



# Meeting Minutes

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

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Wednesday, April 8, 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**

00:30:00

**Present**

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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Treasurer's Report**

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4. **Approval of Minutes**

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**Attachments:**

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The Council approved the March 11, 2026 meeting minutes with a minor correction related to subcommittee wording.

**Aye:** Cleveland, Edlinger, Hart, Hermann, Lang, Loyd, McLain, Norris, and Owens

**Result:** Passed

5. **Presentations**

*P.1. County Update, Supervisor John Gioia*

00:03:21

Ronnie Mills provided updates on several county matters. An update was shared regarding the Countywide Noise Ordinance, noting that an internal follow up meeting recently took place and additional information will be provided as the process develops.

An update was also provided regarding unpermitted street vendors operating along San Pablo Dam Road. County Health and County Counsel are preparing to bring the matter before the Board of Supervisors in closed session to seek authorization for a potential civil injunction. The office explained that the County is currently working to establish stronger legal enforcement mechanisms related to vendors operating without permits, inspections, or fee payments within the public right of way.

Council members and residents discussed concerns surrounding food safety, fairness to permitted businesses, and ongoing enforcement challenges. It was noted that Contra Costa County maintains a permitting process for food vendors and food trucks, and that the current issue relates specifically to vendors operating entirely outside of the permitting process. Additional concerns were raised regarding food handling practices, sanitation, and impacts on nearby businesses that comply with county regulations.

Questions were also raised regarding the District 1 Community Impact Fund. The office shared that more than 200 applications are currently under review and that applicants will be notified once final decisions are made.

Residents inquired about potential roadway improvements on San Pablo Dam Road. The office stated that no major roadway project is currently scheduled but encouraged residents to monitor the County Public Works proposed projects page for future updates.

Discussion also continued regarding a proposed safety improvement project involving crosswalks and lighting improvements between downtown El Sobrante and Valley View Road, which remains in early grant qualification stages.

*P.2. Sheriff's Office Bay Station Update, Lt. Fitzgerald**P.3. Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Update, Michelle Rinehart*

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Michelle Rinehart provided updates on behalf of Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. Information was shared regarding the upcoming Girls Empowerment Camp scheduled for May 2 through May 3 at the Con Fire Training Center in Concord. The free two day program is designed for participants ages 14 through 18 and includes hands on training activities, CPR and AED instruction, and exposure to public safety career opportunities.

Con Fire also provided reminders regarding 2026 weed abatement deadlines, noting that the West County deadline is June 1. Additional consultants have been hired to assist with inspections and compliance timelines throughout the district.

An update was shared regarding Fire Chief Lewis Broschard, who has returned as interim fire chief following his recent retirement while the district continues its search for a permanent appointment.

Council members and residents also discussed the upcoming May 30 evacuation drill coordinated through the West Contra Costa Fire Safe Council. Questions were raised regarding whether unincorporated areas within the 94803 ZIP code would be included in planning and outreach efforts. A possible communication disconnect was acknowledged, and Con Fire committed to clarifying details internally and coordinating additional information with Supervisor Gioia's office for future distribution.

*P.4. California Highway Patrol (tentative)*

**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**

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Council members briefly revisited ongoing concerns regarding truck traffic and speeding along side streets, including Pebble Drive. The Council agreed to continue monitoring both truck traffic concerns and updates related to unpermitted vendors as ongoing community issues requiring future updates when developments occur.

*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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Council members shared several upcoming community events and announcements. Information was provided regarding an East Bay Regional Park District Ward 3 briefing scheduled for April 29 at the Siesta Valley Amphitheater in Orinda. Ronnie Mills was asked to forward invitation materials to council members.

Questions were also raised regarding the process for requesting speed humps or traffic calming improvements within unincorporated neighborhoods. The office explained that requests require traffic studies and review by County Public Works and Traffic Engineering to determine whether state and county thresholds are met.

Additional community announcements included an upcoming health discussion at The Good Table Café focused on sarcopenia, frailty, and fall prevention, as well as an interfaith peace event scheduled for April 26 featuring faith leaders discussing peace and nonviolence.

Council members also recognized local business The Copper Mug for being selected for the television program "Check, Please! Bay Area," highlighting the recognition as a positive milestone for the El Sobrante business community.

Representatives from the Rollingwood Neighborhood Alliance shared updates regarding the organization's recent transition to nonprofit 501(c)(3) status. The group discussed ongoing neighborhood cleanup efforts, sidewalk clearing projects, and partnerships focused on improving public safety and community pride throughout Rollingwood and surrounding areas. Council members commended the organization's grassroots efforts and growing visibility within the community.

A San Francisco State University student also addressed the Council in support of the Rollingwood Neighborhood Alliance and thanked both the organization and the Council for continued advocacy surrounding neighborhood concerns and unpermitted vendor enforcement.

Additional public comment reflected on the historical significance of Rollingwood and recognized the importance of current community leadership and neighborhood revitalization efforts.

Residents also announced an upcoming open air market at the Christian school campus scheduled for April 12 featuring local vendors and community participation.

## **8. Information Items**

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## **9. Subcommittee Reports – Next Clean Up, April 18, 2026**

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The El Sobrante Green Team provided updates regarding the upcoming Earth Day cleanup event scheduled for April 25 near the El Sobrante Library. Cleanup activities will include litter removal along streets and creek areas, followed by community activities, food, live music, and youth activities.

The Council also discussed County Public Works' upcoming "Streets to Creeks" campaign focused on litter prevention and storm drain awareness. The campaign will feature educational outreach and visual installations intended to highlight the impacts of litter on local waterways and wildlife.

Republic Services is expected to participate in the Earth Day event to provide recycling education and answer questions regarding waste sorting and recycling guidelines. Additional discussion focused on youth engagement opportunities and an upcoming illegal dumping conference scheduled for April 30 through May 1.

## **10. Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings**

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The Council discussed future presentations and agenda planning, including continued efforts to schedule a presentation from LAFCO regarding its role and relevance to El Sobrante.

It was also confirmed that County Public Works staff will attend a future meeting to present on how public works projects are prioritized throughout the county.

Additional discussion took place regarding future evacuation drill presentations and participation from community organizations and local nonprofit groups. Council members expressed interest in inviting organizations such as the Elks, Moose Lodge, Rotary, and similar service groups to future meetings to provide community updates.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 13, 2026

Adjourn

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