, treatment plant generates sludge ie: fertilizer; original intent was as a farm until a processing plant could be built
- iv Steve: where is it being transported A: off the island per legal compliance standards

This Consent Item was received.

6. BIMAC Council Member Reports

- a. Mark Whitlock, Chair
 - None

- San Joaquin Yacht Club event, April 25
- Health & Safety Fair, October
- Boats & Berries, Aug 29
- Upcoming road closure Oakley, be prepared

- b. Phil Kammerer, Member
 - None

- distributed dumping flyer at post office and willows mobile home park

- c. Belinda Bittner, Member
 - None

None

- d. Rob Brunham, Member
 - None

None

- e. Roger Broom, Member
 - None

None

7. Agency Reports

- a. Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff, Lt. White

[26-1609](#)

Attachments: [Sheriff's Office Report 1 - Activity Report, Bethel Island](#)

This Consent Item was received.

[26-1607](#)

Attachments: [Sheriff's Office Report 2 - Calls for Service, Bethel Island](#)

This Consent Item was received.

- b. Public comment on this agenda item only. Each comment is limited to 2 minutes.

None

c. Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, Michelle Rinehart

Wildfire Preparation

1. The District is preparing to begin our annual fire trail maintenance in April. This clearing of trails provides reliable access and firebreaks in our wildland areas. The process takes about 6 weeks, depending on weather and trail conditions.

ii. Public Safety Fireworks Enforcement Task Force

1. The State established this task force to conduct a comprehensive review of existing laws and regulations related to fireworks, propose changes to enhance public safety, and develop a robust Fireworks Program enforcement plan. Assistant Chief Chris Bachman participated in this effort, representing the California Fire Chief's Fire Marshal's Section. The task force recently completed its final report.

2. At the local level, the recommendation is to update the District's citation ordinance, which is included on the April 14 board agenda. It should be noted that the District is limited in the fine amounts that can be imposed for violations. The task force report recommends amending state statute to increase the fine limit. If state regulations and statute are revised the District could increase the fine amounts in the future.

3. The full task force report can be found on the Office of the State Fire Marshal's website: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/fire-engineering-and-investigations/fireworks>

iii. Annual Weed Abatement Deadlines

1. The spring weed abatement deadlines for compliance with District exterior hazard control requirements have been established as follows for 2026:

2. East County - May 15, 2026 (Includes Antioch, Bay Point, Bethel Island, Brentwood, Byron, the Township of Discovery Bay, Knightsen, Marsh Creek, Morgan Territory, Oakley, Pittsburg)

3. Central County - June 1, 2026 (Includes Clayton, Clyde, Concord, Lafayette, Martinez, Pacheco, Pleasant Hill, Rossmoor, and Walnut Creek)

4. West County - June 1, 2026 (Includes East Richmond Heights, El Sobrante, Hercules, North Richmond, Rodeo, San Pablo, unincorporated Pinole, Tara Hills, and Montalvin Manor)

iv. Legislation & Grants

1. Zone 0 and Home Hardening Regulations

2. Meeting Date: April 23, 2026 from 1pm to 7pm

3. Location: 2740 Malibu Hills Rd, Calabasas 4. Webcast registration link: <https://bof.fire.ca.gov>

5. Panel conversation moderated by Board Member Lopez: Communities at work, hear from California communities implementing local versions of Zone 0

6. Panel conversation moderated by Eric Horne, Megafire Action: Looking to the future: legislative action, resources and support for communities, and where Californians are at

v. County Coordinator 25 COCO Program Grant Extension

1. If awarded, will support the position through October 2027

2. Con Fire plans to apply by the April 15th deadline

vi. Girls Empowerment Camp

1. The camp was increased in size from 50 to 75 participants for this year. The registration was full within the first few hours of opening the registration portal on April 1.

vii. Fire Chief Broschard Reinstated

1. The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Con Fire) has reinstated Fire Chief Lewis Broschard to serve as Fire Chief on an interim basis until a permanent appointment is made. Chief Broschard retired in March after more than 18 years of distinguished service, marked by strong leadership and a deep commitment to public safety and the residents of Contra Costa County. During his tenure, the District achieved significant advancements, including the annexation of the East Contra Costa and Rodeo-Hercules fire districts and a service contract with the City of Pinole. He also led the expansion of firefighting resources, staffing, facilities, and emergency services, while strengthening wildfire mitigation efforts and supporting the creation of more than 40 Firewise communities. “Chief Broschard’s return ensures experienced leadership and continuity while the District conducts a search for its next permanent Fire Chief,” said Board Chair Diane Burgis, District 3 Supervisor.

Resources information referenced and directed:

Wildfire Mitigation Website: [https://contracostacofpdcrm.govqa.us/WEBAPP/_rs/\(S\(zhjph4emtc3v5inufon2cf0g\)\)/SupportHome.aspx?sSessionID=](https://contracostacofpdcrm.govqa.us/WEBAPP/_rs/(S(zhjph4emtc3v5inufon2cf0g))/SupportHome.aspx?sSessionID=)

Know Your Zone website: <https://protect.genasys.com/search>

Campfire Safety document:

<https://www.cccfpd.org/DocumentCenter/View/528/Campfire-Safety-PDF>

Defensible Space document:

www.cccfpd.org/DocumentCenter/View/529/Defensible-Space-Brochure-PDF

Red Flag Day, Equipment Safety document:

<https://www.cccfpd.org/DocumentCenter/View/530/Equipment-Safety-Red-Flag-Days-PDF>

Weed Abatement, Fuel Break document:

<https://www.cccfpd.org/DocumentCenter/View/531/Fuel-Break-Flyer-For-Weed-Abatement-PDF>

Lightening Safety document:

<https://www.cccfpd.org/DocumentCenter/View/532/Lightning-Safety-PDF>

Pet Fire Safety: <https://www.cccfpd.org/DocumentCenter/View/533/Pet-Fire-Safety-PDF>

Wildfire Home Preparation document:

<https://www.cccfpd.org/DocumentCenter/View/534/Prepare-Home-For-Wildfires-PDF>

Wildfire Risk Reduction document:

<https://www.cccfpd.org/DocumentCenter/View/527/Wildfire-Risk-Reduction-PDF>

d. Public comment on this agenda item only. Each comment is limited to 2 minutes.

1. Is camp available to boys? a. Yes, through Public Education

2. How can a resident be aware of a hazard? Or make fire dept. aware?

a. Offered LRA webpage and tool

b. Offered Complaint webpage

c. Offered additional support as needed

- e. Contra Costa County Supervisor Diane Burgis, Anna Cleese - District Representative
 - Event: Freedom High Health & Safety Fair on April 25, 2026 10:00am-2:00pm at 1050 Neroly Road, Oakley (flyer attached)
 - Event: Red Cross Blood Drive event flyer (multiple, attached)
 - Project: Bethel Island Dumping survey work with Phil Kammerer (flyer attached); 3 responses to date; - Project: Material distribution - Establishing locations around the island for committed distribution sites, more to follow
 - Project: Berry bush mitigation (Feb 2026 item) - Ongoing discussions with agencies and residents
 - Project: Stone Road & BIMID drainage (Jan 2026 item) - Ongoing discussions with agencies and residents

- Freedom High Health & Safety Fair, April 25 10a-2p 1050 Neroly Road Oakley; while not on Bethel Island working to expand updates and messaging regarding community events relevant to Bethel Island residents
- Red Cross Blood Drive flyer (multiple); working to bring Red Cross to Scout Hall
- Dumping Sign project w/Phil Kammerer; 3 surveys completed working to distribute to more locations around the island
- Material distribution locations: forward potential contact information for organizations and groups to include in D3 messaging to Anna.Cleese@bos.cccounty.us or 925-655-2336
- Berry Bush projects (Feb 2026 item) Supervisor Burgis office point of contact if needing direction toward resources to discuss beyond reporting or direct work with CCCFPD
- Stone Road & BIMID drainage; ongoing discussions D3 staff can direct discussion to appropriate parties if needed, no update at this time

[26-1610](#)

Attachments: [BIMAC D3 Material](#)

- f. Public comment on this agenda item only. Each comment is limited to 2 minutes.

- Steve: Preferred contact to D3 via email or phone; A: either
- Unknown Male: Dumping or anti-dumping? A: anti dumping; will update the flyer and language moving forward

8. Consent Items

APPROVE Record of Action for March Meeting

- March minutes were not attached in error; Continue until May meeting

This was continued.

[26-1611](#)

Attachments: [260417 BIMAC Correspondence](#)

This Consent Item was received.

9. Discussion Items

- a. **CONSIDER addition of future agenda items under the purview of this meeting.**

None

10. Adjourn

7:16pm

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For Additional Information Contact: Anna Cleese, District Representative, 925-655-2336

The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 12, 2026 at 6:00pm.