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**MEMBERS
OF THE BOARD**

- BRENDON GARCIA,
CHAIR
- DEBBIE HANNA
- SCOTT HORN
- ROB ALVIDREZ
- RICHARD GAZ

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES JANUARY 23, 2025 6:00 PM

Municipal Advisory Council
Casa Conejo, California

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

WEB ACCESS

At: ventura.org/casaconejomac
MAC Calendar, Agenda, and Minutes

OPENING

1. Call to Order.
 - a. Chair Debbie Hanna called the meeting to order at: 6:04 PM.
2. Roll Call.
 - a. Members Present: **Debbie Hannah, Scott Horn, Rob Alvidrez**
 - b. Members not Present: **Richard Gaz**
 - c. **Brendon Garcia** by Phone
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Nomination and Election of Casa Conejo Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2025.
 - a. Nomination for Chair: **Debbie Hannah** nominated Brendon Garcia for Chair, Seconded, **Scott Horn**
 - i. Vote Count: Unanimous
 - b. Nomination for Vice Chair: **Brendon Garcia** nominated **Debbie Hannah** for Vice Chair, Seconded, **Scott Horn**
 - i. Vote Count: Unanimous
5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, November 14, 2024.
 - a. Motion to Approve the minutes made by: **Brendon Garcia**, seconded by **Scott Horn**. Motion Passes
6. Agenda Review. No Changes
7. Consent Agenda Items 11 through 13.
 - a. Motion to Approve the Consent Items made by: **Scott Horn**, seconded by: **Debbie Hannah**. Motion Passes
8. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
 - a. Speakers:
 - i. Speaker: **Michael Weingarden** brought up concerns about losing power. Frustrated that some neighborhoods have power while others do not. Neighbors are buying generators, buying gasoline which can cause issues in case there is a fire. It feels that SCE is not transparent and should be more so.

9. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.

- **The County recently came to an agreement with the replacement of the watershed easement for Borchard Property.** Supervisor Gorell stated the new provisions are well balanced and better define the process of what is expected in the event a developer wants to develop the Borchard property. I believe this was reflected in the article by the Acorn Newspaper and was fair in their reporting on the situation.
- Recently introduced Board Letter Regarding Exploring the Development of a **Private Utility Company to gain energy independence.** The ongoing impact of PSPS Shut offs to my constituents is what led me to consider other options outside of SCE.
- We recently conducted a ribbon cutting for the **Angel City Football Club**, the most valued women's professional soccer team in the world. They recently opened up their new Performance Center and Headquarters in collaboration with CLU.
 - Angel City is a major inspiration for our youth and particularly girls who play soccer and I look forward to working with them in our community.

10. Council Comments – Comments by Council members on matters they deem appropriate.

- **Vice Chair Debbie Hannah:** Vice Chair Hanna asked about putting reflective lights on all the lights. My power bill went up for December even though usage was down.
- **Scott Horn:** He feels the new trash hauler and the transition seems to have worked well. Scott wants to make sure that content and reports that have been submitted in the past are still posted on the Casa Conejo website. **Field Representative, Israel Rodriguez** mentioned that the websites are going through a redesign and that the past content will be reposted once the project is completed.
- **Rob Alvidrez:** He mentioned that he has been out of power for the past 9 days. He is looking into generators for when PSPS events occur.

CONSENT AGENDA

11. California Highway Patrol (CHP)

REPORTS WERE PROVIDED AT THE MAC MEETING.

12. Ventura County Fire Department

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13. Ventura Sheriff Department

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REGULAR AGENDA

Regular Agenda items are heard at the Council's discretion and may be heard at any time during the meeting.

14. Review of Casa Conejo Firewise Certification

MAC Chair Brendon Garcia provided an update and report on the recent Firewise certification. As a result of the certification, they receive a grant to be used in educating the community and printing materials used to create greater participation in the hardening of their homes and the Casa Conejo community.

15. Report on Newsletter for Casa Conejo

MAC Member Debbie Hannah provided an update on the new Casa Conejo Newsletter. The newsletter will be an important part of the Mac in helping to keep residents informed on key issues, foster community spirit and help encourage residents to engage in their community.

16. Update to the Borchard Replacement Easement

MAC Member Scott Horn provided an update on the replacement of the Ventura County Watershed Easement, its impacts, and what it means to the future of Casa Conejo.

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

While there was a brief discussion on the topic, due to the lack of time this item was tabled until the next MAC meeting on April 10th.

CLOSING

18. Adjournment of the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting April 10th for 2025 at Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Drive, Newbury Park, CA 91320.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.