

**El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021
7:00 pm**

Members Present: Thomas Lang, George Cleveland, Mikki Norris, Jim Hermann, Emilie Whelan, Shirley Rosenthal-Winston

Members Absent: Tom Owens, Melinda V. Mclain, Joe Sarapochillo, Jim Hermann

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm.
The ESMAC account has a balance of \$3,000.

Presentation Items:

P.1. The Sheriff's Office was unable to attend.

P.2. **Assistant Fire Chief Lon Goetsch** with Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (ConFire) gave an update on ConFire's activities. The district is transitioning from some of the restrictions of the pandemic to preparing for wildfire season. The Fire District annexation study is about 75% complete and is going to the East Contra Costa and Rodeo/Hercules Fire Boards and then to the Board of Supervisors. The trends in weather as it relates to fire danger are about a month ahead of where those trends normally begin. The County's Fire Inspectors are working from East to West across the county to address weed abatement and other fire prevention concerns. ConFire just received their first search and rescue K-9 named, Bonus. The newly built Fire Station 70 opened in May. Station 70 will be adding a truck company. Truck 70 will go into service near July 1st and add 2 additional Firefighters to West County. The dispatch center is now tied into the wildfire camera network throughout the County and California. This allows for earlier warning in the event a fire starts in view of one of the cameras.

P.3. **Officers Tim Leviste and Martin Lendway** with the CHP gave a presentation. Ofc. Leviste began by letting everyone know that he's back to full duty and had been out enforcing the speed limit along San Pablo Dam Road (SPDR). He spoke about a fatal collision that occurred on SPDR near Creekside on April 1st. A driver hit a pedestrian due to the sun being in his eyes and pedestrian crossing the road outside of a crosswalk. Ofc. Leviste also shared some statistics for SPDR: In 2019 there were 97 collisions, in 2020 there were 51 collisions and year to date there have been 21 collisions. These numbers reflect the collisions reported to the CHP. He has also noticed increased emails and 911 calls from residents concerned about speeding on SPDR. He also addressed some questions he's received regarding staffing. There has been a decline in staffing from what was 10-12 officers for Contra Costa County to between 6-8 officers with just 1 officer for West County. Ofc. Leviste has been successful in deploying the speed feedback trailer along SPDR.

P.4. **James Lyons, District Coordinator with Supervisor John Gioia's Office** gave a Covid-19 update. Fully vaccinated persons who do not work in non-healthcare settings are *not* required to undergo diagnostic screening for Covid-19 if they have no symptoms. Testing is still recommended for persons that believe they've come in contact with someone who has Covid-19. The Association of Bay Area Health Officers has announced their support for full time in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. Californians for Vax For The Win is offering more than \$15 million dollars to Californians with at least 1 dose of a vaccine. As of Monday, June 7th, 75.8% of Contra Costa residents 12 or older have been partially vaccinated and 66.7% were fully vaccinated.

Discussion/Action Items:

DI.1 **Doug Deaver and Sona Kaur** provided some feedback to the CHP about the location of implementing the speed feedback sign. Ofc. Leviste mentioned that he would be focusing on east bound traffic along SPDR. It was also reported that traffic has begun to slow down due to the increased enforcement and the presence of the speed feedback trailer.

Emilie Whelan spoke on behalf of Pebble Drive residents. She spoke about an effort amongst she and her neighbors to collect stories about what they've experienced and witnessed related to speeding on Pebble Drive. Some of the examples include Pebble Drive residents being honked at by impatient drivers as they try to turn into their driveways and also pets that have been killed.

DI.2 Postponed the formation of the Public Safety Committee

Standing Committees:

The next Illegal Dumping Committee meeting is on June 23rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Office of Supervisor John Gioia.