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# REGULAR MEETING

**Minutes**  
**July 11, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**

**Municipal Advisory Council**  
**Casa Conejo, California**

**Walnut Elementary School**  
**Multipurpose Room**  
**581 Dena Drive**  
**Newbury Park, CA 91320**

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MAC Calendar, Agenda, and Minutes

## **OPENING**

1. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order by Chair, Debbie Hanna at 6:08 PM.
2. Roll Call. Members Present Include: **Chair, Debbie Hannah, Scott Horn, Rob Alvidrez, David Ayers. Richard Gaz. Brendon Garcia** were absent. Quorum met.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, May 9, 2024.
  - Motion made by **Scott Horn** to approve the minutes with corrections to the Conejo Valley Parade comments, seconded, by **David Ayers**. Motion passed.
5. Agenda Review.
  - No changes to the agenda.
6. Consent Agenda Items 10 through 12.
  - Motion made by **Scott Horn**, seconded, by **Rob Alvidrez**. Motion passed.
7. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
  - **Wendy Zimmerman** spoke on the recent adoption of the MAC Policy Document and that the term Cotermious was not removed from the MAC Resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors.
  - **Andrew Minucci, John Hanna, and Matthew Heavrin** spoke on the RVs parked in the parking lot where the Newbury Park Library is located. They spoke about how the RVs and owners of the RVs are negatively impacting employees and businesses who are located in the shopping center. All three speakers were requesting support from the Supervisor to help in this matter.
  - **James P.** spoke about the RV parked in front of his house. Stated that the original owner sold it to a new owner and is requesting help in moving the vehicle.
8. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.
  - **Supervisor Gorell's Chief of Staff, Ashley Bautista** spoke about the Family Justice Center which is a one stop shop center for victims of family/domestic violence. The Family Justice Center helps combine medical treatment,

counseling, law enforcement, legal help and shelter all within a friendly and safe location for victims to receive the help they need. This is a public safety initiative that is very important to him, and as a formal prosecutor who dealt with this kind of violence, he wants to bring relief and justice to those in need.

**Field Representative, Israel Rodriguez** thanked the people for speaking about the RV situation and stated that Supervisor Gorell himself visited the location and made calls to help resolve the matter. He too lives in the area and is concerned about the same thing that everyone has commented on.

9. Council Comments:

- **Debbie Hanna:** Spoke about the fireworks as well and the effect they have on public safety and our animals.
- **Scott Horn** Spoke about the Memorial Day Casa Conejo Concert that Scott sponsored on his driveway. He stated it was a successful and fun event and even the CHP was supportive. He also commented on illegal fireworks as the cause of two local fires. He stated that all permitted firework events went on without incident and he wanted to give a shout out to the fire department for doing an excellent job in keeping our community safe. Scott mentioned the RV located on Lessor drive is going to be taken care of even though it takes a long time. He stated that the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance that this MAC helped put in place is working. The real problem lies with the City of Thousand Oaks to handle the situation.
- **Rob Alvidrez** stated that he and **Bredon Garcia** have been working on getting the Firewise program started, but that they could use the help of subject matter experts to help get their program off the ground.

## **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.**

### **10. California Highway Patrol (CHP)**

- CHP Moorpark and the Moorpark Police Department (Ventura County Sheriff) will be hosting a National Night Out event at our station on August 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. This event will give the public a chance to see our station and check out our patrol and special enforcement vehicles. We will also be holding a "bike rodeo" for new, young bicycle riders which will include a skills course and a helmet fitting station. We look forward to seeing you and your families at this fun event.

- The CHP Moorpark Area continues to monitor and enforce the Oversized and Recreational Vehicle ordinance in Casa Conejo. As you know, the motorhome that continues to park in casa Conejo near Jenny Dr. and Lesser Dr. has moved a short distance across the street. The motorhome has a new owner, and we are working with that new owner to completely remove the motorhome from Casa Conejo. We thank you for your patience with this process and we are confident we will have this issue fully resolved very soon.
- The California Highway Patrol will be conducting a Maximum Enforcement Period (MEP) over the Independence Day weekend. The MEP will run from Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. A focus for this MEP will be speed violations. During the Memorial Day Maximum Enforcement Period, the CHP made over 1,100 arrests for DUI, issued over 19,000 citations for speed violations, over 800 of those were for speeding over 100 MPH, and issued over 1,800 citations for seatbelt violations. This resulted in an almost 20% decrease in fatal crashes statewide over the last Memorial Day MEP. Additionally, there were no fatal crashes within CHP Moorpark's area of service, and overall, there were only four crashes total reported within our area during the MEP.
- The California Highway Patrol is hiring 1,000 officers to help make California's roadways safer. If you or someone you know would like to join the CHP, visit [www.betheCHP1000.com](http://www.betheCHP1000.com) for more information and to speak with a local recruiter. Also, the CHP is hiring more than just officers. We are currently looking to fill 165 dispatcher vacancies across the state and are also looking for Commercial Vehicle Inspection Specialists to inspect the growing number of commercial vehicles on California highways. The statewide examination for CVIS recently opened with a final filing date of 8/1/2024. The CHP will provide you with the training for all three of these positions. More details and applications can be found at [www.chp.ca.gov](http://www.chp.ca.gov).
- Follow CHP Moorpark on social media for traffic updates, sig alerts, evacuation notices, roadway closures, and general information on what the CHP is doing in your area.

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### **11. Ventura County Fire Department**

- Ventura County experienced several brush fires during the first week of July. At least two were started by illegal fireworks. Meanwhile, all the permitted 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks shows were delivered without incident.
- Conditions are dry throughout the county and recent high temperatures have only increased the drying of grass and light brush. Be careful to avoid starting a fire. All it takes is a spark from a loose tow chain, a hot muffler against tall grasses or a tossed cigarette.
- Junior Fire Academy is underway at VCFD's Regional Training Center in Camarillo. Throughout the month, about 90 teenage participants will spend a week learning basic firefighter skills, including how to use a firehose, crawling through confined spaces, rappelling and using hand tools. **RECEIVE AND**

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### 12.Ventura Sheriff Department

- This report covered crimes reported for the month of June in the Casa Conejo community.
- Deputies responded to 29 calls for service during the month of June. Deputies took 4 reports and made 1 arrest for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Not all calls for service generate a report. They made 3 self-initiated contacts. A self-initiated contact could be a traffic enforcement stop or a pedestrian stop.
- **Fraud/Forgery crimes:** Deputies responded to a possible financial elder abuse call. During their investigation it was determined no crime had been committed. They consulted with East County Financial Crimes Detectives.
- There were no fraud crimes reported during this time period. Throughout the area we are still seeing a pattern of phone and computer scams. Remind your community members if individuals ask for banking information or personal information this is a scam. These scammers will also ask for you to pay for services via gift cards or crypto currency. These are red flags and if you receive these calls hang up and call the Sheriff's Office.
- **Assault Crimes:** There was 1 arrest for a domestic violence investigation. The case was filed with the DA by East County Major Crimes.
- There was 1 call of domestic violence. Patrol deputies responded to the investigation and the suspects were arrested at the scene.
- **Burglary:** There were no reports of residential or vehicle burglaries.
- Deputies responded to a call for service and arrested a suspect for being under the influence of a controlled substance. During their investigation, they found narcotics and illegal fireworks. The suspect was booked for the charges and the case was filed with the DA's Office.
- Encourage your community members to check their security cameras to ensure they are working properly. This is one of the best tools for investigators to identify suspects. Earlier this year there were numerous thefts from unlocked vehicles in the north end of Thousand Oaks. These crimes could have been avoided if the vehicles were locked. We are reminding everyone to lock their vehicles and remove all their valuable items. Casa Conejo is a very safe community, but the criminal element preys on this and will take advantage of it. Remove it, Lock it, Keep it.
- Follow the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and the Thousand Oaks Police Department's social media pages for more information and upcoming events.

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## **REGULAR AGENDA**

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### **13. Presentation by Erik Sternad, Executive Director, Interface Children and Family Services**

- **Executive Director of 211 Erik Sternad** spoke on the broad range of services that 211 provides to the community in the areas of housing/homeless services, food assistance, healthcare, mental health, crisis intervention, legal assistance, and services for families, youth, and seniors. He provided data on the number and types of calls that 211 receives in Supervisor Gorell's district.  
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### **14. Update on Ventura County Municipal Advisory Council Policies**

- **Field Representative, Israel Rodriguez** spoke about the Mac Policy Document that was recently adopted by the Board of Supervisors June 18<sup>th</sup> and goes into effect immediately. This document is intended to align and standardize the 4 MACs in District 2 with the State mandate, government code 31010, which is to make ensure the unincorporated areas of the county are receiving fair and adequate representation in the areas of Public Health, Safety, Planning, Public Works, and Matters of Welfare.  
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### **15. 3-5 Year Plan – Next Steps**

- **Field Representative Israel Rodriguez** led a discussion and exercise for developing goals and objectives along the lines of Public Health, Safety, Planning, Public Works, and Matters of Welfare. The exercise also included the tie in with the previous SWOT Analysis, and Vision Statements that had been discussed in previous MAC meetings.

## **CLOSING**

**16. Adjournment** of the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting, September 12, 2024, at Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Drive, Newbury Park, CA 91320