

# **El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council**

**3769 B San Pablo Dam Road, ES, 94803 - Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
7:00 P.M. El Sobrante Library 4191 Appian Way, El Sobrante**

Chair, Barbara Pendergrass, Vice Chair, Tom Owens, Secretary, Sharon Thygesen, Treasurer, George Cleveland, Members: James Hermann, and 2 vacancies

## **Year End Report for 2012**

### **Activities**

#### **Speakers Presenting Reports Monthly**

- Lt. Jon Moreland Bay Station Commander – crime report
- Officer John Pruitt, California Highway Patrol- speeding on San Pablo Dam Road
- Michelle Blackwell, Representative for East Bay Municipal Utility District-projects in El Sobrante
- Lon Goetsch, Contra Costa County Fire Battalion Chief-Stations activity
- Terrance Cheung, Chief of Staff, Supervisor John Gioia-monthly report
- Eleanor Loynd, Chair of the El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee-Planning Projects in the El Sobrante Valley; includes valley projects in the City of Richmond and unincorporated El Sobrante

#### **Other Speakers and Topics**

- Charles Ramsey, West Contra Costa Unified School District Board speaking on the District's Parcel Tax, Marilynne Mellander speaking in opposition of Parcel tax
- Sharon Korotkin and Mary Casserly, "Citizens for a Greener El Sobrante" Lavonna Martin, CCC Homeless Program, Lt. Jon Moreland, Bay Station Commander, discussing possible solutions to decrease the Homeless issue in El Sobrante. El Sobrante has 53 homeless individuals
- Hisham Noeimi, P.E. ,Contra Costa Transportation Authority Engineering Manager, major Interchange Modification at I-80 and San Pablo Dam Road, McBryde Avenue, and El Portal Drive
- Updates on the progress of the Via Verde Sink Hole rebuild
- Daryl Louder, Contra Costa County Fire Chief, speaking on Measure Q, Fire District funding
- County Representatives and Representative from Chevron discussing the Fire at Chevron and improvements for notifying residents
- David Brockbank, Senior Planner, CCC Conservation and Development Department, the PI( Planned Unit Development) Zoning Ordinance
- Other speakers not named here

#### **Major Accomplishments**

- Conducted Election of Officers
- Attended Semi-Monthly Code Enforcement meetings with Supervisor Gioia's Office and Code Enforcement Representative

- Council staffed a booth at the El Sobrante Stroll and passed out information on Council meetings, also coordinated CPR instruction by the County Fire District for the Stroll
- Supervisor John Gioia, El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council, and Boys and Girls Club of El Sobrante held an El Sobrante Cleanup Day filling one dumpster with metal, one with green items and 2 large dumpsters with trash
- Participated in the P1, (Planned District) meetings held once a month and visited sites for information. PI was finalized this year
- Two members participate in the El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee on a monthly basis
- Through law enforcement attendance we are able to identify problem areas and citizens problems
- Addressing the homeless problem in El Sobrante with county staff and the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce ; this is an ongoing bad situation where many are drunk in Public. Lot of break-ins to businesses that may or may not be caused by homeless
- Member last year joined the County in the program "If you were a thief", however there was no county support for this program and it has not moved forward
- Developed an El Sobrante MAC brochure to promote the ESMAC
- Participating in the "El Sobrante Renew Project" started by the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce president, Jennifer Arrouzet, to assist business owners on San Pablo Dam Road to their buildings more attractive to shoppers

### Attendance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Barbara Pendergrass	^	^	^	^		^	^		^	^	^	^
Tom Owens	^	^	^	^		^			^	^	^	
James Hermann			^	^						^	^	
Tess O'Riva	^	^	^	^		^			^	^		
George Cleveland	^			^		^	^		^	^	^	^
Sharon Thygesen	^	^	^	^						^	^	^
Summary Monthly	6/6	4/6	5/6	6/6	0/6	4/6	2/6		4/6	6/6	5/5	3/5

# attending /appointed (PI meetings in May and August replaced the MAC meetings for these months)

Resignations: Tess O'Riva this October, caused by moving out of the ESMAC area. Currently we have two vacancies

### Goals for 2012

- Develop ways to increase attendance at Council meetings
- Hold the annual El Sobrante Cleanup Day with additional dumpsters
- Participate in the annual El Sobrante Stroll for awareness of the ESMAC and it's activities
- Continue to address the homeless issue in El Sobrante, and the affect on merchants and the creek
- Continue to address Disaster Preparedness
- Explore Grants and revitalize San Pablo Dam Road and Appian Way
- Redo the ESMAC Bylaws
- Set up CPR classes with the County Health Department to assist in El Sobrante becoming a healthy community designation
- Fill ESMAC Board Vacancies