



REGULAR MEETING

JEFF GORELL

Supervisor, 2nd District

ISRAEL RODRIGUEZ

Field Representative

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AGENDA

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

- BOB FULKERSON, CHAIR
- TYLER COBB, VICE CHAIR
- JOHN W. (JACK) FOSS
- PATRICIA MARTINEZ
- COUNCIL MEMBER VACANCY
- ALTERNATE VACANCY

April 24, 2025
7:00 PM

Municipal Advisory Council
Somis, California

Somis Elementary School
Multipurpose Room
5268 North Street
Somis, CA 93066

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MAC Calendar, Agenda, and Minutes

Welcome to the meeting of the Somis Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) an advisory council for the unincorporated area of Somis to Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell.

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OPENING

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Approval of the Minutes from the Somis Municipal Advisory Council held on January 30, 2025
5. Agenda Review
6. Consent Agenda Items (11 through 13)

7. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Somis Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
8. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.
9. Council Comments – Comments by Council members on matters they deem appropriate. A Council member may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. A Council member may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for information, or request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter. The Council may also direct staff to place a matter of business on the future agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are routine and non-controversial. Items are reviewed and approved together by the Council as recommended and without discussion unless an item is pulled for separate action by the Board on the Regular Agenda. Consent items are heard at the Council's discretion and may be heard at any time during the meeting.

11) California Highway Patrol Safety Report

The CHP Safety Report will be provided at the MAC meeting.

12) Ventura County Fire Department

Please see the attached April Fire Safety Report as part of the Final Agenda Packet.

13) Update Ventura County Sheriff Department

The Sheriff's Safety Report will be provided at the MAC meeting.

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14) Status Report on Water District 19 Presented by Jeff Palmer, Assistant Director of Public Works Agency

The Assistant Director of Public Works will provide a report on the current status of Water District 19 and talk about some of the challenges and opportunities facing the district. In addition, Mr. Palmer will talk about the water district tour coming up on May 6th.

15) Report From Firewise Ad-Hoc Committee:

Council Member Jack Foss along with the ad-hoc members from the Firewise committee to report on their recent meetings and activities towards making Somis a Firewise Recognized community.

16) Assignment of MAC Members to Sub-Committees and Initial Identification of Goals & Objectives for 2025

MAC Members to continue to discuss which Somis Sub-Committees they would like to serve on.

- The sub-committees available to serve on are as follows:
 - **Public Health & Safety**
 - **Planning & Public Works**
 - **Community Relations**
- MAC Members Continue in the process of identifying goals and objectives for each of the sub-committees for 2025 calendar year.
- Finalize the list of goals and objectives from each sub-committee will be submitted for a vote and formal adoption for 2025.
- Proposals for the formation of Ad-Hoc Committees may also be presented to the MAC Board for approval during this session.
- Public participation in this session is encouraged as it sets the tone for 2025 and beyond for the Somis Community.

CLOSING

15) Adjournment of the Somis Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting, July 24, 2025, at Somis Elementary School, 5268 North Street, Somis, CA 93066



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MINUTES JANUARY 30, 2025 7:00 PM

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OPENING

1. Call to Order.
 - a. Chair **Pat Richards** called the meeting to order at: 7:01 PM.
2. Roll Call.
 - a. Members Present: **Bob Fulkerson, Jack Foss, Tyler Cobb,**
 - b. Members not Present: **Patricia Martinez**
 - c. Quorum met
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Nominations and elections for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2025.
 - a. Nomination for Chairperson: **Jack Foss**, nominated **Bob Fulkerson** for Chairperson, seconded **Tyler Cobb**. Vote: Unanimous
 - b. Nomination for Vice Chairperson: **Jack Foss** nominated **Tyler Cobb** for Vice Chairperson, seconded by **Pat Richards**. Vote: Unanimous
5. Approval of the Minutes from the Somis Municipal Advisory Council held on October 10, 2024
 - a. Motion to Approve the Minutes Made by **Jack Foss**, seconded by **Pat Richards**.
 - b. Motion Passed
6. Agenda Review:
 - a. Supervisor Comments moved to after Council Comments.
7. Consent Agenda Items (11 through 13)
 - a. Motion to Approve the Minutes Made by **Pat Richards**, seconded by **Jack Foss**
 - b. Motion Passed
8. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Somis Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
 - a. Speaker One: **Jim Pierce** commented on the length of time to complete the debris clean-up of his home. Frustrated with the slow progress.
 - b. Speaker Two: **Christi Cox** commented on the large green house structures being built on the 118 near Bradely. Wanted to know if anyone knew what types of plants the planned to grow there.

- c. Speaker Three: **Gail Kearny** commented on debris removal in drains, culverts. Also asked about who is responsible for trimming trees near electrical lines.
 - d. Speaker Four: **Lucy Gasich** stated that she was denied access to her horse during the Mountain Fire. She frustrated that she could not trailer her horse to safety.
 - e. Speaker Five: **Ann Whatley**; Spoke about her organization Long Term Disaster Recovery Group who can provide support to those who got hurt during the Mountain Fire.
 - f. Speaker Six: **Dr. Vaca** Provided an update on Somis Elementary and some of the exciting programs and projects students are involved in including the recent project where students built an offroad go cart from parts to a completed build.
9. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.
10. Council Comments –
- a. **Pat Richards**: Announced this would his last meeting and that he sold his house and is moving to Boise, ID.
 - b. **Bob Fulkerson**: No Comments
 - c. **Jack Foss**: No Comments
 - d. **Patty Martinez**: Not present
 - e. **Tyler Cobb**: No Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

11) California Highway Patrol Safety Report

Captain Heather Hogland spoke and provided an update on the construction with the scales and her recent promotion as Captain for the Moorpark CHP station. She will be working closely with the community and looks forward to ensuring safer roads for Somis.

12) Ventura County Fire Department

Report was provided as an attachment to the Final Agenda Packet. RECEIVED AND FILED.

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14) Assignment of MAC Members to Sub-Committees and Initial Identification of Goals & Objectives for 2025

MAC Members started initial discussions about which Somis Sub-Committees they would like to serve on and began to create action items on pertinent topics that included:

- The sub-committees available to serve on are as follows:
 - **Public Health & Safety**
 - Discussion on making Somis safer in regard to fire, crime and road safety. Specifically, it was mentioned the formation of a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program.
 - Action Item included the formation of a Firewise/Cert Committee. **Council Member Jack Foss** agreed to help get the committee started. Approximately six people also agreed to help in starting the committee.
 - **Planning & Public Works**
 - Discussion included monitoring road and traffic issues particularly on CA34 & Hwy 118 and working with Caltrans.
 - Putting up Somis Signs with population numbers.
 - Monitoring plans for any large-scale development in Somis.
 - Look into possible ways to amend SOAR, particularly with farm food processing.
 - Action Item included the formation of a Road & Transportation Committee. No Council Member signed on to head up this committee. This will have to be brought up at the next meeting.
 - **Community Relations**
 - Conduct a Fire Station Open House. However, concerns over parking were raised. Invite other vendors including EJ Harrison to participate.
 - Create ways to promote the MAC in Somis, including the formation of Somis Days sometime in the Fall to promote local farmers and the MAC. **Tlyer Cobb** agreed to help head up an ad-hoc committee to help promote Somis and the MAC.

CLOSING

15) Adjournment of the Somis Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting, April 24, 2025, at Somis Elementary School, 5268 North Street, Somis, CA 93066. **Chair Bob Fulkerson** adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.



VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dustin Gardner

Fire Chief

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April 20, 2025

Attn: Supervisor Jeff Gorell and Municipal Advisory Committees

- At the start of April, the Ventura County Fire Department began the rollout of a program to carry whole blood in its rescue ambulances. This program allows paramedics to start transfusions for certain trauma patients before they reach the hospital, increasing the chances of survival for seriously injured people. VCFD has already delivered two pre-hospital transfusions, becoming the first fire department in the state to provide this lifesaving care in the field.
- A dedication ceremony for new Fire Station 34 in Thousand Oaks is scheduled for June 11.
- The VCFD Awards is scheduled April 24 at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, Scherr Forum Auditorium. In addition to firefighter of the year awards in each battalion and employee of the year awards for each bureau, the department will honor civilians and public safety personnel for lifesaving acts, meritorious service, and to four individuals, medals of honor – the highest honor the department bestows.

Sincerely,

Scott Thomsen

Director of Communications and Public Affairs

Ventura County Fire Department



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Ventura County Fire Department Launches Emergency Blood Transfusion Program

THOUSAND OAKS, CA - The Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) has become one of the first fire departments in California to implement an emergency blood transfusion program—marking a significant advancement in prehospital emergency care. Based on case frequency estimates and an analysis of incidents from July 2017 to July 2024, it is projected that 3–7 trauma patients per month may have benefited from this programs prehospital blood transfusions.

“This program marks a groundbreaking advancement in emergency medicine,” said Chief Gardner. “By equipping our rescue ambulances with whole blood, our firefighter-paramedics can deliver life-saving transfusions at the scene—significantly improving patient outcomes when every second counts.”



This initiative began in October 2023, when VCFD Firefighter-Paramedic Edward Campana identified the critical benefits of whole blood transfusion at a medical conference. His vision ignited a collaborative effort among VCFD’s Emergency Medical Services (EMS) division, medical director Dr. Neil Canby, and vital agency partners—Ventura County Medical Center, the Ventura County EMS Agency, and Vitalant Blood Donation.

“Ventura County Medical Center is proud to be part of this multidisciplinary effort,” said Dr. Thomas Duncan, Trauma Medical Director. “Improving prehospital blood administration aligns with the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma’s national goals to increase survival rates in trauma patients.”

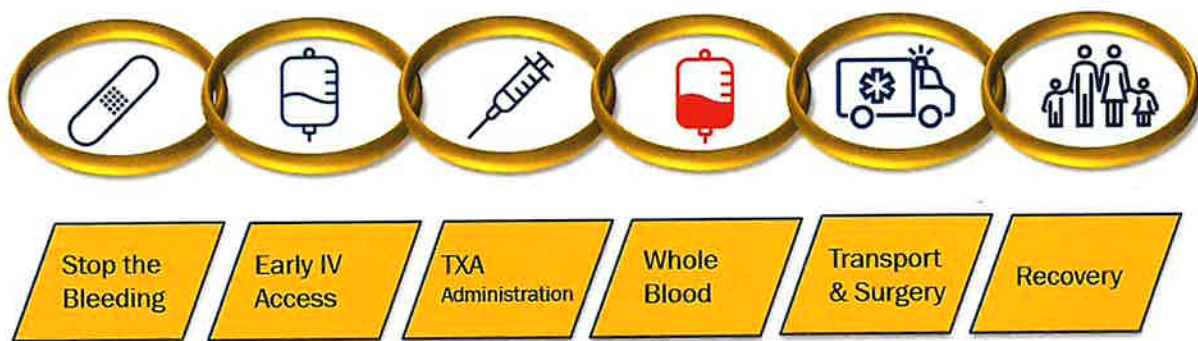
“The EMS system in Ventura County has long been recognized as a high-functioning, innovative system. This collaborative effort demonstrates our commitment to providing our patients with exceptional, cutting-edge care. The addition of whole blood to our treatment protocols further narrows the gap between critical interventions performed in the hospital versus in the field.” Said Dr. Daniel Shepherd, Medical Director, Ventura County EMS Agency. “Our goal is that this will result in improved outcomes for our sickest patients.”

The program ensures that whole blood is now available on VCFD rescue ambulances, enabling firefighter-paramedics to stabilize severely injured patients before hospital arrival.

“The speed of transfusion is crucial in trauma cases,” said Dr. Jonathan Hughes, Medical and Laboratory Director for Vitalant California. “This program is possible thanks to the generosity of volunteer blood donors, whose contributions are saving lives every day. We encourage all eligible individuals to donate and support our community’s blood supply.”

“Less than 2% of EMS agencies have implemented prehospital blood programs. Ventura County Fire Department and their partners have developed a high quality program that other agencies in California, and across the country, can follow to ensure widespread access to this lifesaving capability.” Randall Schaefer, DNP, RN. Schaefer is a Retired Army Nurse with multiple combat deployments and CEO of Schaefer Consulting, who has been assisting agencies across the country.

Launching this program required specialized paramedic training, new operational protocols, and coordination of a secure blood supply. Thanks to the commitment of all participating agencies, Ventura County now stands at the forefront of emergency medical innovation.



Graphic: Whole Blood added to the Trauma Chain of Survival.

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The Community Emergency Response Team (**CERT**) program teaches community members how to respond to potential disasters that could affect their area and how to mitigate them safely and responsibly.

CERT educates community members in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, hazards that may impact their area, disaster medical operations and team organization.

YOU'LL LEARN THE BASICS OF:

- General emergency readiness
- Fire hazard reduction and awareness
- Disaster medical triage and treatment
- Search and rescue



Completion of the **CERT** program requires approximately 24 hours of FREE online and classroom training. Each graduate receives a **CERT** disaster start-up pack including a helmet, gloves, vest and goggles along with their certificate of completion.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY JOIN THE CERT FAMILY!

To join the **CERT** family, scan the QR code to find your city program and start your training.

For more information, visit VCFD.org/CERT



Ad-Hoc Committee Signup Sheet:

Ad-Hoc Committee Name: _____:

Sub-Committee it Reports to: _____:

MAC Members that Are on the Sub-Committee: Note (No More than two MAC Members can Serve on an Ad-Hoc Committee due to the Brown Act)

MAC Member Name: _____ MAC Member Name: _____

Purpose of the Ad-Hoc Committee: _____.

Specific Project under this ad-hoc committee: _____

Volunteers:

[illegible]

Notes: