



Meeting Minutes

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

7:00 PM El Sobrante Library (4300 Garden Rd. El
Sobrante), Zoom:
<https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/87569145041>

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

00:00:30

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

2. Treasurer's Report

00:01:31

The treasurer reported an account balance of \$2,860.70.

3. Approval of Minutes

[25-3209](#)

Attachments: [7.9.25MeetingMinutes](#)

00:01:45

This Discussion Item was approved.

Motion: Cleveland

Second: Edlinger

4. Presentations

P.1. County Update, Supervisor John Gioia

00:05:51

Supervisor John Gioia office shared updates on several key projects, including the repair of Wildcat

Canyon Road and recently completed drainage improvements on Clark Road. Efforts are underway to secure garbage rate relief for residents affected by service disruptions. Preparations for wildfire season continue, including a grant application to fund a shaded fuel break near Tilden Park. The office is also reviewing ongoing concerns around the Sheriff's Office cooperation with ICE, with further policy clarification anticipated.

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

00:02:31

Lieutenant Brian Fitzgerald from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office provided an update on law enforcement activity, reporting 717 calls for service and 54 incident reports. He highlighted issues such as vehicle and residential burglaries, vandalism, and a recent case involving an assault weapon. He encouraged public participation in the upcoming Citizens Academy; a six-week educational program offered by the Sheriff's Office.

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

00:20:11

Michelle Reinhart provided updates on local fire mitigation efforts, including LRA hazard maps, goat grazing, and community chipping days. She noted that a \$950,000 grant application was submitted for a shaded fuel break project in East Richmond Heights. She also discussed the importance of community engagement and referenced SB 131, a state bill to streamline CEQA for fire mitigation projects.

P.4. California Highway Patrol (tentative)

P.5 Scheduled Fees Presentation, Contra Costa County Environmental Health

00:27:48

Nicole Soto from Contra Costa Environmental Health presented on the Farmers Market Program, describing various permit types for vendors, including agricultural and non-agricultural permits, and Temporary Food Facilities (TFFs). She shared that a new fee schedule was approved by the Board of Supervisors and highlighted an ongoing partnership with Contra Costa Health Plan to provide health education at local markets.

P.6 West County Wastewater Sewer Lateral Compliance, Judy Chen

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Judy Chen explained West County Wastewater's sewer lateral compliance program, which ensures property owners maintain and repair private sewer laterals to protect public health and the environment. The agency offers up to \$4,500 in incentives for repairs in high-infiltration areas, with possible expanded rebates for low-income homeowners. The council and public posed questions about eligibility and program administration.

5. 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 and attendees discussed a range of topics. Concerns were raised about the Sheriff's cooperation with ICE, with suggestions to write a letter supporting stronger local protections and possibly a separate letter to the Sheriff's Office.

DI.1 - (Update) Countywide Noise Ordinance

6. 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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Public comments also addressed traffic safety during protests, the need for tree maintenance, and concerns about budget cuts impacting community services. A proposal to turn a local dead-end street into a community parklet received support.

7. Information Items

01:20:00

Discussion regarding the coming El Sobrante Stroll

8. Subcommittee Reports – Next Clean Up, August 16, 2025

01:21:20

Discussion regarding the next Community Clean Up day in El Sobrante

9. Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings

01:28:27

The council identified several future agenda topics, including presentations from the Center for Elders' Independence (CEI), the California Highway Patrol (CHP) regarding traffic safety on San Pablo Avenue, and a discussion on the county's cooperation with ICE. Additional suggestions included addressing the loss of SOS services, the impact of Senate Bill 627 on ICE agent anonymity, and traffic calming needs on Dan Road.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for September 10, 2025

Adjourn

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