

## **El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council**

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

Mailing address: **3769-B San Pablo Dam Road, ES, 94803**

Meets on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month at **7:00 P.M.**

The ESMAC is an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors

**Chair:** Thomas Lang **Vice Chair:** Tom Owens **Secretary:** *vacant*

**Members at-large:** Jim Hermann, Dr. Melinda V. McLain, Joe Sarapochillo, Mikki Norris, George Cleveland

**Alternates:** Shirley Rosenthal-Winston, *vacancy*

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Printed agendas are available for review at the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce and at the Sheriff's Annex office. Electronic copies are available for download at:  
[www.cocobos.org/gioia/elsobrantemac](http://www.cocobos.org/gioia/elsobrantemac)

### **AGENDA for Wednesday, February 12, 2020 7:00 PM**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call**

**Approval of Minutes** – Minutes for December 11, 2019 and January 8, 2020 ESMAC meetings

**Treasurer's Report** – James Lyons, District Coordinator, Office of Supervisor John Gioia

#### **Introduction of Speakers**

**Public Comment** – for items not on the agenda.

Limit 2 minutes per speaker

**P.1** Presentation by Sheriff's Office, Bay Station Commander, Lt. Joseph Buford

Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

**P.2** Presentation by California Highway Patrol, Officer Sean Wilkenfeld

Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

**P.3** Presentation by Darrel DeBoer, architect, about a proposed storage unit facility that would go behind Walgreens at 3630 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante

Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

**P.4** Presentation by James Lyons, District Coordinator for Supervisor John Gioia, monthly report  
Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

**Discussions Items** – The Council will consider and act on the following:  
Development plan applications, variance reports, building modification requests, appeals etc., received in the previous month from the Contra Costa County Conservation and Development Department and Notices of Public Hearings.

**DI.1** – There were no applications for the Council to review this month

**Information Items**

**10.1** – Contra Costa County Elections Division. Voters – Prepare for the March Election

**10.2** – Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa County

**10.3** – West County Forum meeting on Thursday February 13, 2020

**10.4** – The Good Table News (January 2020)

**Subcommittee Reports**

**11.1** Safety

**11.2** Education Programs/ Outreach

**11.3** Illegal Dumping

**Announcements:**

- The ESMAC has (1) Alternate vacancy.

**Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings:**

**Adjournment:**

# DRAFT Minutes for Wednesday, December 11, 2019

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**Present:** Thomas Lang, Tom Owens, Dr. Melinda V. McLain, Jim Hermann, Shirley Rosenthal-Winston, Mikki Norris  
**Absent** Joe Sarapochillo

**Pledge of Allegiance: not done, lack of flag**

**Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call : 7:00p**

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion to accept minutes for November 13, 2019 as presented. (SM, seconded) -6 (Thomas Lang, Tom Owens, Dr. Melinda V. McLain, Jim Hermann, Shirley Rosenthal-Winston, Mikki Norris),0,0. passed

**Treasurer's Report** –\$1,705

**Introduction of Speakers/Guests/Topics**

**P.1** Presentation by Sheriff's Office, Bay Station Commander, Lt. Joseph Buford  
737 calls for month, 1 suicide, other stats had no radical change

**P.2** Presentation by California Highway Patrol, Officer Sean Wilkenfeld  
calls up significantly

**P.3** Presentation by Contra Costa County Consolidated Fire District  
Battalion Chief Johnson

**P.4** Presentation by John Steere, Contra Costa County Public Works –  
Watershed Planner :

- Green Infrastructure Plan

**P.5** Presentation by Dennis McCrsy, Division Director Center Point Inc.

- Facility is for Substance abuse treatment – no medications dispensed
- Patients under Intensive treatment – 9 hrs/week – 1-4p MWF
- Patients under General Treatment – 3 hrs/week – Tue. or Thurs. 1-4p
- Capacity 36 patients max present with 4 staff

**P.6** Presentation by Darlene Drapkin, Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau

**P.7** Presentation by Fatima Matal Sol, Contra Costa Behavioral Health

**P.8** Presentation by Mary Halle, Contra Costa Public Works, Senior Civil Engineer with Jeff Valeros and Alexander Zandian

- Introduce San Pablo Dam Road Bike Lane Study
- Request feed back via comment cards
- Establish Committee including 2 ESMAC member (Tom Owens volunteered)

**P.9** Presentation by James Lyons, District Coordinator for Supervisor John Gioia, monthly report

**To CCB**

**Discussions Items –**

**DI.1** – Discuss recommendation to the Planning Department regarding the Hideaway Bar (under new management) wanting to amend their hours of operation.

- ESMAC declined to comment as limit was imposed by CCBOS on Elsewhere Tavern as a result of incidents occurring there. Requested new owners take back to CCBOS

**DI.2** – Review and discuss draft letter of support for Envision 2040.

- Motion to accept as presented (MM,seconded) -passed 4(Thomas Lang, Dr. Melinda V. McLain, Shirley Rosenthal-Winston, Mikki Norris), 0, 2(Tom Owens, Jim Hermann)

**DI.3** VR19-1043: Motion for acting Chair to write to Contra Costa Department of Conservation and Development that ESMAC found no reason to object to the variance. Motion(TO, seconded) passed 6 (Thomas Lang, Tom Owens, Dr. Melinda V. McLain, Jim Hermann, Shirley Rosenthal-Winston, Mikki Norris),0,0

**Announcements:**

- The ESMAC has (1) member vacancy and (1) Alternate vacancy.
- The ESMAC brochure is due to be revised. Members of the ESMAC are encouraged to submit ideas to James Lyons.

**Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC**

- Replacement shade tent for ES Stroll,
- San Pablo Bay deep Dredging proposal,
- Member for advisory committee on bike lane for San Pablo Dam Rd

**Meetings: Adjournment: 9:55**

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Alternates: Shirley Rosenthal-Winston, vacancy

## **Draft Minutes for Wednesday, January 08, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: na – no flag

### **Roll Call**

Present Thomas Lang, Tom Owens, Mikki Norris, George Cleveland, Joe Sarapochillo(late), Shirley Rosenthal-Winston

Absent Jim Hermann, Dr. Melinda V. McLain

### **Election of Officers:**

- Chair: Tom Lang (Nominated by Tom Owens, seconded) 5,0,0 : Thomas Lang, Tom Owens, Mikki Norris, George Cleveland, Shirley Rosenthal-Winston
- Vice Chair: Tom Owens (Nominated by Thomas Lang, seconded) 5,0,0 Thomas Lang, Tom Owens, Mikki Norris, George Cleveland, Shirley Rosenthal-Winston
- Secretary (Tabled, filled by James Lyons next month)
- Treasurer James Lyons by concensus

**Approval of Minutes** – Minutes for December 11, 2019 ESMAC meeting tabled till next month

**Treasurer's Report** – \$3,000

P.1 Presentation by Sheriff's Office, Bay Station Commander, Lt. Joseph Buford, Deputy Sakai 737 calls, major increase in number of car burglaries

P.2 Presentation by California Highway Patrol, Officer Sean Wilkenfeld

San Pablo Dam Road (SPDR) speeding, Trailer near Castro Ranch road and SPDR being tended to.

P.3 Presentation by Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

No representative present

P.4 Presentation by representatives of The Artist Tree on their proposed application to obtain land use approval to open a retail cannabis facility and art gallery at 4100 San Pablo Dam Rd., El Sobrante (informational) by Avi Kahan and Lauren Fontein

P.5 Presentation by James Lyons, District Coordinator for Supervisor John Gioia, monthly report

Public Comment: invite to public to attend BAAQMD meeting.

### **Discussions Items –**

DI.1 – County File# VR19-1053. Applicant requests approval of a variance for a 1 foot front yard (where 20' feet is required) and a 5' sideyard (where 10' feet is required) in order to construct an equipment shelter for a new Verizon cell site approved through County File #LP18-2023. The subject property is located at 90 Tavaszi Terrace, El Sobrante.

- Chair to write letter indicating that the ESMAC had concerns about approving variances when there were no reasons presented and enough room at application site to comply with regulations. (by consensus)

DI.2 – Discuss the formation of an Illegal dumping subcommittee.

Motion (Tom Owens, seconded) to form Illegal dumping subcommittee consisting of Thomas Lang, Mikki Norris, Dr. Melinda V. McLain and coordinating with James Lyons to conform with ESMAC bylaws and Brown Act. **Passed** 6,0,0 : Thomas Lang, Tom Owens, Mikki Norris, George Cleveland, Joe Sarapochillo(late), Shirley Rosenthal-Winston

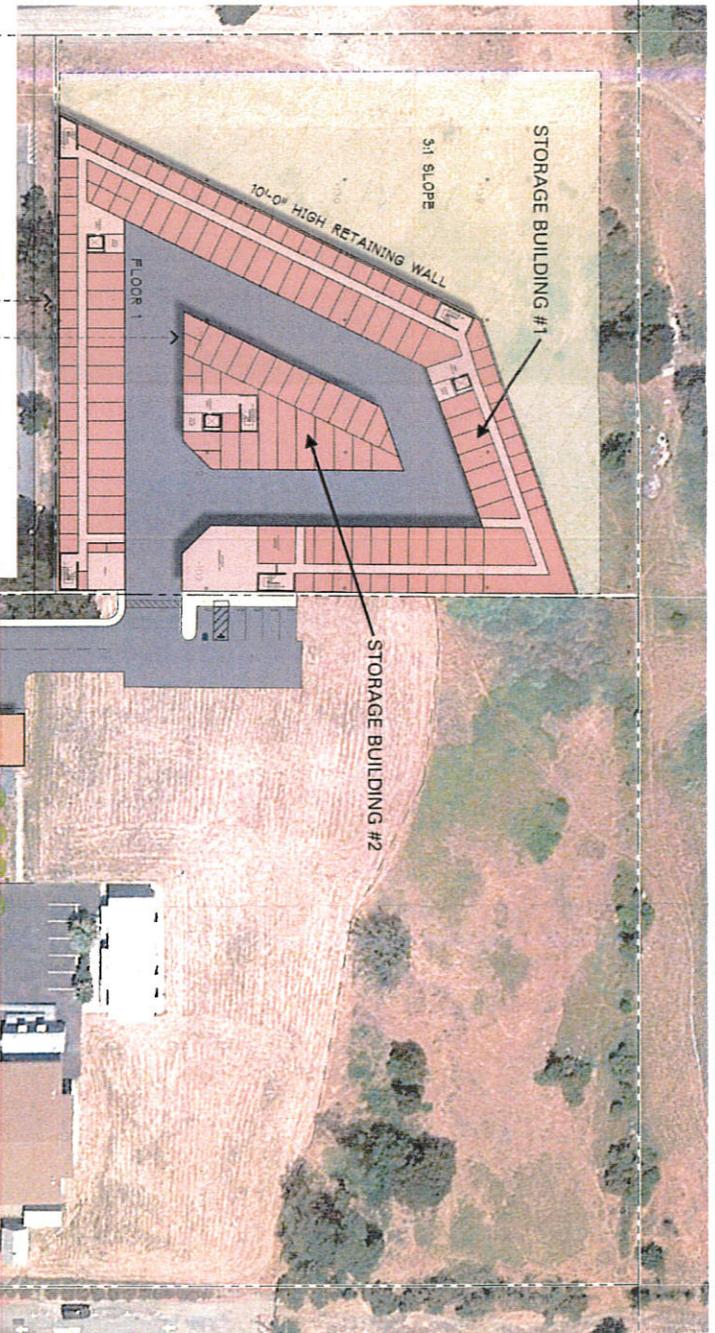
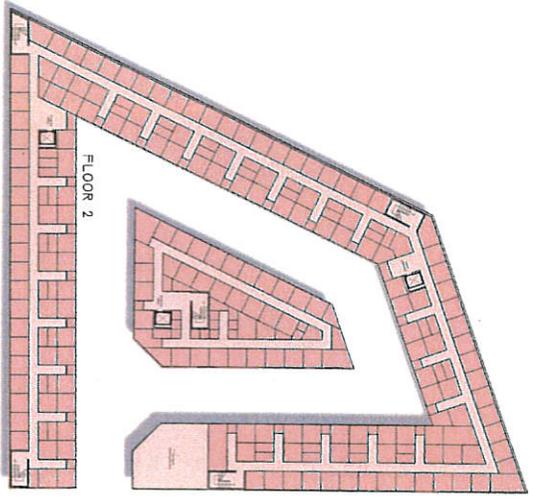
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Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings:

- Deep Dredging of San Pablo Bay,
- Replacement Shade tent for ESMAC for ES Stroll
- Representative from CCC Conservation and Development Department

**Adjournment:** 9:15p



<b>STORAGE BUILDING #1</b>		<b>STORAGE BUILDING #2</b>	
FLOOR 1	26,435 SF	FLOOR 1	6,303 SF
FLOOR 2	18,860 SF	FLOOR 2	5,692 SF
STORAGE AREA:	1,328 SF	STORAGE AREA:	671 SF
MANAGER GARAGE:	400 SF	STORAGE AREA:	1,737 SF
MANAGER & KITCHEN:	513 SF	STORAGE AREA:	1,737 SF
CIRCULATION:	108.681	CIRCULATION:	27.821
FLOOR 2	10,874 SF	BUILDING #2	10,188 SF
STORAGE AREA:	6,473 SF	TOTAL STORAGE:	10,188 SF
CIRCULATION:	124.581		
BUILDING #1	37,534 SF		
TOTAL STORAGE:	37,534 SF		

# St. Callistus Church

## MASTER SITE PLAN

OCTOBER 1, 2014

PROJECT NORTH  
1" = 30'-0"  
CA#14045





Deborah Cooper  
Acting County Clerk-Recorder  
and Registrar of Voters

Scott O. Konopasek  
Assistant Registrar of Voters

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
December 10, 2019

CONTACT: Scott O. Konopasek, Assistant Registrar of Voters  
PHONE: (925) 335-7808

### VOTERS - PREPARE FOR THE MARCH ELECTION

*A simple check of your voter information will ensure smooth voting*

The Contra Costa Elections Division urges all voters to make sure their voter registration status is up to date before voter information and ballots are mailed beginning in January for the March Presidential Primary Election.

“We want to make sure all Contra Costa County voters have a great elections experience,” Acting Registrar of Voters Deborah Cooper said. “It takes just a few seconds to check.”

The Elections Division relies on information from various sources to maintain accurate records. The most common information a voter should check is the address on file, since that is the address to which voter information and ballots are sent. If a voter moves and has not updated their registration, ballots and voter information will be mailed to the old address.

For those who haven’t moved, it’s still important to check party registration status. The state reports that, during its roll out of the automatic voter registration system in 2018, some voters’ party preference was overwritten. The result is that some voters have had their party affiliation inadvertently changed to “No Party Preference.” Unlike general elections the March election is partisan; accurate party preference is essential to a voter getting the ballot they want to vote.

“We’re hopeful that voters take the opportunity to look at their registration status now, rather than after ballots are mailed or on Election Day,” Cooper said.

Contra Costa voters can easily check their registration status by going to [www.cocovote.us](http://www.cocovote.us) and clicking the “My Voting Information” button. The lookup tool is also available by texting “Contra Costa” to 28683 (or “2Vote”).

Voters who wish to update their registration can register at <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>. Voters requiring assistance in checking their status may call 925-335-7800.

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# DDC of Contra Costa County

The Mission of the Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa County is to promote the coordination, improvement, and growth of services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, and to advocate for their needs.

For over 40 years, the Council has served as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors and takes a leadership role in collaboration and planning while providing information about resources to the community.

The Council is committed to increasing access to healthcare for individuals with developmental disabilities, and is active in responding to the increased prevalence of autism and the importance of early detection.

Membership is comprised of over 500 individuals, agencies and organizations that represent over 8,000 individuals with disabilities and their families from all economic, ethnic, cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

Governed by an elected board of 21 directors, the Council meets the fourth Wednesday of most months from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The Council takes pride in community partnerships as well as offering presentations on current issues.

A developmental disability is defined as a disability that occurs before the age of 18, is substantially disabling for an individual, and is expected to continue indefinitely. Developmental disabilities include intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and autism. Also included are conditions closely related to intellectual disabilities or requiring similar treatment.

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# West County Forum

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020  
SOCIAL 11:45 A.M., LUNCH 12:15 P.M., ADJOURN 1:30 P.M.

LA STRADA RESTAURANT  
2215 CHURCH LANE (AT SAN PABLO AVE.) SAN PABLO  
\$20.00 PER PERSON, SERVING CHOICE FROM 3 MENU SELECTIONS

RSVP 510-223-5910 OR CRISTINA PEREZ-ABELSON AT [CRISTINA@ABELSONPEREZLAW.COM](mailto:CRISTINA@ABELSONPEREZLAW.COM)

## ELDER FRAUD, SCAMS AND ABUSE

Eliza Duggan is staff attorney at Contra Costa Senior Legal Services, which provides free legal services to Contra Costa County residents over 60 years old. Eliza serves elder victims of financial, physical and emotional abuse. She advises seniors on how to deal with scams and financial abuse, and represents seniors seeking restraining orders against abusers.

The West County Forum web address is: [www.westcountyforum.com](http://www.westcountyforum.com).

*Keep up with the issues and leaders in local government with the West County Forum...Guests are always welcome!*

*Members may bring a first-time guest for free. See attached application to join.*

## FORUM PRESENTATION, JANUARY 9, 2020

Mr. Steve Cutright, former Fire Chief for Kensington, El Cerrito and Emeryville, gave an insightful presentation entitled, "Strategic Approaches to Fire Protection in California." Showing us that current policy of fire suppression is not working well by examining details of fire throughout the Bay Area and California. With charts, graphs, pictures and details of his first-hand experience, Steve advocated the need for California to establish a unified program and approach to fire protection. Steve expressed a need for more local action, with multiple layers of activities and responsibilities, which would include: a more scientific approach to fire protection through scientific modeling, integrated fire programs with universities, and an unified fire preparedness program.

### FORUM OFFICERS

Beverly Wallace, President, Steve Cutright, Vice President; Cristina Perez-Abelson, Secretary; Rich Bartke Treasurer, Vera Rowsey, Assist. Treasurer, John Thompson, board member, and Michael Caine, Past President.

# West County Forum

**Purpose:**

*“To provide a forum for invited speakers on relevant topics of public interest with emphasis on Western Contra Costa County.*

For over 50 years the Forum has invited and heard experts discuss issues of importance to residents of Western Contra Costa County. Some examples from the past couple of years:

- West County Unified School District;
- The County Grand Jury;
- The County Mayors Conference;
- Dan Borenstein, East Bay Times Editorial Editor
- Eminent domain of mortgages in Richmond;
- County District Attorney
- BART General Manager Grace Crunican;
- BART board members
- President of the International City Managers Association
- Police Chiefs of Richmond, San Pablo and El Cerrito;
- “Obamacare”;
- The residue after Redevelopment ended;
- Candidates for 5 West County cities, 4 Special Districts and some County offices.

The Forum meets socially at 11:45 A.M. with lunch at 12:15 P.M. on the second Thursday of each month at La Strada, 2215 Church Lane (at San Pablo Ave.) San Pablo, California.

Annual dues are \$20, and lunches are **\$20**.

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State & ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: West County Forum, c/o Abelson Perez Law, Ste. 200, Richmond, CA 94806

JANUARY 2020

# THE GOOD TABLE NEWS



The old adage for every construction project is that it will “**take longer and cost more**” than you think. In the “take longer” category, we are still working on our submission to the building department of our plans for meeting current seismic standards and all the complex details of having two commercial kitchens. While we wish things were moving more swiftly, careful planning at this stage is critical in terms of holding down cost before we renovate the property for its new uses.

On the “cost more” front, we now have a strategy to get us started on construction once we get our building permit. With the generous help of the **UCC Cornerstone Fund**, we will be able to get favorable terms for financing construction and then for creating a mortgage that we can pay down without penalty as we raise more money. While we don’t have a hard estimate for the cost of the renovation, it is likely to cost over **\$1.1 million**.

So far, **Planting Justice** has raised over **\$500,000**, an impressive start! And we have been able to reduce the cost of demolition and restoration of the landscape by the community’s great volunteer efforts too! While we continue to seek more large funding sources, we are deeply appreciative of gifts of all sizes. Your gift is tax-deductible when given to Planting Justice and designated for The Good Table or via their **GoFundMe** campaign.

## Choice Tidbits

The **Adachi family**, who operated a florist and nursery at our El Sobrante property from 1966 to 2017 and other area nurseries for over 110 years, gave a generous year end donation to Planting Justice to support The Good Table project. We are deeply honored and grateful for their support of the project. We plan to create a shrine on the property to honor the history of their family and the important legacy of Japanese nurseries in the East Bay.



# Community Work + Fun Days

Come help us prepare our site and building for renovation while joining your neighbors for fun, food, and community!



Saturdays:  
Jan 4, Feb 29, Mar 28  
**10 am - 3 pm**

5166 Sobrante Avenue, El Sobrante  
(the former Adachi Nursery)

**Free lunch for all  
volunteers!**

**Opens 2020!**



Planting Justice  
Nursery & Farm Store  
[plantingjustice.org](http://plantingjustice.org)



The Good Table Cafe  
& Spiritual Community  
[miravistaucc.org](http://miravistaucc.org)

