



Meeting Minutes

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

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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

00:00:42

Present

George Cleveland, Teri Edlinger, Jedd Hart, James Hermann,
Thomas Lang, Randy Loyd, Mikki Norris, and Tom Owens

Excused

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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A motion was made by Cleveland, seconded by Owens, that this item be approved.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion: Cleveland

Second: Owens

Aye: Cleveland, Edlinger, Hart, Hermann, Loyd, Norris, and Owens

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Absent: McLain
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5. Presentations

P.1. County Update, Supervisor John Gioia

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District Coordinator, Ronnie Mills, provided updates on several ongoing County initiatives. The mobile food vendor previously operating near a local Tire Shop property has vacated the location, and staff continue to coordinate with Environmental Health regarding compliance. An update was also provided on the County's civil enforcement action involving vendors along San Pablo Dam Road, which remains pending before the Superior Court.

Public Works has completed a draft ordinance establishing a proposed weight restriction for Pebble Drive, which is currently under review by County Counsel. Residents were also encouraged to watch for upcoming announcements regarding vacancies on County commissions and boards.

Council members discussed the former Felix Pizza location, including questions regarding potential interim enforcement options while the court process continues. No additional public questions were raised following the County update.

P.2. Sheriff's Office Bay Station Update, County Sheriff's Office

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The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office reported continued public safety activity within the community, including nearly 700 calls for service during the reporting period. Deputies noted that overall crime has declined approximately 25 percent since the beginning of the year. The Sheriff's Office also reported a noticeable decrease in fireworks related calls over the Fourth of July holiday compared to previous years.

Additional discussion included staffing transitions within the Sheriff's Office, coordination for public safety support during the upcoming El Sobrante Stroll, ongoing investigations in the Lambert neighborhood, and continued efforts to address illegal dumping throughout the community.

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

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The Contra Costa Fire Protection District provided an overview of recent emergency responses, including activity during the Independence Day holiday.

Staff announced that the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has approved the County's Fire Risk

Reduction Community List, which may help eligible residents qualify for insurance discounts after submitting documentation confirming their fire protection jurisdiction.

The Fire District also encouraged residents to register for the Community Warning System and participate in a countywide survey intended to improve emergency notification and preparedness communications.

P.4. California Highway Patrol (tentative)

P.5. Overview of AC Transit programs, ridership trends, funding challenges, and potential service changes, Ryan Lau

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Representatives from AC Transit presented an overview of the agency's operations and current financial outlook. The presentation highlighted ongoing budget challenges, including a projected multi year funding deficit that may require significant service reductions if additional funding is not secured. Staff reviewed the agency's contingency planning efforts, including possible route eliminations, frequency reductions, and shortened service hours.

Council members discussed how proposed service reductions could affect connections with BART, paratransit services, and transit dependent riders.

Representatives explained that coordination efforts with regional transit partners continue as planning moves forward and encouraged residents to remain engaged throughout the public feedback process.

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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During public comment, residents raised concerns regarding pedestrian and traffic safety along San Pablo Dam Road, particularly at the intersection with Appian Way. Suggestions included evaluating a "No Right Turn on Red" restriction, improving pedestrian visibility, and considering additional roadway improvements.

Community members also announced several upcoming events, including the July 18 community cleanup, volunteer opportunities associated with the El Sobrante Stroll, local neighborhood markets, and fundraising efforts supporting traffic safety during community events

8. Information Items

9. Subcommittee Reports – Next Clean Up, July 18, 2026

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Future beautification efforts, including new community lawn signs and participation in Coastal Cleanup Day activities. Members agreed to continue coordinating these efforts in advance of the El Sobrante Stroll

10. Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings

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Council members discussed several potential topics for future meetings, including updates on local redevelopment projects, property maintenance processes, emergency preparedness initiatives, and ongoing transportation safety improvements. Additional community event updates were shared before the meeting concluded.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for August 12, 2026

Adjourn

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