

El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

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

Chair, Barbara Pendergrass, Vice Chair, Tom Owens, Secretary, Sharon Thygesen, Treasurer, George Cleveland, Members: James Hermann, Joseph Camacho, and Mark Porter for part of the year and for another part of the year Chair, Tom Owens, Vice Chair, George Cleveland, Secretary, Sharon Thygesen, Treasurer, Mark Porter, Members: James Hermann, Kylan Patterson Sr, Barbara Pendergrass

Year End Report for 2014

Activities

Speakers Presenting Reports Monthly

- Lt. Jon Moreland Bay Station Commander – crime report, retired and replaced with Lt. D.J. Watts
- Officer John Pruitt, California Highway Patrol- speeding on San Pablo Dam Road
- Michelle Blackwell, promoted and replaced with Sharla Sullivan Representative for East Bay Municipal Utility District-projects in El Sobrante
- Lon Goetsch, Contra Costa County Fire Battalion Chief-Stations activity, promoted and replaced with Chris Bloch
- Terrance Cheung, Chief of Staff, Supervisor John Gioia-monthly report and replaced with James Lyons, District Coordinator
- Eleanor Loynd, Chair of the El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee-Planning Projects in the El Sobrante Valley; includes valley projects in the City of Richmond and unincorporated El Sobrante
- Speaker from Public Works on the Appian Way sidewalk project

Other Speakers and Topics

- Candidates running for the West County Waste Water District, West County Unified School District school Board, and State Assembly
- Rob Hom CCC Red Cross External Relations- Disaster Preparedness
- Robert T. Calkins, Department of Conservation and Development – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Kara Douglas, Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) Affordable Housing Program Manager –housing in West County
- Michele Mancuso, Contra Costa County Watershed Program, Watershed Planner – County's plan to reduce litter/trash countywide
- MAC hosted an El Sobrante Chamber Mixer; (members of the Chamber, other business owners and the general public attended). Mixer held prior to the regular meeting
- Other speakers not named here

- Participated in a unincorporated area ordinance for allowing Chickens, Goats, and Honey Bees in areas currently zoned residential single family residences
- Purchased name tags and business cards for Council members

Major Accomplishments

- Conducted Election of Officers
- Attended Semi-Monthly Code Enforcement meetings with Supervisor Gioia's Office and Code Enforcement Representative
- Council staffed a booth at the El Sobrante Stroll and passed out information on Council meetings, also coordinated CPR instruction by the County Fire District for the Stroll
- Supervisor John Gioia, El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council, and Boys and Girls Club of El Sobrante held an El Sobrante Cleanup Day filling one dumpster with metal, one with green items and 3 dumpsters with trash
- Two members participate in the El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee on a monthly basis
- Through law enforcement attendance we are able to identify problem areas and citizens problems
- Addressing the homeless problem in El Sobrante with county staff and the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce ; this is an ongoing situation where many are drunk in Public. Lot of break-ins to businesses that may or may not be caused by homeless
- Participated in a Parks study for the El Sobrante Library
- Participated in the planning and starting of the Side Walk Project that includes, side walk replacement for parts of San Pablo Dam Road, tree replacement, planters, etc. due to be completed in April of 2015
- Participated in the Parklette Study for implementation in the unincorporated areas of the County
- Successfully filled all seven positions on the Council. Two vacant alternate positions, working on getting candidates for the positions
- Reviewed and updated Bylaws and Procedures/Ethics. Awaiting County Counsel and Board of Supervisors approval

Attendance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Barbara Pendergrass		^	^	^	^	^			C	C	^	^
Tom Owens		^	^	^	^			^	C	C	^	^
James Hermann				^	^	^			C	C	^	^
George Cleveland		^	^		^	^		^	C	C	^	^
Sharon Thygesen		^	^	^	^	^		^	C	C	^	^
Joseph Camacho		^		^	^				C	C		
Mark Porter		^	^	^	^			^	C	C	^	^
Kylan Patterson Sr												
Summary Monthly	7/7	5/7	6/7	7/7	4/7	4/7	0/7	0/7	0/7	4/7	6/7	6/7

attending /appointed No Quorum in July and August-Meeting Canceled

Resignations: Joseph Camacho regular member and Mike Daly alternate New member Kylan Patterson Sr appointed. Barbara Pendergrass resigned due to appointment to the County Planning Commission (Conflict of Interest to belong to both)however, due to Health issues resigned from the Planning Commission and reappointed to the ESMAC

Goals for 2015

- Develop ways to increase attendance at Council meetings
- Participate in the annual El Sobrante Cleanup Day at the Boys and Girls Club
- Participate in the annual El Sobrante Stroll for awareness of the ESMAC and its activities
- Continue to address the homeless issue in El Sobrante, and the affect on merchants and the creek
- Continue to address Disaster Preparedness
- Explore Grants and revitalize San Pablo Dam Road and Appian Way
- Set up CPR classes with the County Health Department to assist in El Sobrante becoming a Heart Healthy Community Designation
- Address the number of absences of individuals
- Activate Sub-Committees, Land Use, Safety, Education and Out Reach(including scheduling speakers on subjects of interest for the Community
- Set up Seminar with Sheriff, Fire District Personnel, Police Agencies, CHP etc on reducing incidents in the El Sobrante Valley
- Fill two vacant alternate positions