



Meeting Minutes

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

Wednesday, March 11, 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

00:00:22

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

00:01:51

Reported balance of \$3,000

4. Approval of Minutes

00:02:00

The Council reviewed and approved the prior meeting minutes without amendment

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Attachments:

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Motion:

Cleveland

Second:

McLain

Aye:

Cleveland, Edlinger, Hart, Hermann, Lang, Loyd, McLain, Norris, and Owens

Result:

Passed

5. Presentations

P.1. County Update, Supervisor John Gioia

00:02:59

An update was provided on a proposed temporary five-year, 5/8-cent sales tax measure scheduled for the June 2026 ballot. The measure is intended to offset anticipated federal funding reductions impacting health and human services, with an estimated 90,000 residents potentially affected. The measure, if approved, would help sustain essential programs including food assistance and health care access.

The District 1 Community Impact Fund generated significant interest, with nearly 220 applications submitted for grants of up to \$50,000. Staff are currently reviewing applications, with award determinations expected following completion of the evaluation process.

It was also noted that Supervisors John Gioia and Ken Carlson have filed for reelection without opposition.

The Council discussed ongoing concerns regarding unpermitted street food vendors operating in the El Sobrante area. Issues raised included lack of proper permits, food safety concerns, and impacts to local brick-and-mortar businesses.

Councilmembers discussed potential next steps, including drafting a formal letter to the Supervisor's Office outlining community concerns and requesting coordinated enforcement across relevant County departments, including Environmental Health, Code Enforcement, and the Sheriff's Office. The importance of collecting community input and documenting concerns to support enforcement efforts was emphasized.

Additional follow-up will include confirming permit status of vendors and exploring potential legal and enforcement pathways in coordination with County Counsel.

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

00:24:48

The Fire Protection District provided updates on upcoming programs and seasonal requirements. Registration information was shared for the annual Girls Empowerment Camp, which introduces young participants to careers in fire service and public safety.

The District also reminded residents of the June 1, 2026 weed abatement deadline for West County communities. Compliance is critical to reducing wildfire risk during peak fire season.

An update was provided regarding the State Fire Marshal's fireworks task force, with a final report expected in April.

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

DI.1 - (Update) Countywide Noise Ordinance

00:29:48

No update this month

7. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

00:30:07

Public comment and Council discussion included ongoing traffic safety concerns on Pebble Drive, including a recent accident and continued issues related to speeding and cut-through traffic.

Requests were made for updates on a proposed crosswalk near Hillcrest Avenue and El Portal Drive. County staff will follow up with Public Works to provide clarification on feasibility and next steps.

Additional concerns were raised regarding roadway washouts, particularly along Alhambra Valley Road. Staff noted that repairs are dependent on available funding and grant opportunities, and that prioritization is based on safety, severity, and available resources.

Public comments included concerns related to traffic safety, infrastructure maintenance, and local economic impacts. Community members were encouraged to remain engaged and to share input with the Council and Supervisor's Office on ongoing issues.

8. Information Items

9. Subcommittee Reports – Next Clean Up, March 21, 2026

Updates were provided on local beautification and community engagement initiatives led by the Sustainable El Sobrante committee. Ongoing efforts include monthly cleanups, business corridor improvements, and partnerships with local organizations.

Plans are underway for an Earth Day cleanup event, and residents were encouraged to participate in volunteer opportunities, including maintaining planters and supporting local beautification efforts.

Additional ideas discussed included mural projects, banner installations, and coordinated business improvements to enhance the downtown area.

10. Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings

01:16:46

The Council expressed interest in scheduling future presentations from the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and Contra Costa Public Works to better understand jurisdictional responsibilities and project prioritization processes.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 8, 2026

Adjourn

01:19:27

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