

**CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**September 19, 2018**

**The Casa Conejo MAC held a Meeting Wednesday, September 19, 2018,  
6:00 p.m. at Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Drive, Newbury Park**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by **Chair Wendy Zimmerman** at 6:02 pm. MAC members **Richard Gaz, Edward Villa, Sr., R. Scott Horn** and **Dustin Woomer** were present.

**2. Flag Salute**

**Wendy Zimmerman** led the salute to the flag.

**3. Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2018**

**Richard Gaz** moved to approve the minutes from June 7, 2018 as written and **Wendy Zimmerman** seconded the motion. The motion passed 5/0.

**4. Agenda Review**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**5. Public Safety Reports (CHP, Sheriff's Department)**

**Ventura County Sheriff Deputy John Meeker** reported various thefts in the Newbury Park area from July 2018 to September 2018, including valuables stolen from unlocked cars, tools from garages, home burglaries and vehicle theft. He encouraged residents to remain vigilant and not leave valuables inside cars and make sure to lock doors. He said Sheriff Deputies patrol the area 4-5 times a night and it's important to call dispatch with any information on suspicious activities in the neighborhood. The non-emergency number is (805) 654-9511. He also said residents can look online for activity in their neighborhood at [vcasd.org](http://vcasd.org), click on "Public Resources" and zoom in on the area of choice to see calls for the Sheriff's Department.

**California Highway Patrol Officer Ben Susanka** could not attend the meeting and **Vanise Terry** reported on his behalf. She said the CHP is aware of the man with a trailer parking in the area. CHP has towed him once and are currently working on the situation. She said CHP has tagged cars for parking too long on streets, and recommended contacting Officer Susanka directly with further complaints of this nature at [BSusanka@chp.ca.gov](mailto:BSusanka@chp.ca.gov).

**6. Ventura County Watershed Protection District presentation on flood awareness**

**Glenn Shepard, Director of Ventura County Watershed Protection District (WPD)** and **Sergio Vargas, from the WPD Planning and Permits Division**, presented information on flood awareness for the Casa Conejo community saying that homes in the 1 percent floodplain (100-year storm) are required to purchase flood insurance. Homes in the 2 percent area (500-year storm) are not required to purchase insurance, but it is recommended. He said the flood zone areas were established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 1985 and the boundaries remain somewhat similar today. Mr. Shepard said the website [www.vcfloodinfo.com](http://www.vcfloodinfo.com) has additional information on flood zones, insurance programs, maps, and other helpful resources. He reported that while the recent Thomas Fire moved quickly, roots were not burned to ash and many bushes and chaparral were saved, which is good news for the watershed. He said the Sheriff's Department and Office of Emergency Services (OES) have a website at [www.vcemergency.com](http://www.vcemergency.com) with emergency information and have also set up an alert system at [www.vcalert.com](http://www.vcalert.com) that provides residents with up-to-date information while an emergency is happening. Finally, he reported that the County signed an agreement in August with the City of Thousand to review floodplain areas, including the Moradian property off Borchard Road, with the goal of managing storm water and reducing the amount of homes in the 1 percent flood area. They will be working with the Army Corp of Engineers and have a tentative schedule for 2019.

## **7. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks**

**Supervisor Linda Parks** reported that the channels near Newbury Park High School, one parallel to Henry Drive and one parallel to Reino Road, were both cleaned. Any concerns having to do with Watershed Protection District or any other County Public Works Department can now be reported using the new Public Works Mobile App, which helps track issues for easy staff follow-up. She announced there is an open seat on the MAC for an alternate member and any interested Casa Conejo residents can get an application from her office. She said the recent high tides in early September may bring an increase of mosquitos, as was seen in August, which may continue to October 1<sup>st</sup>. She said Environmental Health set traps around the high school to track and compare density and types of mosquitos in the area, and that the Naval Base is also conducting treatments of the salt marsh for mosquitos. Supervisor Parks reported that recent State bills that would further encourage the building of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) did not pass the legislature, so Planning will now continue working on the requests made by the Casa Conejo MAC regarding ADUs in this area. Finally, she said that the County voted to require reservations for RVs on the Rincon Parkway starting November 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure fairness in camping reservations.

## **8. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

There were no council comments.

## **9. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

**Darlene Crowley** spoke about increased police activity on Theresa Drive.

**Frank McKervey** suggested the old Fire Station 35 on Hillcrest Drive in Newbury Park should become a Sheriff's sub-station.

## **10. Advisory Items**

### **a. Letter to Casa Linda Apartments regarding trash (Wendy Zimmerman)**

**Wendy Zimmerman** discussed the buildup of trash on Wendy Drive at Bella Drive, and Bella Drive and Kitty Street. She expressed the desire to send a letter to the apartment complex manager and homeowners on Bella Drive relaying concerns about the trash. **Scott Horn** was in favor of sending letters. **Dustin Woomer** questioned whether it is the property owners' responsibility to keep the sidewalk area clean, as well as whether it's in the purview of the MAC to send letters. **Supervisor Parks** thanked Ms. Zimmerman for her dedication to keeping the community clean, and said that as an advisory body, the MAC doesn't have the power of an enforcement agency like Code Compliance or Environmental Health to compel action if there is a violation.

## **11. Updates**

### **a. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team**

**Ed Villa, Sr.** said no graffiti has been reported and announced the addition of a new GRIT team member.

## **12. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

## **13. Future Agenda Items**

- a. Update on CalAm water rates
- b. National Park Service coyote presentation

## **14. Adjournment at 7:22 pm until Wednesday, November 7, 2018.**