

# **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**

## **The ESMAC is an Advisory Body to the Board of Supervisors**

Chair, Barbara Pendergrass, Vice Chair, Tom Owens, Secretary, Sharon Thygesen, Treasurer, George Cleveland, at-Large Members: James Hermann, Joseph Camacho, one vacant position

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## **AGENDA for Wednesday, May 08, 2013**

**7:00 P. M. Pledge of Allegiance**

**7:00 P.M. Call to Order/Welcome**

**7:00 P.M. Approval of Minutes and Agenda** \* items have minutes included  
1. Minutes for April10, 2013

**Treasurer's Report**

**Introductions of Speakers/ Guests/ Topics**

**Consider Consent Items**

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**Presentations**

**7:05 P.M. to 7:10 P.M.**

**P.1** Presentation by Lt. Jon Moreland, Bay Station Commander, Crime Report

**7:10 P.M. to 7:20 P.M.** Questions- limit 2 minutes per speaker

**7:20 P.M. to 7:25 P.M.**

**P.2** Presentation by Officer John Pruitt, California Highway Patrol, activity on San Pablo Dam Road

**7:25 to 7:35 P.M.** Questions- limit 2 minutes per speaker

**7:35 P.M. to 7:40 P.M.**

**P.3** Presentation by Michelle Blackwell, East Bay Municipal Utility District, projects affecting El Sobrante

**7:40 P.M. to 7:45 P.M.** Questions- limit 2 minutes per speaker

**7:45 P.M. to 7:50 P.M.**

**P.4** Presentation by Contra Costa County Fire Battalion Chief, Lon Goetsch

**7:50 P.M. to 7:55 P.M.** Questions- limit 2 minutes per speaker

**7:55 P.M. to 8:05 P.M.**

**P.5** Presentation/ update on the PI by David Brockbank, Senior Planner, CCC Conservation and Development Department

**8:05 P.M. to 8:15 P.M.** Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

**8:15 P.M. to 8:20 P.M.**

**P.6** Presentation by Terrance Cheung, Chief of Staff for Supervisor John Gioia, monthly report

**8:20 P.M. to 8:40 P.M.** Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

**Public Comment** - for items not on the agenda

**8:40 P.M. to 8:50 P.M.** limit 2 minutes per speaker

**Discussions Items** - The Council will consider and take action on the following:

**8:50 P.M. to 9:20 P.M.**

**DI.1** Host an El Sobrante Chamber Mixer( members of the Chamber, other business owners and the general public to attend) and or hosting a special meeting of the MAC with presidents and other officers of El Sobrante organizations, Chamber, Rotary etc., and or having a special meeting of the MAC members as a retreat, all meetings open to the public;

**a**-host an El Sobrante Chamber Mixer. Mixers are held from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. preceding the ESMAC meetings. Discussion of the type of food, beverage, and cost, see attached coast sheet  
and or

**b**-host a ESMAC sponsored meeting of all El Sobrante organization representatives; presidents and other officers from the Chamber, Rotary etc. to discussion their plans for El Sobrante. This meeting would be open to the public. Discussion of the type of food, beverage, and cost to be determined.

and or

**c**-hosting a retreat of the ESMAC members on maybe a Saturday. Agenda to be discussed. Discussion of the type of food, beverage, and cost to be determined  
This meeting would be open to the public.

**9:20 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.** Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

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**DL.3** Development Plan Applications, Variance Reports, Building Modification Requests, Appeals etc., received in the previous month from the Contra Costa County Conservation and Development Department

**NO Activity**

**Short Discussion Items-**

**9:30 P.M. to 9:35 P.M**

**SDI.1** Report from El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee, Co-Chair, Eleanor Loynd

**9:35 P.M. to 9:40 P.M.** Questions – Limit 2 minutes per speaker

**Information Items-**

**9:40 P.M. to 9:45 P.M.**

- 10.1** El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee (ESVP&ZAC) Agenda and Packet of Information for April 11, 2013
- 10.2** May Valley Newsletter for April 25, 2013
- 10.3** Monthly Emergency Response Report for El Sobrante from Contra Costa County Fire. Reports of activity in El Sobrante for the month of March, 2013
- 10.4** Contra Costa County Planning Commission's Meeting Notice and Agenda for April 23, 2013, 7:00 P.M. and a Cancellation Notice for the April 9th, 2013 meeting
- 10.5** Contra Costa County Zoning Administrator's Meeting Notice and Agenda for April 15, 2013, 1:30 P.M.
- 10.6** West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority Notice of Meeting and Agenda for April 11, 2013, 7:00 P.M. at the San Pablo City Council Chambers
- 10.7** Contra Costa LAFCO Meeting Announcements and Agendas for Wednesday, April 17, 2013, Board of Supervisor's Chamber, 1:30 P.M. and Commission Strategic Workshop April 15, 2013, Walnut Creek Library, 1:00 P.M.
- 10.8** Letter sent to Supervisor Gioia from the ESMAC commending him for supporting the West Contra Costa School Board request to the state waiving the limit and raising their debt limit

**9:45 P.M. to 9:50 P.M.**

**Sub Committee Reports**

**11.1** ESMAC Land Use- Chair, Barbara Pendergrass, members, Tom Owens and George Cleveland

**11.2** ESMAC Safety, Chair, vacant, member, Jim Hermann,

**11.3** ESMAC Education & Out Reach, Co Chairs Joseph Camocho and Sharon Thygesen, public member, Ruby Molinari . El Sobrante Clean up Day was June 23rd, 2012. Date for 2013 to be chosen

**New Business**

**13.1**

**Public Comment** -for items not on the agenda  
9:50 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. -limit 2 minutes per speaker

**Announcements**

**Agenda Items/ Speakers for Up Coming ESMAC Meetings**

Alcohol and Beverage Control speakers

**Adjournment** 10:00 P.M.

**April 3rd, 2013 Estimated Costs for ESMAC Mixer**

Prices from Richmond Costco

two sandwich trays, 1 meat and 1 turkey @\$29.99 each	= \$59.98
one shrimp tray @39.99	\$39.99
box of Chips @ \$11.89	\$11.89
three pkg. Cookies @\$6.99 each	\$20.97
Drinks- Estimate	\$30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$162.74</u></b>
tax at 9.5%	\$15.46
Plus or minus cost	\$20.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$198.20</b>

**Land Use Activity Report on Items Received From the Contra Costa  
County Community Development and Conservation Department  
May 08, 2013**

**No Land Use Activity for the May Report**



EL SOBRANTE VALLEY  
PLANNING & ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013

EL SOBRANTE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

<u>Members:</u>	Co-Chair Eleanor Loynd	Co-Chair John Lisenko
V. Chair Mike Zeelen	Secretary Shirley Sharp	Treas. Barbara Pendergrass
George Schmidt	Ruby Molinari	Robert Sharp
Jim Hermann		

Tentative AGENDA:

1. Call to Order & Review of Agenda Changes. Introduction of Members.
2. Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2013.
3. Treasurer's Report: Barbara Pendergrass
4. Introduction of Guests:
5. Correspondence Sent/Received
6. Projects Under Review:

-6:30 p.m. CCC Animal Control & Horses Caught & Killed. Horse Owner Herk Schusteff. Another horse veterinarian has recently been on sight. Find out about the other horses in the area cared for by Herk.

-6:50 p.m. Updates on SD06-9066. 12 homes off Fariss Lane on the hillside. Appeal filed 11/29/2012. It is now 4 months later and no hearing date has been set. It is our understanding that the applicant may extend the hearing by 30 days as many times as wanted. Ann Del Tredici calls the Planner every 2 weeks to check on the possible hearing date. County Planner Lashun Cross places a bill on the account for \$184 an hour when she works on that project. Back in the 1980s, a hearing date was avoided for 17 months and then the project was withdrawn in that area.

- No response to our questions to Sup. Gioia about the need for an EVA road (Emergency Vehicle Access) in the area.

QUESTION: Should we suggest that CCFire run a practice response to a fire in that area to let residents see how important an EVA entrance would be OR COULD BE?

-OTHER Projects:

-April 10<sup>th</sup> Mtgs. E.S. Chamber Mtg. at Squecky Market 5: 30 p.m. Then, ESMAC Mtg. at the E.S. Library 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

-The April 11 Mtg. at the Boys & Girls Club to review the sidewalks and landscaping on San Pablo Dam Rd. has been moved aside for now. Call Terrance Cheung, Chief of Staff for Sup. Gioia at 510-374-3231 to check out the new meeting date and time. We have now heard that the meeting is set for March 15 at the Elks Lodge.

-The Sat., April 13<sup>th</sup> planned dinner & meeting at the Masonic Lodge to raise money for an Animal Shelter has been cancelled for now. The dinner planner does not have a 501 C-3 non-profit connection.

-Meeting with County Planner to update information on projects. Plan: Send 3 P&Z Members to meet with a County Planner to get info on various projects. Which members are available and when?

**7. Committee Business: Review and Updates on Projects (if available)**

Review how the ESVP&ZAC works. We are getting very little information from County Staff on what happens at the review of the E.S. projects. Does the County put their decisions on line? We need to find out.

**#ZT12-0003.** Adds Chapter 88-22, Meteorological Towers (MET) Ordinance-County File. Hearing held March 6 on the proposed amendment to the County Ordinance Code. Both Barbara Pendergrass & Eleanor Loynd attended the mtg. No decision was made. The item was held over. From a County report: "In addition to the difference in the function of meteorological towers and wireless facility towers, meteorological towers can be very unsafe due to their low visibility. Meteorological towers are often very tall and thin. They are made of galvanized material and can be installed in a matter of hours. Wireless facility towers are typically not as tall, are thicker, take weeks to be installed, and have wireless equipment/devices which make the towers easier to see. Assembly Bill 511 was introduced due to a fatal crash that took place in East County in 2010 involving a meteorological tower. The proposed MET Tower ordinance has been designed to impose the same requirements on towers that are between 50 feet and 200 feet that Assembly Bill 511 imposes. Not allowed at residentially zoned districts.

**Waiting for Information:** Plan-Set up a meeting with a County Planner to ask for information on these projects. 1 or 2 volunteers needed.

**-LP12-2117.** Home Occupation for packaged food business at 5312 D'Avila Way #B. P&Z recommended approval. Update?

**-VR12-1024.** Legalize existing 948 sq. ft. structure attached to a residential second unit, where 600 sq. ft. is allowed at 2022 Thompson Lane. Assigned: Bob Sharp. Update?

**- MS12-0005.** 39 Kirkpatrick Dr. 0.176 acre lot into 3 parcels, possible new entrance off Heath Dr. P&Z comments sent in. Assigned: George Schmidt, Jim Hermann. Update?

**-LP12-2080.** 990 Manor Rd. Land Use permit for Home Business.

**-VR12-1007.** Legalize attached carport at 1544 Hillcrest Rd.

**-LP12-2042.** Remove/replace antennas, a cabinet, 448 Valley View Rd.

**-LP12-2078.** Home office website, 838 Juanita Dr., E.S.VP&Z rec. approval.

**-Richmond Fire to paint curbs red by fire hydrants in Richmond. Many curbs recently painted. More curbs listed to be painted.**

**-Discussion of Homeless Problems in the area. County planning to put in an outside toilet at the E.S. Library. Residents are concerned about the safety of the children, the neighbors, and those attending meetings on site.**

**8. Public Comment: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE REGARDING ANY ITEM WHICH IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA. GUEST SPEAKERS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTE PRESENTATIONS UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COMMITTEE.**

**9. Next Meeting: Thursday, MAY 9 at 6 p.m. in the E.S. Library Mtg. Room.**



MINUTES  
El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee  
Thursday, March 14, 2013  
6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.  
El Sobrante Library Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER AND REVIEW OF AGENDA

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Members present: Ruby Molinari, Bob Sharp, Eleanor Loynd, Vice-Chair; Barbara Pendergrass, Treasurer; Shirley Sharp, Secretary. *MIKE ZELAN, George Schmidt*  
Members absent: John Lisenko, Co-Chair; ~~George Schmidt~~, Jim Hermann.

Minutes: The minutes were read and approved.  
Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was approved. The balance was \$776.79 as of March 13, 2013. The Bank reconciliation Statement was \$796.70.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED

1. Received from May Valley Neighborhood Council \$300.00t to pay P&Z expenses.
2. Request to E.S. Chamber of Commerce from P& Z for \$300.00 for expenses.
3. Received from E.S. Chamber of Commerce \$300.00 for expenses.
4. Received from John Gioia information discussed at meeting of Code Enf. on March 12 at his office regarding E.S./East R. Richmond Heights/Bayo Vista.
5. Letter to COS Cheung and Sup Gioia regarding contacting County Planning staff to update their response to our projects. List of projects have been provided.
6. Thank you letter for your help on the Knobcone project.
7. From KCRT Television, a copy of R. City Council Meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>.
8. A copy of ESVP&ZAC Charter of the By-Laws sent to members.
9. From Richmond Planning a copy of the report on Knobcone.
10. From E.S.MAC a copy of the March 13 meeting.

PROJECTS UNDER REVIEW

Project: SD06-9066. 12 homes off Fariss Lane. This project was approved by the Zoning administrator. An appeal was filed 11/29/2012. It is now more than three months later and we have now heard that no Hearing Date has been set. The applicant and County Staff are trying to bring in more information to support changes or to support turning down the application.

Neighbors are still working with an attorney and a geologist to pull information together. They have requested a meeting with Supervisor Gioia on the EVA road and emergency access. There has been no response yet. The EVA ROAD was removed from the plan. There are about 125 homes in the area with only one access. With the 12 new

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ones there would be 138. One idea is to ask CCC Fire to do a practice response in the area to show the residents how 1 EVA would be of help.

Assigned: E. Loynd & J. Lisenko

Project: EID 1100513: 5801 Knobcone Court. Applicant asked to divide site into 4 home parcels and a remainder parcel. The project was denied unanimously by Richmond City Council in City Hall.

Problems: West County Wastewater District sewer connections, water flooding areas, PG&E water pressure concerns, and Richmond Fire Department concerns about fire hydrants and more. The suggestion was made that neighbors meet with the City Manager and staff to organize the areas. Residents are invited to attend a P & Z meeting to share information.

Assigned: Mike Zeelen & Bob Sharp (confirm)

Project MS13-0001: Division of a parcel on San Pablo Dam Road and Bristlecone. No information was received from the County as to whether it was approved or not. P&Z approved the project.

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Contra Costa and Richmond Fire Departments have been asked if they have set a standard for how many homes may be in an area without an Emergency Vehicle Access. The area by the Library would have about 138 homes with one access.

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

P&Z is getting very little information from County Staff on what happens at the review of Projects. Does the County respond on line? Projects needing followup: LP12-2117, VR12-1024, MS12-0005, LP12-2080, VR12-1007, LP12-2042, LP12-2078.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of the public are invited to address the Committee regarding any items on the agenda. Guest speakers will be limited to 3 minute presentations unless extended by the committee.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on April 11, 2013, in the El Sobrante Library Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley Sharp  
Secretary, El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee

**El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee****Treasurer's Report for April 11, 2013**

**Balance** as March 31, 2013 \$776.70

**Deposits**--El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce \$ 300.00

**Total Deposits** \$ 300.00

**Expenses**--Check to El Sobrante Post Office \$ 92.00

**Total Expenses** \$ 92.00

**Balance in Bank as of 04-11-13** \$984.70

Bank Statement Reconciliation: Statement amount \$1076.70  
Difference is \$92.00 check written to the El Sobrante Post Office  
for annual box rental.

SPAWNERS  
c/o The Watershed Project  
1327 South 46th Street  
155 Richmond Field Station  
Richmond, CA 94804



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## CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!

Get your boots wet and your hands dirty\*  
at the El Sobrante Library on April 20th

SPAWNERS will be celebrating Earth Day this year at the El Sobrante Library! Please join us Saturday, April 20th from 9am-12pm together with your family, friends and neighbors to help make our community a cleaner and healthier place. We will have lots of fun activities, including native tree planting, creek cleanups, and Earth Day arts and crafts projects for kids and teens. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided for all volunteers, compliments of SPAWNERS, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Elks.

\*We have some boots and gloves to loan to volunteers. Please be sure to wear sturdy shoes, a hat and sunscreen and bring your own water bottle and work gloves and boots if you have them. If you are able, consider riding a bike or walking to the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Calendar of Events

### Tapping the Sky in the Bay Area and Beyond

*Wed., April 3, 7pm - 8:30pm*

*El Sobrante Library, 4191 Appian Way, El Sobrante*

Did you know that the City of Oakland just gave away thousands of rain barrels for free?! "Why?" you may ask... Rain barrels are helping people all over the world conserve water and better manage stormwater. Local rainwater harvesting expert and manager of the Oakland Rain Barrel Program Kat Sawyer will discuss various systems for home rainwater capture that work best in the Bay Area. All are welcome. SPAWNERS will provide refreshments.

### Spring Planting Day

*Sat., April 13th, 9:30am - 12:00pm*

*Wilkie Creek Outdoor Classroom, Corner of May Rd.  
and Santa Rita Rd., Richmond*

The Wilkie Creek Outdoor Classroom is looking lovely these days. We have a new interpretive sign and lots of blooming flowers. This spring we will be installing dozens of new plants. Learn about California native plants and our new futuristic watering system. All ages welcome. No training necessary. Please wear sturdy shoes, comfortable work clothes, and bring a water bottle. SPAWNERS will provide tools, gloves, and snacks. Heavy rain cancels.



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P. O. Box 20136 • El Sobrante, CA 94820

Herk Schusteff  
4812 San Pablo Dam Rd., House #2  
El Sobrante, CA 94803

March 31, 2013

Re: CCC Animal Control and 2 horses caught and killed  
Thursday, March 28/29.

Dear Herk,

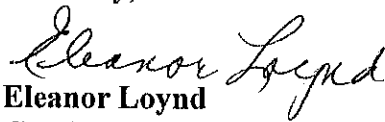
The ESVP&ZAC requests that you attend our next meeting on Thursday, April 11 to share with us information on the horses and any actions being taken by you and/or the County. We would like to hear about the Veterinarian you recently had on site and we would like the background information on the horses. You now have 4 horses. Did you buy each one? Were any just left on the hillside to take care of themselves and you stepped in to help? Have you had any comments from the land owners?

So, please come and share your information with us and we will update you on any new comments we have heard. Our meeting starts at 6 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the back of the El Sobrante Library, 4191 Appian Way, El Sobrante. This item is on the agenda about 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

This meeting is scheduled to last from 6-8 p.m. or longer, if needed. Meetings are informal. The library is on the corner of Garden Road and Appian Way, about 1 block from San Pablo Dam Rd. in El Sobrante. From Appian Way, turn onto Garden Road to get to the parking lot entrance. The meeting room is located at the back of the building, the second door on the left.

If you are unable to attend our meeting, would you please call me at 510-223-6398 or fax me at 510-758-7697? You are welcome to call me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Sincerely,

  
Eleanor Loynd  
Co-Chair ESVP&ZAC

Agenda Enclosed

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CRUELTY ACCUSATIONS AGAINST CARETAKER

# Horses seized, put down



LAURAA ODA/STAFF

Horse rescuer Herk Schusteff feeds Belle, one of four horses left out of his elderly herd in the hills of El Sobrante. The county is accusing Schusteff of animal cruelty after the Contra Costa Animal Services Department euthanized two of the horses last week.

## County defies wishes of rescuer by taking geriatric animals

By Tom Lochner

[tlochner@bayareanewsgroup.com](mailto:tlochner@bayareanewsgroup.com)

RICHMOND — A rescuer of geriatric horses in the El Sobrante hills is being accused of animal cruelty by a county agency for allegedly allowing two of them to live out their days in

pain instead of putting them out of their misery. The caretaker, in turn, is accusing the agency of "extreme vigilantism" for taking and euthanizing the animals over his protests.

Desicar, about 30, and Classy, about 20, were seized by the Contra Costa Animal Services Department last week and taken by truck to Martinez, where they were put down. The department has opened an inhumane treat-

ment of animals case against Herk Schusteff for possible referral for criminal prosecution, Animal Services deputy director Rick Golphin said this week.

Schusteff acknowledges that Classy, which he said suffered from a congenital hoof and fetlock deformity, was nearing the point where she might have to be euthanized, but he insists Desi had several more good years ahead of him. Golphin, however,

said veterinarians diagnosed the horse with equine protozoal myeloencephalitis, a neurological disorder, in addition to hoof and leg problems.

Schusteff says he has been feeding and caring for up to a dozen "indigenous" horses — by that he means they have spent their entire lives in the area — for the past 12 years on what

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# Horses

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once was more than 200 acres and now has dwindled to a little more than 60 acres. The area is a collection of large, intermittently wooded and grassy tracts held mostly by out-of-area owners, some with ideas of future development.

The horses that graze the hills are tolerated because they help control vegetation in an area that is prone to fires during the dry season, Schusteff said. His animals live all their lives outdoors, sometimes taking shelter under trees he trims to allow them to fit comfortably underneath. He says he spends about \$350 a month to feed them.

Schusteff, 58, who lives nearby and is an artist, calls his horses and a handful of human friends "my family." The four remaining horses, which had been neglected and essentially abandoned, are between 24 and more than 30 years old, he estimates.

The episode highlights a chasm between people who treat horses as domestic animals that belong in stables and those who think the animals should live out their lives roaming the hills, free, with nature eventually taking its course.

"That's the way of the West," Schusteff said.

As Schusteff tells it, Animal Service officers first contacted him Feb. 18 after they spotted one of his horses, Belle, while they were on an adjacent tract responding to reports of a stray pinto that apparently belonged to someone else. The officers told Schusteff to do something about Belle, the 30-plus-year-old,

who was underweight, apparently partly as a result of missing molars.

He called a veterinarian to work on Belle's teeth; on a subsequent visit, on Thursday, a dental practitioner came along and worked on two of Schusteff's horses.

At one point, Schusteff said, the veterinarian told him Classy needed to be put down immediately; an argument ensued.

About 40 minutes later, Animal Services arrived, unannounced, Schusteff said.

"One of the officers said, 'You have two choices: Euthanize her on the spot, or Animal Services will take her,'" he said.

Schusteff did not consent. About an hour later, the agency decided to take Desi also, he said, so he begged officers to take Classy and leave Desi, to no avail.

Several hours later, with several more Animal Services trucks and officers on the scene, the agency trucked away the two horses.

"They severely traumatized Desi," Schusteff said.

But Golphin said this week, "We don't just seize property or euthanize without a solid basis."

He said the investigation is not so much about Schusteff's alleged failure to have the two horses euthanized but rather for putting them through needless suffering. He said he could not comment further because an investigation is pending.

On Monday, Schusteff headed up the hill in the late afternoon, carrying two buckets with a mix of carrots and hay pellets. About five minutes into his climb, Belle appeared ahead.

As Schusteff spoke softly, Belle approached, neighing, followed by Tangueray, joined moments later by Sweetboy and Spirit, a mustang who mostly is cared for by a friend of Schusteff. As for the departed Desi and Classy, "Their spirit is there," Schusteff said. "I can feel the energy."

Contact Tom Lochner at 510-262-2760 or [tlochner@bayareanewsgroup.com](mailto:tlochner@bayareanewsgroup.com). Follow him at Twitter. [com/tomlochner](http://com/tomlochner).

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CHAIR: Marvin Terrell  
VICE-CHAIR: Karen Peterson  
COMMISSIONERS: Richard Clark, Don Snyder, Jake Sloan, Duane Steele, Doug Stewart

NOTICE: Commission may change the order of items on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

No new items involving the opportunity for public hearing will be considered by the Commission after 10:00 P.M. unless specifically authorized by a unanimous vote of the Commission present. The Commission will adjourn at 10:30 P.M. unless there is a unanimous consent to continue. Items not heard may be rescheduled to the next meeting.

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\*\*\*\* 7:00 P.M. \*\*\*\*

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT: PUBLIC HEARING

✓ 2. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE THAT ADDS CHAPTER 88-22, METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS (MET) ORDINANCE County File #ZT12-0003: This is a hearing on a County initiated proposal to adopt an amendment to the County Ordinance Code Chapter 88-22 to regulate meteorological towers in the unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County. The proposed zoning amendment includes: permitting procedures, visual markings, setbacks restrictions, and restriction within residential areas. The proposed zoning amendment would apply to both temporary and permanent meteorological towers in all unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County. TM

3. STAFF REPORT:

4. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLEASE NOTE: THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL BE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013.

Staff reports prepared for hearing items may be obtained by calling the Community Development Division at (925) 674-7205 or by visiting our office at 30 Muir Road, Martinez, California. Environmental Impact Reports have been prepared for each of the agenda items indicated by an asterisk (\*).

Any disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda and distributed by the Community Development Division to a majority of members of the County Planning Commission less than 72 hours prior to that meeting are available for public inspection at the Community Development Division of the Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, California during normal business hours.

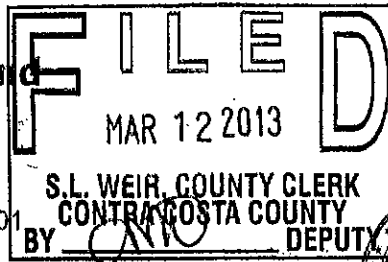
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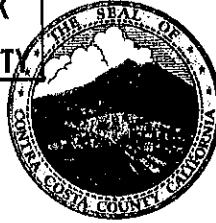
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30 Muir Road  
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Transportation, Conservation and  
Redevelopment Programs

(925) 674-7783

March 12, 2013

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

County File No. ZT13-0001

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970" as amended to date, this is to advise you that the Department of Conservation and Development of Contra Costa County has prepared an initial study for the following project:

**PROJECT NAME:** Wireless Facility Ordinance County File #ZT13-0001

**APPLICANT:** Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

**PROJECT SPONSOR:** Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development Community Development Division 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

**LOCATION:** Countywide, unincorporated Contra Costa County.

**DESCRIPTION:** Background: In order to support the fast-paced improvements in broadband technology, the wireless industry has been updating its equipment and infrastructure at a very fast pace. For this same reason, the Department of Conservation and Development is experiencing a large amount of applications for not only upgrade of existing facilities but applications for new facilities. There are parts of the County where this proliferation has been smaller in scale and other areas such as the South County, San Ramon area, and other underserved areas of the East County, where proliferation has been most predominant.

✓ The County currently does not have a wireless facility ordinance. The existing Telecommunications Policy was approved by the Board of Supervisors in July of 1998. Due to the extensive time since the adoption of this Policy, the existing County Telecommunication Policy is not in its entirety consistent with current state and federal laws. In addition, this new Ordinance will allow for more specific requirements/conditions

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to be imposed on wireless facilities currently not provided in the Policy, and at the same time, provide consistency with current state and federal regulations.

Purpose of this Initial Study: The purpose of this Initial Study is to discuss how the proposed Wireless Facility Ordinance would establish criteria for the location and design of wireless facilities in the County. While this Initial Study briefly illustrates the potential impacts that facilities may generate, it is not the intent of this Initial Study to conclude how the erection and maintenance of wireless facilities will cause impact in the environment because the specific location, existing surroundings, size, height, and design of a facility is unknown at this point.

✓ The proposed Ordinance would allow wireless facilities in all County general plan designation and all zoning districts; however, facilities which are considered to be high-visibility and towers, would be prohibited in, or within 100 feet of, a single-family residential (R-), two-family residential (D-1), multiple-family residential (M-), water recreational (F-1), mobile home/manufactured home park (T-1), or Kensington combining (-K) zoning district.

✓ High-visibility facilities will also be prohibited between the face of a building and a public street, bikeway, trail, or park. Additionally, no new tower may be located within 1,000 feet of an existing tower, unless the Zoning Administrator finds that the tower will have less than significant impacts and also that collocation was not possible.

The Ordinance would also allow review of facilities through a land use permit and ministerial reviews. In conformance with state law, a ministerial review is applicable for facilities that have been through prior discretionary approval. Typically, colocation and upgrade of an existing facility will be reviewed ministerial and a new facility will be processed through a land use permit. However, even if a facility is undergoing ministerial review, it still needs to meet the required design/development requirements of the proposed Ordinance.

**SURROUNDING USE/SETTINGS:** All areas that allow the establishment of a wireless facility in unincorporated Contra Costa County would be affected by this zoning text amendment, including private properties, public properties and properties within the public right-of-ways (ROWS).

**ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:**

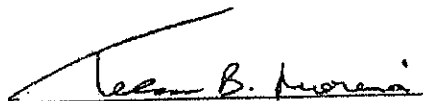
The adoption of this Ordinance will not result in significant environmental impacts. A copy of the Initial Study/Negative Declaration and all documents referenced in the Negative Declaration may be reviewed during business hours in the offices of the Department of Conservation and Development, and Application and Permit Center at 30 Muir Road, Martinez. You may also find a copy of this Initial Study/Negative Declaration document at the County's webpage: <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/> Go to Department of Conservation and Development, Community Development Division, Forms and Documents, and click on Negative Declarations.

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**Public Comment Period-** The Period for accepting comments on the adequacy of the environmental documents extends to **Thursday, April 11, 2013, at 5:00 P.M.** Any comments should be in writing and submitted via email and/or to the following address:

Name: Telma B. Moreira, Principal Planner  
(925) 674-77-83  
Department of Conservation and Development  
Community Development Division  
Contra Costa County  
30 Muir Road  
Martinez, CA 94553  
email: [telma.moreira@dcd.cccounty.us](mailto:telma.moreira@dcd.cccounty.us)

It is anticipated that the proposed Negative Declaration will be considered for recommendation at a meeting of the County Planning Commission in April 2013 (meeting and date to be scheduled). The hearing is anticipated to be held at the 30 Muir Road, Martinez.



Telma B. Moreira  
Principal Planner

cc: County Clerk's Office (2 copies)

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# NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at 30 Muir Road, Martinez, California, the County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider a ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT described as follows:

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE THAT  
ADDS CHAPTER 88-22, METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS (MET) ORDINANCE**

**County File #ZT12-0003**: This is a hearing on a County initiated proposal to adopt an amendment to the County Ordinance Code Chapter 88-22 to regulate meteorological towers in the unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County.

The proposed zoning amendment includes: permitting procedures, visual markings, setbacks restrictions, and restriction within residential areas. The proposed zoning amendment would apply to both temporary and permanent meteorological towers in all unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County. State Clearinghouse No. 2012092042

For purposed of compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance has been issued for this project.

If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the County at, or prior to, the public hearing.

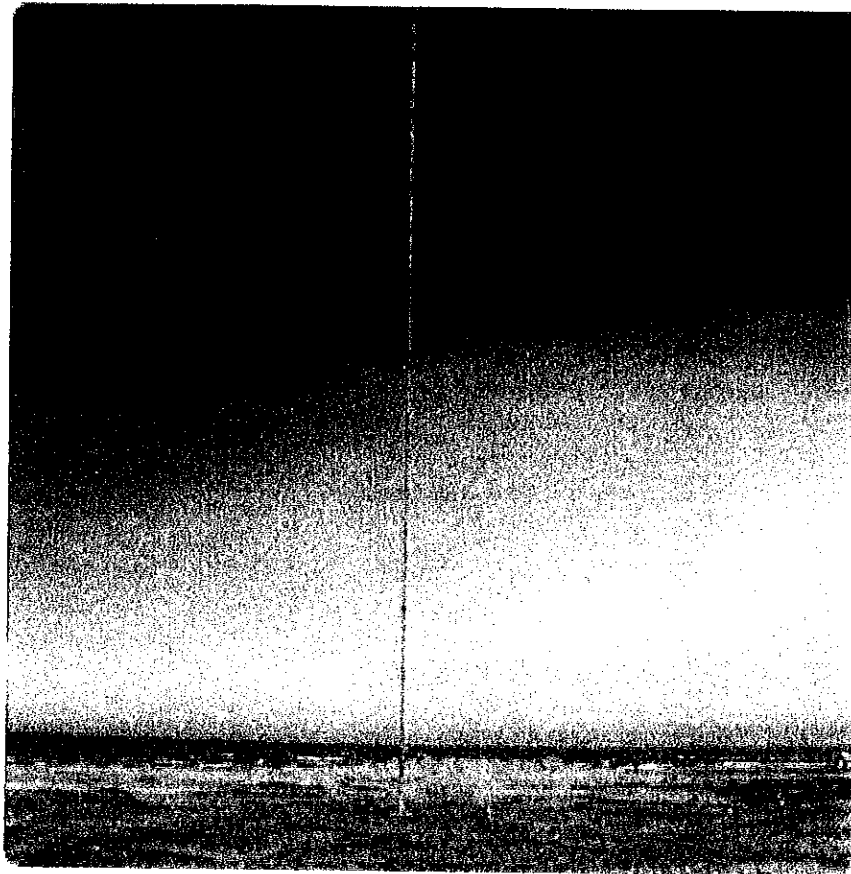
For further details, Contact the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA, Telma Moreira at (925) 674-7783.

Catherine O. Kutsuris  
Department of Conservation Director

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**EXHIBIT NO. 5**

**PHOTOS OF TYPICAL MET TOWERS**



FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2013

CONTRA COSTA PLANNING COMMISSION

# No action taken on wind tower rules

Panel set to OK ordinance, needs details on beacon

By Paul Burgarino  
*pburgarino*  
*@bayareanewsgroup.com*

MARTINEZ — Following the state's lead, Contra Costa County is poised to tighten its rules for marking meteorological towers that might prove hazardous to aircraft.

However, county planning commissioners postponed taking action this week, asking for more infor-

mation about adding aviation light beacons atop towers 150 feet and taller.

The item will be brought back to the planning commission at its April 23 meeting.

The state approved legislation last fall in response to the January 2011 fatal crash of agricultural pilot Stephen Allen after his airplane struck a 198-foot tower on Webb Tract that he likely did not see. The tower was erected in 2009.

The county's proposed ordinance, which incorporates the state law, also would in-

clude requirements that all meteorological towers 50 to 200 feet tall be marked with thick, alternating stripes of orange and white paint, orange tracking balls attached to each support wire and a clear marking on the ground where the wires are anchored, including sleeves at each anchor point.

The state law kicked in this year.

The galvanized towers are usually about 12 inches thick, with coloring that "is hard to see against the skyline," county planner Telma Moreira said.

Moreira told commissioners Tuesday that the county ordinance is a "little more conservative" than the state law, allowing for more restrictions on tower locations than just those on agricultural land, including permitting procedures and restrictions on how far it can be from property boundaries.

Towers also will not be restricted for county districts zoned for residential and water recreational uses.

Commissioners Don Snyder and Doug Stewart asked for lights to be con-

sidered.

"I have a problem (with approving it) without the lights on top. I think they are a must," Stewart said.

Board chair Marvin Terrell said he had no problem having staff gather more information, though he questioned if Federal Aviation Administration rules would come into play.

"I'm interested in knowing more," he said.

Initial language in the state bill required that a light be placed at the highest point of each tower, but that was dropped before the

final version of the law was adopted.

State law makes a tower light optional.

Federal law requires that towers 200 feet and taller be painted in bright aviation colors and lit. Towers shorter than 200 feet fall under the purview of local governments.

Wind farm developers use the meteorological towers to measure currents to find the best locations for new wind farms.

Contact Paul Burgarino at 925-779-7164.

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**Recent Information.**

1. **LP13-2043. Land use permit for a home occupation. I called Linda Posnansky, she said that the only part of the business she planned to do at home—was the billing business. She didn't want to come to our mtg. This is on the agenda for Mon., April 15. I believe the mtg. starts at 1:15 p.m. Call County Con. Dev. To check out the time IF you want to go. The address for the home business is 644 Andrew Way, E.S.**
  
2. **TODAY, April 11, we received the agenda for the County Plan Com. Mtg. of April 23 at 7 p.m. in Martinez. The only item on the agenda is #ZT12-0003, the hearing on the meteorological towers in the unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County. Is there a volunteer who would attend the meeting?**
  
3. **From Sup. Gioia. A 4 page letter in response to my comments and questions of my letter of April 3, 2013. Copies to be handed out.**
  
4. **Call from County Planner Ruben Hernandez. Phone Number: 925-674-7785. He would be willing to meet with 3 of us next week, Tues., Wed., sometime between 1-3 p.m. Early afternoon is his best time. The meeting would be at CCC Building, 30 Muir Rd., Martinez, CA 94553. Bring a list of any projects that you would like to have information about.**  
 • **Volunteers:**  
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5. *From Richmond. MCE Richmond Community Mtg, Mon. April 22 6:30pm - 8pm at Lorraine De Jean Middle School, 3400 Macdonald Ave., R.  
 Re: MCE & R. partnership. Cleaner electricity than P.G. & E. R. residents opt out and stay with PG&E or be enrolled by July 2013 as MCE Customers.*



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CORRESPONDENCE - APRIL 11, 2013 MEETING

1. From Spawners  
-EARTH DAY 2013. Sat., April 20 from 9 am to 12 p.m. Register at 8:30 a.m. at the E.S. Library for the Creek and Street Clean up. Wear sturdy shoes, a hat, and sunscreen. Bring your water and work gloves. Call 510-665-3538 or e mail at [spawners@thewatershedproject.org](mailto:spawners@thewatershedproject.org)  
-Spawners Newsletter. Month-April 2013. "Tapping the Sky in the Bay Area & Beyond"; "Spring Plants Day" on Sat. April 13 from 9:30-12 pm near Wilkie Creek. Outdoor Classroom, Corner May Rd. & Santa Rita Rd.
3. Call from Herk Schusteff. E mail Herkart.com
4. To Herk Schusteff. Invitation to P&Z April Mtg.
5. From West County Times. Article on Horses & County Animal Control
6. From CCC Conservation & Development. Info on CCPlan Commission mtg. and review of wind tower rules. Note: Mtg. Attended by Loynd & Pendergrass. No decisions made yet.
7. From West County Times. No action taken on wind tower rules. The towers are from 50 ft. to 200 ft. tall. They are about 12 inches thick and are Planned to be painted in orange and white stripes. One helicopter crashed into a tower in 2011 and the pilot was killed. Still under review.
8. From CCC Dept of Conservation & Development. CCCPlan. Commission Mtg. of April 9 cancelled. The next PC mtg. would be Tues., April 23, 2013.
9. From E. S. Chamber of Commerce. Dinner Sat., April 13 at 6:30 pm at the Masonic Lodge on El Portal to raise money for Animal Shelter. Host: John Gioia. NOTE: Meeting/Dinner CANCELLED.
10. To Sup. Gioia. Request for a list of County Planners and phone numbers. NOTE: Letter sent 3/13/2013. No response yet.
11. From May Valley N.C. Info on Writer Coach Connection and request for volunteers to sign up. "In Sept. 2012, 70 trained community volunteers started coaching 150 students at Richmond High. The coaching commitment is only 2 hours, 2-3 times per month during the school year. For info: Call Shelli Fried, R. Volunteer Recruitment Mgr. at 510-530-7600, office. This group has been in action for over 12 years. Today there are almost 600 volunteer coaches supporting over 2,000 students in 10 East Bay Schools.
12. From E.S. Chamber. List of Present & Past Officers and List of Citizen/ Business of the Year.
13. To Sup. Gioia. Questions and concerns on the installation of the portable toilet to serve the homeless behind the E.S. Library building.
14. To Area Schools, Groups, Residents. Info on possible problems with the installation of the portable toilet adjacent to the library. There is now a sign on the toilet door to say that a TV camera is mounted nearby.
15. From Richmond. Crime Prevention Mtgs. & R. City Council Contact info
16. From Staples. 2000 P&Z sm. Cards available at a cost of \$99.71



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**TO: P&Z Members**

**Re: Recent Info**

**1. From County.** The CCC Zoning Administrator agenda for Mon., April 15 includes LP13-2043. Linda Posnansky, applicant and owner. Application for approval of a Land Use Permit for a home occupation to allow the administrative portion of a nutrition consulting business to be conducted out of a single-family residence located at 644 Andrew Way in the unincorporated El Sobrante area.

**Note:** This came in Friday. We received no copy of the application or any other info. As far as I know, ESMAC also did not receive any info. This strengthens the need for a few of us to meet with County Staff and set up a person who will contact us and talk to us.

**2. Call from a West County Times Reporter.** They called to get info on the portable toilet that was moved in behind the library building about a week ago. The portable potty now has a sign posted on the front door that says there is a tv surveillance camera nearby. The portable is almost directly opposite the back entrance used by Library staff to in/out the building. The back entrance to the meeting room is about another 4/5 ft. down the walkway. You have copies of my letters sent to Sup. Gioia and to about 20 other groups, schools, etc. in the area. The best guess was that an article may be in the paper in 5-8 days.

**3. Be sure to look at #6 e.** This is a picture of two meteorological towers. #ZT 12-0003. The proposed ordinance was discussed recently by the County, but no action was taken. The proposed ordinance requires all meteorological towers, usually 12 inches thick and 50-200 ft. tall, to be marked with alternating orange and white strips. The towers are to be anchored down. #7 is an article on the towers from the West County Times.

Also, take a look at #12. There are a lot of friends and P&Z supporters listed here. P&Z is listed at 2000.

**4. Our next mtg. is Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.** I am out of town in June, so who will be in charge of the June P&Z Mtg.? We should decide on Thursday.

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COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013  
30 MUIR ROAD, MARTINEZ, CA 94553

CHAIR: Marvin Terrell  
VICE-CHAIR: Karen Peterson  
COMMISSIONERS: Richard Clark, Don Snyder, Jake Sloan, Duane Steele, Doug Stewart

NOTICE: Commission may change the order of items on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

No new items involving the opportunity for public hearing will be considered by the Commission after 10:00 P.M. unless specifically authorized by a unanimous vote of the Commission present. The Commission will adjourn at 10:30 P.M. unless there is a unanimous consent to continue. Items not heard may be rescheduled to the next meeting.

The Community Development Division of the Department of Conservation and Development will provide reasonable accommodations to those persons needing translation services and for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in County Planning Commission meetings. Please contact Maureen Parkes at least 48 hours before the meeting at (925) 674-7831.

\*\*\*\* 7:00 P.M. \*\*\*\*

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
2. STAFF REPORT:
3. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:
4. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLEASE NOTE: THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL BE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013.

Staff reports prepared for hearing items may be obtained by calling the Community Development Division at (925) 674-7205 or by visiting our office at 30 Muir Road, Martinez, California. Environmental Impact Reports have been prepared for each of the agenda items indicated by an asterisk (\*).

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March 13, 2013

Sup. John Gioia  
COS Terrance Cheung  
11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Re: Request for help and information

Dear Sup. Gioia & COS Cheung,

For years, one section of our usual agenda included a listing of various plans being reviewed by the County and Richmond. In the past few years, we have not received a lot of information about the decisions that were made. So, your help is really needed.

Would you give us a list of the names and contact phone numbers and e-mail addresses for the County Planners? Does the County list the final decisions made on each project on an e-mail section? If yes, can you send us the e-mail connections, so that we can check what happened and where the projects stand.

Attached is a list of projects that we would like updates on. For example, the County approved the expansion of the Sikh Temple, but Richmond stepped in to say that the existing slide area in Richmond needs to be fixed first. It was agreed that Richmond would have the slide area fixed first, but, as far as we know, nothing has ever been started. Is that still a possible active project?

If you choose, you could set up a meeting with County Planners and reps from the various groups in the El Sobrante area. You decide. You are welcome to call me at 510-223-6398.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Thank you for the fax of information from the Code Enforcement Mtg. Please confirm, is the next Code Enforcement Mtg. on Tuesday, April 9 at 1 p.m. at Sup. Gioia's office? Let me know.

Thank You!

Sincerely,

Eleanor Loynd  
ESVP&ZAC Co-Chair

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# WriterCoach Connection

March 5, 2013

Dear Eleanor -

It was a pleasure to meet you by phone. Thank you for your willingness to help us share information about our program and how we are serving Richmond students. We look forward to making a presentation to your Neighborhood Council members at your March 28 meeting.

I will plan to bring the video and if we have 20 minutes that will give us time for questions and answers as well. Please let me know if you decide that's too long and what timeframe you prefer so I can plan accordingly.

Following is some information about our organization and our work. Please feel free to share this with others and I can email it to anyone who wants that as well. I've also included a couple articles from the local press which I can also email as needed.

I will draft some copy for your newsletter and share that with whoever you tell me is the correct person.

Best regards -

Shelli Fried  
Richmond Volunteer Recruitment Manager  
WriterCoach Connection  
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510-336-1324 home  
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[sfried0530@gmail.com](mailto:sfried0530@gmail.com)  
[www.writercoachconnection.org](http://www.writercoachconnection.org)

*Because kids write our future.*

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# WriterCoach Connection

WriterCoach Connection™ (WCC) brings teams of trained community volunteers into public middle and high school English classes to develop essential writing, comprehension, and creative and critical thinking skills by providing individualized support tailored to the needs of each student.

Every student in a participating class has a writing coach. As students discover the power and richness of their own voices and learn to communicate their ideas with clarity, confidence, and pride, these skills enable them to better create academic success, meet personal challenges with self-assurance, expand their career options, and become greater contributors to their communities.

Our experience has shown that students complete and turn in more assignments, and teachers report that the writing improves dramatically.

"Coaches give the one-on one attention I alone cannot give. It's like having 35 teachers here," said one El Cerrito High teacher.



WCC has been providing writing coaching for over 12 years. Today there are almost 600 volunteer coaches supporting over 2,000 students in 10 East Bay schools. In WCCUSD this marks our third year at El Cerrito High and our second at Portola Middle.

In September of 2012, 70 trained community volunteers started coaching 150 students at Richmond High. We plan to expand at RHS in the 2013-14 school year so we need additional community volunteers to become writing coaches to serve more students. You don't have to be a writer or teacher to volunteer! We warmly welcome parents, grandparents, college students, working and retired people, and community members of all cultures and backgrounds.

The coaching commitment is only 2 hours, 2-3 times per month during the school year to enjoy the satisfaction of helping students succeed!

Volunteers must complete the excellent WCC training to become a coach. The training provides strategies for working effectively with students. Training sessions will be scheduled in May-June and August-September for the 2013-14 school year.

For more information: <http://www.writercoachconnection.org/> or please contact

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Richmond Volunteer Recruitment Manager  
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408-829-8982 cell  
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## Annual Installation Dinner and Citizen & Business of the Year Awards

## Past Citizens/Business of the Year

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- Interact Club
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- Mark Croda, El Sobrante
- Town Garage
- 2011 Jennifer Arrouzet
- Richmond Elks Lodge No. 1251
- & Mechanics Bank

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1965 Al Babbini	1983-84 Marie Carayanis ✓
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Supervisor John Gioia  
COS Terrance Cheung  
11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

April 3, 2013

Fax: 510-374-3429

RE: Portable Toilet at the El Sobrante Library

Dear Sup. Gioia,

I was told about a week ago that you are in support of putting in a portable toilet for the homeless persons that live in the creek area near the El Sobrante Library. I have since talked with several people and gathered several concerns about putting the portable toilet in that area. I received information that on Friday, March 29, the portable toilet was put in on the library property.

I saw the portable toilet behind the library building and close to the old home at the back of the library parking lot. As you know, there is a small children's playground adjacent to the library parking lot.

Here are some of the problems with the portable toilet being by the closed road at the back of the library.

1. There are no signs on the portable toilet building that WARN people to stay out of the toilet and that it is there for the use of the Area Homeless Persons. Who is in charge of keeping the portable toilet in use?
2. Will the Library put in a sign to warn the Parents & Children that they should not use the toilet? They should use the toilet inside the library. It is possible that some kind of illness could be spread to children or residents in the area.
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5. How have the County Sheriffs schedules been changed to provide them time to drive by daily and check out the portable toilet area?
6. One resident suggested that the portable toilet be moved to the end of the Road behind the library near Appian Way. If the toilet was there, people driving by on Appian Way could look and check out the safety of the toilet area.

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TO: Supervisor Gioia  
Re: Portable Toilet at the E. S. Library

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7. I was told that a light had been installed on the nearby building to provide lighting at night. Will a camera be put in to automatically take pictures when problems develop?
8. I request that your office notify each of the public and private schools in our area of the location of the Portable Toilet for the Homeless people at the El Sobrante Library. Notices should also be sent to various churches in the area, the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce, and the various Community groups. You should include a small drawing to show the location of the toilet.
9. You could also provide information on who to call if there is a problem with people behaving badly or if there is a problem with the toilet itself.
10. A Warning sign could be posted in the Library on the purpose of the Portable Toilet and information on who to call if someone has a problem.

I look forward to hearing from you. As a retired teacher and area resident, I do not think that this is a good location for the portable toilet. Is there another location that the County could rent that would put the toilet in a broad public area away from the library or at an organized business? It seems obvious that as word spreads among the homeless about the portable toilet, there will be more and more homeless gathering together in that area.

Sincerely,

  
Eleanor Loynd  
Co-Chair ESVP&ZAC

CC: Various schools, businesses, groups



**John Gioia** (say "Joya")

Supervisor, District I  
Contra Costa County  
Board of Supervisors

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April 11, 2013

Eleanor Loynd  
El Sobrante Valley Planning & Zoning Advisory Committee  
P.O. Box 20136  
El Sobrante, CA 94820

Eleanor,

I am writing in response to your April 3, 2013 letter about the recently installed temporary portable toilet at the back of the El Sobrante Library.

The temporary portable toilet will be open to all members of the public (including the homeless) and will be maintained, cleaned, and restocked on a regular weekly basis. The decision to place the temporary toilet at the El Sobrante library site was prompted when SPAWNERS informed the County last year that they had noticed human feces and urine in the area behind the library and along the creek banks, which became a hazard and public health risk for their volunteers and the general public. There is also a public health issue related to contaminated water in San Pablo Creek if human feces continued to be found along the creek. The County made the decision to install the temporary toilet to address the public health issue on behalf of the community. The Health Services Department believes the portable toilet will minimize the public health risk by having a clean place to use the bathroom.

It's also important to note that the toilet placement is in a trial period. The County will be closely monitoring the area around the toilet. If the County receives reports that the site is vandalized or otherwise becomes a problem or nuisance, the County will immediately remove it. If there are other locations on the site, which are shown to be better alternatives, the County will consider moving the toilet. If the general public finds the portable toilet a benefit and convenience, the County can consider constructing a more aesthetically pleasing bathroom on the site.

Here are my responses to your questions/comments (your questions are in bold):

1) **"There are no signs on the portable toilet building that WARN people to stay out of the toilet and that it is there for the use of the Area Homeless Persons. Who is in charge of keeping the portable toilet in use?"**

As stated earlier, the portable toilet is installed for the use of the general public, including people who may be homeless. When the library is closed, families using the reading garden, individuals working on creek projects (like SPAWNERS),

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or other members of the public may use the portable toilet. Therefore, there is no need to warn people to stay out of the toilet. The toilet will be maintained, clean, and restocked on a regular weekly basis. In fact, the portable toilet will most likely get much less use than many portable toilets currently available to the general public at local, state and national parks.

**2) "Will the Library put in a sign to warn the Parents and Children that they should not use the toilet? They should use the toilet inside the library. It is possible that some kind of illness could be spread to children or residents in the area."**

Again, the portable toilet will be regularly maintained, cleaned, and stocked on a weekly basis so that it is safe and healthy to use by the general public, including children. The County would not want the existence of an unsafe portable toilet that would lead to the spread of illness. Public health is a primary concern of the County.

**3) "There are probably 3 to 4 meetings, during the week, at night in the back Meeting Room of the library. Participants go in and out the back door, which means that they will walk right across from the toilet. Will the County Sheriff give their time to stop by and provide protection for the people attend those meetings?"**

The portable toilet has been placed so that it is visible from the street (from Appian Way). The Public Works Department consulted with the Sheriff's Department in deciding the placement of the portable toilet to insure the maximum visibility from the street. If there are suggestions for workable alternative locations that allow the toilet to be more visible from the street, the County will consider those locations. Also, members of the public, including homeless individuals, have been able to walk on the library site at night even before the installation of the portable toilet.

**4) "The location of the portable toilet blocks the part of the walkway that the SPAWNERS have used to bring up clean-up items from the creek area. Will County Deputies stop by to over-see the next creek clean-up to be sure that no one is hurt?"**

The County has been a strong supporter of SPAWNERS and my office spearheaded the partnership between the SPAWNERS, Public Works and the Library. There are multiple areas where SPAWNERS may be able to drop off their clean-up items. The County is open to working with SPAWNERS to identify other nearby areas that will work just as well for dropping off and picking up clean-up items.

**5) "How have the County Sheriff's schedules been changed to provide them time to drive by daily and check out the portable toilet area?"**

The Sheriff's Office regularly patrols the library as a part of their daily routine and provided valuable input to determine the best location for the portable toilet. Lt.

Jon Moreland will also be advising his patrol deputies to be more aware of activity near the site.

**6) "One resident suggested that the portable toilet be moved to the end of the Road behind the library near Appian Way. If the toilet was there, people driving on Appian Way could look and check out the safety of the toilet area."**

Different potential locations were considered but Public Works, with input from the Sheriff's Office and the County's Public Health and Homeless Division, determined that the current site is the best location to place the temporary toilet. The County can continue to explore other alternative sites if issues develop at the current location.

**7) "I was told that a light has been installed on the nearby building to provide lighting at night. Will a camera be put in to automatically take pictures when problems develop?"**

The County replaced burnt bulbs and broken lamps on existing poles, which is the reason for higher illumination in the area. As an additional security measure, a camera has also been placed near the temporary toilet.

**8) "I request that your office notify each of the public and private schools in our area of the location of the Portable Toilet for the Homeless people at the El Sobrante Library. Notices should also be sent to various churches in the area, the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce, and the various Community groups. You should include a small drawing to show the location of the toilet."**

The County will insure that the Chamber of Commerce and community groups are informed of the portable toilet. At a March 20th meeting hosted by the Salvation Army on Appian Way, it was announced that the County was interested in installing a temporary toilet at the library. A majority of those who attended the meeting expressed support for the idea. Meeting participants included the Bay Area Rescue Mission, the El Sobrante MAC, the Chamber of Commerce, Hillcrest Baptist Church, St. Callistus, Valley View Baptist Church, Hope Lutheran, and Bay Hills Community Church.

**9) "You should also provide information on who to call if there is a problem with people behaving badly or if there is a problem with the toilet itself."**

If there's ever an emergency at the library (or anywhere else), the public should call 911. As stated earlier, the temporary toilet will be maintained, cleaned, and stocked on a regular weekly basis. However, if there is a problem with the facilities itself, community members should call the County's Facilities Maintenance Division at 925-313-7052 or my office at 510-231-8686.

**10) "A warning sign could be posted in the Library on the purpose of the Portable Toilet and information on who to call if someone has a problem."**

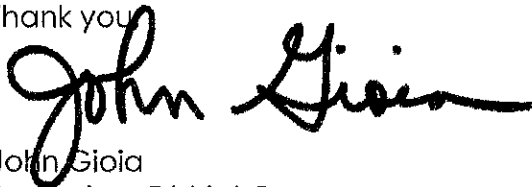
The portable toilet has been installed for the use of the general public, including those who may be homeless. Therefore, there is no need for a "warning sign". There will be a sign posted listing a phone number to call if there are issues or problems.

Thank you for expressing your concerns and your continued commitment to making sure El Sobrante issues are properly addressed.

Additionally, I want to thank you for your recent volunteer efforts on the P1 Citizens Advisory Committee for the El Sobrante Downtown area, which identified that additional services were needed for the homeless. We've been working with the County's Homeless Division's outreach team to provide resources and services to homeless individuals.

The El Sobrante community should be assured that the County will monitor the use of the portable toilet and its surrounding area to insure that the toilet and the area around it remain clean and determine if its placement poses a greater risk than currently exists on the site. If the portable toilet poses a problem, it can immediately be removed.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Gioia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Gioia  
Supervisor, District One



EL SOBRANTE VALLEY  
PLANNING & ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10.1.2014

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**TO: Principals, Parents, Students  
Families, Friends, Groups  
El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce  
E.S. Municipal Advisory Council  
E.S. Library  
E.S. Area Churches**

**April 3, 2013**

**Re: Portable Toilet for the Homeless recently installed behind the  
El Sobrante Library**

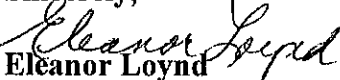
The purpose of this letter is to share information with you about the portable toilet added to the area behind the El Sobrante Library. It is located behind the library building by a small bench within 15 ft. or so of the building at the back of the parking lot. That makes it about 30+ ft. from the small children's play area.

The portable toilet was put in to serve the homeless who live in the creek area nearby. Presently, there are no signs on the portable building that it is to be used just by the homeless. The toilet presents a variety of problems to people on site. If no signs are on the toilet building, area residents and kids may use the toilet. But, the possibility exists that some of the homeless may be sick and if they use the toilet, other toilet users may get sick.

The toilet is across from the sidewalk which is used to get to the Meeting Room at the back of the library. Again, if some homeless people are gathered by the portable toilet, there may be comments made by them to people walking by or there may be comments made by the people walking by. This could lead to arguments.

Please share this info with neighbors and children to make sure they are aware of the location of the portable toilet. I have suggested to Sup. Gioia that the County Deputy Sheriffs stop by, on a regular, routine basis, to check out the area. You may call Sup. John Gioia's office at 510-374-3231 if you have comments to share with him. You could also mail copies of your concerns to us at P.O. Box 20136, El Sobrante, CA 94820. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

  
Eleanor Loynd

ESVP&ZAC Co-Chair  
MVNC President

Enclosure

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# RICHMOND CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

## 2013 Meeting Topic

- ✓ February    How to Protect Your Property
- ✓ March        Block Captain Awareness Training March
- April        Residential Speeding  
                  How to Put a Stop to It
- May            Code Enforcement  
                  Vacant Homes/Commercial Bldgs
- June            How to Start a Watch Group
- July            CEPTED Training Part 1
- August        CEPTED Training Part 2
- September    Victims of Crime
- October        Crime Prevention Banquet
- November     Mail Theft  
                  (Is the Post Office Liable if there is Mail Theft?)
- December     Crime Prevention Potluck/Toy Drive

County Rep -  
Call Sup. Gioia's office  
374-3231

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Richmond

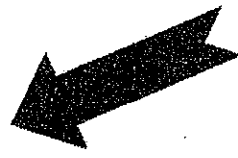
**Contact Person:**  
**Michelle Milem**  
**620-6538**



### NEW LOCATION

## Richmond Recreation Center

### 3230 MacDonald Avenue



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Launched in 1972, Neighborhood Watch counts on citizens to organize themselves and work with law enforcement to keep a trained eye and ear on their communities, while demonstrating their presence at all times of day and night. (The program took off quickly: in just ten years, NSA data showed that 12 percent of the population was involved in a Neighborhood Watch.) Neighborhood Watch works because it reduces opportunities for crime to occur; it doesn't rely on altering or changing the criminal's behavior or motivation.

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**Richmond City Council**



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*New Council Member*

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 440 Civic Center Plaza  
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 trina\_jackson@ci.richmond.ca.us  
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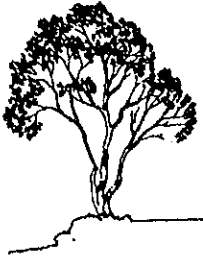
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No. of Pages including cover sheet 2 Date: 3-22-2013

Re: BUSINESS CARDS





# MAY VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

P.O. Box 21551 / Richmond, CA 94820-1551

MAY VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL - Agenda for APRIL 25, 2013.  
May Valley Community Center - 7:15 p.m. Attendance could be 2 to 30+.

1. Call to Order(7:15): Pres. E. Loynd. Then-Flag Salute -led by Bud Uhlenbrock  
Self Introduction of Officers: Pres. Eleanor Loynd Vice Pres. Molly Moloney  
Treasurer Joan Drees. Secretary: Michael Jennings.

2. Approval of Minutes of MARCH Mtg. done by Michael Jennings. Review copies

3. Treasurer's Report: Joan Drees WE have about 240 members. Review of  
Student Leadership Awards & costs: To kids: About \$500. Medals \$125. Cong.  
Miller usually supplies the Leadership Award Winners with Special Certificates.

4. Report from Linda Campbell, Neighborhood Watch Group-if Linda is available.

5. Meet RPD Officer Al Dejesus (pronounced De-hay-sus). Ask him to report on  
neighborhood activities. NOTE: If RPD Officer Alfred Dejesus is not here, we will  
come back to this when and if he comes in.

6. PROGRAM: Meet Zachary Mallet, recently elected BART Board Member.  
Discussion of BART plans to extend its service to Hercules & Rodeo & more.  
Review of two possible plans for the BART track. Information to be provided.  
Questions may be asked. Richmond suggested plan-Start the new section from the  
downtown R. BART station and then out here. Other Plan: Set up a BART track  
parallel to I-80 from El Cerrito to Rodeo, Hercules. When will the final decision be  
made? How much will each of the designs cost to build?

7. Correspondence. Pass out lists of items. Go through the list.

-Review of PG&E plans to work with MCE

-MORE

8. OLD Business

-Red curbs for fire hydrants: Many fire hydrant curbs painted in our area.  
If you see one, call the Richmond Fire Dept. and/or send me a list at MVNC.

-STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS: Congressman Miller's staff has been  
asked to provide certificates for the 2 Student Leaders (a boy and a girl) chosen  
by De Anza, Juan Crespi, Valley View, Sheldon, Murphy, and Olinda School.  
Costs: Cash Awards are De Anza \$200; Crespi \$100; 4 elem. Schools \$50 each  
(\$200) -Cost \$ \$500 plus the cost of medals and certificate covers and about \$120  
for the medals. Estimate: \$800.

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-Update on El Sobrante Valley Planning & Zoning Advisory Committee. The MVNC & the E.S. Chamber of Commerce started this Committee and have worked to support the group since 1975.

County Plans:

-12 homes between Fariss Lane & Lambert Rd. in El Sobrante to the County Plan. Commission on March 12, tentative date. This would bring about 138 homes into an area with only 1 access. No Emergency Vehicle Access is planned. Should the County put in an EVA road? Appeal filed Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. No date set yet for the hearing. 4 months gone by. County allows the applicant to hold off on the hearing.

-Recent decision: Home businesses to be reviewed & approved by Staff.

Richmond Plans:

-PG&E to work with MCE to provide cleaner electricity. Residents contacted recently. Meeting set up.

-Mailing news letters: Ideas-We could send out a newsletter in late April/early May to give residents info about the planned Richmond area clean-up at Sheldon School at the city's expense. The city provides dumpsters and staff to help. We provide volunteers to also help. The City would pay to send out our newsletters.

-E.S. Library-Outside toilet on site for use by anyone that wants to use it. Still concerns about children using the outside toilet.

9. NEW Business

-Community Clean-up planned for June at Sheldon School. We need volunteers to help unload some of the cars and trucks. Organizer Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

-Questions/concerns from Area Residents and/or May Valley Com. Center

-Leadership Awards Set for May 23. Leader: VP Molly Moloney

-MCE & PG&E Background: MCE offers residents a choice of cleaner electricity than PG&E. With MCE, PG&E maintains the power lines, reads meters, issues monthly bills, and delivers the electricity. Richmond residents will be enrolled as MCE customers in July 2013 unless they choose to opt out and stay with PG&E.

10. Residents' Concerns: ??

11. Next Meeting: MVNC on Thursday, MAY 23. LEADERSHIP AWARDS to be given out.

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Subj: **Monthly Emergency Responses for El Sobrante**  
 Date: 4/6/2013 12:00:09 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time  
 From: [db1adm@cccfd.org](mailto:db1adm@cccfd.org)  
 To: [moli@msn.com](mailto:moli@msn.com), [rpende970@aol.com](mailto:rpende970@aol.com)  
 CC: [RGrac@cccfd.org](mailto:RGrac@cccfd.org)

City: El Sobrante  
 Station: 69  
 MONTH: 3/2013  
 TOTAL CALLS: 68  
 CODE 3 CALLS: 57  
 STRUCTURE FIRES: 1  
 VEGETATION FIRES: 0  
 OTHER FIRES: 3  
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 HAZARD: 1  
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 MISTAKEN ALARM: 9  
 FALSE ALARM: 4  
 OTHER NON-FIRE: 0

Station: 69  
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 Other Fires: 0  
 EMS Rescue: 3  
 Hazard: 0  
 Public Service: 0  
 Mistaken Alarm: 0  
 False Alarm: 0  
 Other Non-Fire: 0

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# ~ CANCELLED ~

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013  
30 MUIR ROAD, MARTINEZ, CA 94553

CHAIR: Marvin Terrell  
VICE-CHAIR: Karen Peterson  
COMMISSIONERS: Richard Clark, Don Snyder, Jake Sloan, Duane Steele, Doug Stewart

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\*\*\*\* 7:00 P.M. \*\*\*\*

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
2. STAFF REPORT:
3. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:
4. COMMUNICATIONS:

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COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
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1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT: CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

2. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE THAT ADDS CHAPTER 88-22, METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS (MET) ORDINANCE County File #ZT12-0003: This is a hearing on a County initiated proposal to adopt an amendment to the County Ordinance Code Chapter 88-22 to regulate meteorological towers in the unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County. The proposed zoning amendment includes: permitting procedures, visual markings, setbacks restrictions, and restriction within residential areas. The proposed zoning amendment would apply to both temporary and permanent meteorological towers in all unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County. (Continued from 03/18/12) TM

3. STAFF REPORT:

4. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013  
30 MUIR ROAD  
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

\*\*\*1:30 P.M.\*\*\*

NOTICE: The Zoning Administrator may alter the order of agenda items at the meeting.

The Community Development Division of the Department of Conservation and Development will provide reasonable accommodations to those persons needing translation services and for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in Zoning Administrator meetings. Please contact Hiliana Li at least 48 hours before the meeting at (925) 674-7792.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

LAND USE PERMIT: CONTINUED CLOSED HEARING

2. STEVE GROTE (Applicant) - VINCE ROMEO (Owner), County File #LP09-2062: This is a request for approval of a Land Use Permit to legalize an existing commercial horse-boarding and training facility with a capacity to board up to 56 horses. The facility includes an existing 12,480-square-foot covered riding arena with 20 horse stalls; an existing 3,600-square-foot covered riding arena; (5) covered horse stable structures with a combined total of 36 horse stalls; a 624-square-foot hay barn; a 650-square-foot, 1-story tack building; a 144-square-foot tack room; a 144-square-foot stable; a 706-square-foot primary residence mobile home; (1) public restroom; (2) 5-foot-high retaining walls; and a new septic leach field, reserve area, and a new septic tank. The application also includes a variance to the Off-Street Parking Ordinance to have (14) unpaved off-street parking spaces (where 14 paved spaces are required) and a Tree Permit to allow work within the driplines of (10) code-protected trees. The subject property is located at 180 Dutra Road in the unincorporated Martinez area. (Zoning: A-2—General Agricultural District) (Assessor Parcel Number: 367-020-006) (Continued from 04/01/13 TM) GK Staff Report

LAND USE PERMIT: PUBLIC HEARING

3. EDIE ANN MESSICK (Applicant & Owner), County File #LP13-2014: The applicant requests approval of a land use permit for a home occupation to allow the administrative portion of a sales and marketing business to be conducted out of a single-family residence located at 5706 Starfish Court in the unincorporated Discovery Bay area. (Zoning: P-1 Planned Unit District) (Parcel Number: 004-420-015) RA Staff Report
4. E. CARLENE MEDEIROS (Applicant) - GARY DAY (Owner), County File #LP13-2033: The applicant requests approval of a land use permit for a home occupation to allow a custom picture framing business to be conducted out of a single-family residence located at 4761 Spinnaker Way in the unincorporated Discovery Bay area. (Zoning: P-1 Planned Unit District) (Parcel Number: 008-130-010) RA Staff Report
5. STEPHAN KAPLAN (Applicant & Owner), County File #LP13-2038: The applicant requests approval of a land use permit for a home occupation to allow the administrative portion of a telecommunications consulting business to be conducted out of a single-family residence located at 2333 Firwood Court in the unincorporated Discovery Bay area. (Zoning: P-1 Planned Unit District) (Parcel Number: 008-230-004) RA Staff Report
6. LINDA POSNANSKY (Applicant & Owner), County File #LP13-2043: The applicant requests approval of a land use permit for a home occupation to allow the administrative portion of a nutrition consulting business to be conducted out of a single-family residence located at 644 Andrew Way in the unincorporated El Sobrante area. (Zoning: R-7 Single-Family Residential District) (Parcel Number: 430-183-014) RA Staff Report
7. MESA OUTDOOR LLC (Applicant) JOHN TRAVERSO (Owner), County File #LP11-2008: Application for approval of a Land Use Permit to establish a two-sided, freestanding billboard on a 2.76-acre site at 4080 Cabrihlo Drive (Vine Hill, unincorporated Martinez). The proposed non-accessory advertising sign has two sign faces measuring 14 feet tall by 48 feet wide that are supported by a single column centered in the middle of the billboard. The two-sided billboard will be a "V-shaped" design and positioned to have the sign faces visible from north and south bound Interstate 680. As proposed, the billboard is 60 feet tall as measured from existing natural grade. (Zoning: H-I Heavy Industrial) (Parcel Number 380-010-003) EL Staff Report

PLEASE NOTE: THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013. PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE NEW MEETING LOCATION, 30 MUIR ROAD, MARTINEZ, CA.

Staff reports prepared for hearing items may be obtained by calling the Community Development Division at (925) 674-7792 or by visiting our office at 30 Muir Road, Martinez, California. Environmental Impact Reports have been prepared for each of the agenda items indicated by an asterisk (\*).

Any disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda and distributed by the Community Development Division to the Zoning Administrator less than 72 hours prior to that meeting are available for public inspection at the Community Development Division of the Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, California during normal business hours.

Recordings of this hearing are available for reviewing or copying purposes at the Community Development Division of the Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, California during normal business hours. We are open continuously from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Advance arrangements may be made by calling (925) 674-7205.

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**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda  
April 11, 2013  
7:00 p.m.  
Posted April 4, 2013**

**San Pablo City Hall  
City Council Chambers  
1 Alvarado Square (13831 San Pablo Avenue)  
San Pablo, CA 94806**

**Americans with Disabilities Act**

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you need special assistance to participate in an Authority meeting, or you need a copy of the agenda, or the agenda packet in an alternative format, please contact the Authority's Manager of Administrative Services at (510) 215-3125. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist Authority staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service.*

**Public Comment**

*Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on items that are within the jurisdiction of the Authority. Comments by the public pertaining to items listed in this Agenda should be made at the time the item is considered by the Board of Directors. Please note this Agenda contains an item for the Public to address the Board on non-agenda matters. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes and may speak only once under each agenda item. The Board of Directors may waive these provisions. If you desire to address the Board, please submit your request on a Speaker's Card available from the Secretary.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The Chair will call the meeting to order and the Secretary will call the roll to establish the presence of a quorum.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chair or a Member of the Board will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS DISCLOSURES**

The Chair of the Board will ask if any Director(s) has an ex parte disclosure, pursuant to the Authority's Ex Parte Communications Policy, on any agenda items.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Receipt of public comment on non-agenda matters.

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**5. PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, AND PROCLAMATIONS -- No Items**

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed in the Consent Calendar will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of the items listed. However, upon request by a member of the Board or the Public, items will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately in the agenda order.

**6.0 Receive and File News Articles of Interest to the Board**

Consideration of ADOPTION OF A MOTION to RECEIVE and FILE news articles of interest to the Board.

**6.1 RecycleMore Future Planning**

Consideration of ADOPTION OF A MOTION to RECIEVE and FILE a status report about JPA future planning.

**6.2 February 14, 2013 and March 14, 2013 Authority Board Meeting Minutes**

Consideration of ADOPTION OF A MOTION to approve the subject minutes.

*Note: To vote on the adoption of the minutes does not require a Director to have been present at the subject meeting.*

**6.3 Support Letters for AB 403-Sharps Producer Responsibility (Stone, Eggman), AB 488-Primary Battery Recycling Act (Williams), SB 727-Medication Take-Back Program (Jackson), and SB 254-Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act (Hancock).**

Consideration of ADOPTION OF A MOTION to authorize the Executive Director to send letters of official WCCIWMA support on behalf of the Board for AB 403-Sharps Producer Responsibility (Stone, Eggman), AB 488-Primary Battery Recycling Act (Williams), SB 727-Medication Take-Back Program (Jackson), and SB 254-Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act (Hancock).

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**7. STAFF REPORT**

**7.0 Staff Report**

Staff will provide an update on recent and upcoming activities.

**END OF STAFF REPORT**

**Process for Addressing Agenda Items Before the Board of Directors**

- Chair reads the agenda item
- Staff presents their report
- Board questions staff
- Public comments are heard
- Board discusses item
- A motion is made
- Final Board discussion
- Board votes or provides direction to staff

**8. REGULAR AGENDA**

**8.0 Term Sheet Update and Results from Councils and Boards**

1. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF member agencies' input and/or approval on the collection and post-collection services offered by Republic Services, Inc. (Republic)
2. DIRECT staff to negotiate and incorporate comments received and draft the final post collection agreement and a model amendment for collection franchise agreements

**8.1 Single-Use Bag Ordinance and EIR Certification**

1. Consideration of ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 13-08 certifying the single use bag reduction Environmental Impact Report (EIR),
2. RECOMMEND the model ordinance and final EIR to each Member Agency and Contra Costa County for consideration and adoption.

**8.2 Planning for Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014 RecycleMore Operating Budget**

1. Solicit comments and suggestions from the Board, TAC, the public, and other stakeholders prior to the budget workshop to be held May 9, 2013.
2. Coordinate budget planning with the Internal Operations Committee or create an Ad Hoc Budget committee

**8.3 Committee Assignments**

Consideration of ADOPTION OF MOTIONS to:

1. Finalize appointments to the Committees listed;
2. Assign Chairs to each of the Committees; and
3. Authorize the Board Chair to assign replacements, at any time, should an appointed Director be unable to finish a term.

**END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**9. BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Board Member and Staff Announcements**

INFORMATION ONLY. Announcement of matters of interest by Board Members, Alternate Board Members, Executive Director and General Counsel.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Adjournment** - The next Board meetings are May 9 and June 13, 2013.



## **NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING**

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 1:30 PM

PLACE: Board of Supervisors Chambers  
 651 Pine Street, Martinez, CA 94553

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Commission will hear and consider oral or written testimony presented by any affected agency or any interested person who wishes to appear. Proponents and opponents, or their representatives, are expected to attend the hearings. From time to time, the Chair may announce time limits and direct the focus of public comment for any given proposal.

Any disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda and distributed by LAFCO to a majority of the members of the Commission less than 72 hours prior to that meeting will be available for public inspection in the office at 651 Pine Street, Six Floor, Martinez, CA, during normal business hours as well as at the LAFCO meeting.

All matters listed under CONSENT ITEMS are considered by the Commission to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a member of the Commission or a member of the public prior to the time the Commission votes on the motion to adopt.

For agenda items not requiring a formal public hearing, the Chair will ask for public comments. For formal public hearings the Chair will announce the opening and closing of the public hearing.

If you wish to speak, please complete a speaker's card and approach the podium; speak clearly into the microphone, start by stating your name and address for the record.

### **Campaign Contribution Disclosure**

If you are an applicant or an agent of an applicant on a matter to be heard by the Commission, and if you have made campaign contributions totaling \$250 or more to any Commissioner in the past 12 months, Government Code Section 84308 requires that you disclose the fact, either orally or in writing, for the official record of the proceedings.

### **Notice of Intent to Waive Protest Proceedings**

In the case of annexations and detachments it is the intent of the Commission to waive subsequent protest and election proceedings provided that all of the owners of land located within the proposal area have consented and those agencies whose boundaries would be changed have consented to the waiver of protest proceedings.

### **American Disabilities Act Compliance**

LAFCO will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities planning to attend meetings who contact the LAFCO office at least 24 hours before the meeting, at 925-335-1094. An assistive listening device is available upon advance request.

**As a courtesy, please silence your cell phones during the meeting.**

**APRIL 17, 2013 CONTRA COSTA LAFCO AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Public Comment Period (please observe a three-minute time limit):  
Members of the public are invited to address the Commission regarding any item that is not scheduled for discussion as part of this Agenda. No action will be taken by the Commission at this meeting as a result of items presented at this time.
5. Approval of Minutes for the March 13, 2013 regular LAFCO meeting

**SPHERE OF INFLUENCE/BOUNDARY CHANGES**

6. ***LAFCO 12-05 – Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Annexation 183*** - the Commission will consider a proposal to annex 91± acres (22 parcels, seven areas) located in Orinda, Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek ***Public Hearing***

**MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEWS (MSRs)/SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (SOI) UPDATES**

7. ***Miscellaneous County Service Areas (CSAs) MSR/SOI Updates*** – the Commission will be asked to accept the Final MSR report, make the required determinations, and update the SOIs for CSAs D-2, L-100, M-1, M-20, M-23, M-31, T-1 ***Public Hearing***

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

8. ***Northeast Antioch Update*** – the Commission will receive an update regarding the proposed annexation and strategic planning efforts for Northeast Antioch, and be asked to provide input and direction
9. ***FY 2012-13 Third Quarter Budget Report*** - the Commission will be asked to receive the third quarter budget report
10. ***Financial Audit*** – the Commission will be asked to receive and file the FY 2011-12 financial audit.
11. ***Contra Costa Health Services EMS System Review*** – the Commission will receive information regarding the EMS study and be asked to identify representatives to participate in the review
12. ***2013 Strategic Planning Session Recap*** - the Commission will discuss outcomes from the April 15 session
13. ***Legislative Position Regarding AB 1427 – CALAFCO 2013 Omnibus Bill*** – the Commission will be asked to provide direction regarding a legislative position on AB 1427

**CORRESPONDENCE**

14. Correspondence from Contra Costa County Employees' Retirement Association (CCCERA)
15. Letter from Contra Costa Taxpayers Association re: Sunshine Week

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

16. Commissioner Comments and Announcements
17. Staff Announcements
  - CALAFCO Updates
  - Pending Projects
  - Newspaper Articles

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Next regular LAFCO meeting – May 8, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.*



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## Commission Strategic Workshop

### Walnut Creek Library (Oak View Room)

1644 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek

Monday, April 15, 2013, 1:00 pm

### AGENDA

Times are  
approximate

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| 1:00 | Convene Meeting and Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Comments on Strategic Workshop</li></ul>  | Chair Glover |
| 1:15 | Welcome and Introduction to Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Facilitator role, agenda and groundrules</li><li>◆ Expectations for the day; what will make this valuable</li></ul>   | Bill Chiat   |
|      | Discussion: <i>Progress on Priorities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Review accomplishments on 2011 priorities</li><li>◆ Examine desired LAFCo public value</li></ul>   | Participants |
| 1:45 | Discussion: <i>Current/Emerging Issues for Contra Costa LAFCo</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Now-2015</li><li>◆ Commission planning responsibilities and policies<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Second Round MSRs</li><li>▪ Other Issues (island annexations, out of agency service, etc.)</li></ul></li></ul> | Participants |
| 2:30 | Group Discussion: <i>Goals and Work Plan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Review plan and goals in light of current and future issues</li><li>◆ Other priority issues</li><li>◆ Capacity of LAFCo to accomplish priorities</li></ul>  | Bill Chiat   |
| 4:00 | Closure to Workshop Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Assignments and Next Steps on Issues</li></ul>   | Participants |
| 4:45 | Adjourn  |              |

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# El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

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El Sobrante, California 94803  
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## 2013 Officers

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April 11, 2013

Supervisor John Gioia  
Contra Costa County  
11780 San Pablo Avenue, Suite D  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Dear Supervisor Gioia,

On Wednesday, 4/10/13, El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council members unanimously agreed to commend you for your support of the West Contra Costa Unified School District's request to the State to raise their debt limit.

Waiving the limit and raising the debt limit will allow WCCUSD to sell Bonds previously approved by voters.

The council has 6 positions filled of the 7 positions allocated for the Council. The motion passed on a 5 to 0 vote with one person absent on vacation.

Thank you,

Barbara A. Pendergrass  
Chair

cc: Charles Ramsey – WCCUSD School Board