

Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council

Minutes of February 8, 2022

6:00 PM

The Club House, Horsethief Canyon Ranch

13289 Mountain Rd.

Temescal Valley, CA 92883

0) Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Announced that Meeting was going to be recorded (Jerry Sincich)

**** Moment of Silence was held for Riverside Sheriff Deputy Darnell Calhoun killed in the line of duty January 13, 2023**

1) Roll Call

Present:

Jerry Sincich (Chair), Lee Wilson (Secretary), Kelli Noss, Eric Werner, Fred Myers (alternate), Glen Nelson (alternate)

Absent: Bob Hafner (Vice Chair), Business Travel

2) Approval of January 11, 2023, Minutes: Approved and entered into record.

3) Community Updates

3.1 Congressman Calvert Staff Update

- Jett Benavidez, Field Representative
- Reintroduced H.R.241 (Access Act) covering access to small businesses, focused on reducing litigation
- California leads the national in ADA lawsuits
- Reintroduced H.R.495 to speed up construction of infrastructure projects
- Congressman was recently sworn in as Chairman of the House Defense Appropriations Committee
- Priorities by ranking
 - Investing in America's Military Superiority
 - Shaping a more effective Defense Support Department
 - Combating International drug trafficking
 - Caring for our service members and families

3.2 Senator Kelly Seyarto SD 32

- Amanda Fisher provided update
- The Senator has introduced 5 Bills
- SB 73, would establish the Voluntary Veterans Preference Employment Policy Act that would allow a private employer to establish hiring policies that give veterans preference without violating anti-discrimination laws
- SB 82, establishes universal standards between counties on document requirement for disabled veterans' property tax exemption
- SB 86, victim rights bill that ensures victims of crime have equal rights with those accused and convicted of crimes
- SB 221, would grant a tax credit to those who provide housing at below

- market rates to nonprofits and assist survivors of domestic violence
- SB 243, establishes tax exemption from state sales tax on firearms safety devices

3.3 Assemblymember Bill Essayli AD 63

- Casey Deaver Providing update
- Expressed his appreciation to be back with the group
- Committee appointments
 - Assembly Rules Committee
 - Budget Committee
 - Sub-Committee for Transportation
- Introduced AB 8328 dealing with crimes involving firearms
- Introduced an additional bill that doesn't have a number yet, dealing with animals in shelters and posting notices on their websites

3.4 Riverside County Sheriff

- Lt. Jared Howe presenting
- Lake Mathews Station will be operational at 12:01 AM March 1, 2023, and start responding to calls.
- Statistics for January generated by Lake Elsinore Station
 - Calls for Service 417 Increase of 55 over December
 - Homicide 0
 - Arson 0
 - Burglary 6
 - Grand/Petty Theft 13
 - Sex Crime 0
 - Robbery 0
 - Theft from Vehicle 1
 - Vehicle Theft 10
 - Arrests 2
 - Vandalism 8
 - Disturbing the Peace 35
- Phone number for Lake Mathews Station on March 1, 2023, **951-272-5600**
- Goal of Station is to provide better response time and increased police presence in the community

3.5 Riverside County/Cal Fire

- Battalion Chief Jason Allan
- Average response time 5.8 minutes
 - Total calls 176
 - False Alarm 10
 - Medical 139
 - Oher Fire 1
 - Other Misc., 1
 - Public Service Assist 11
 - Standby 1
 - Traffic Collision 13

3.6 Code Enforcement

- Jamison Cole
- Currently handling 276 enforcement cases
- Indicated they had received complaints about a vehicle storage yard on Temescal Canyon Rd and were investigating that
- Reported on the 10-acre site off Bedford Motor Way, they had received a call from the owner and were working on a variety of issues at the location. Acknowledged it had been a lengthy ongoing situation.
- Resident reported a potential homeless encampment at the southwest corner of Temescal Canyon Rd and Trilogy Pkwy. Code Enforcement will investigate.

3.7 California Highway Patrol

- Lt Palmer
- Commented on the truck parking on the on-ramps at I15 Frwy and Temescal Canyon Rd interchange.
- CHP has a new driver preparedness program supporting new, primarily teen drivers, but for anybody getting ready to get their first license
- Addressed concerns regard traffic control preparations for the Poppy Super bloom. CHP has been working with Riverside County Emergency Management Dept. to coordinate efforts for improve traffic control on the I15 Frwy corridor to be prepared than during the last super bloom.
- Resident raised concern about the trucks parking on the frwy ramps at Temescal Canyon Rd. Asked if it was legal for them to park there. The answer is No, it's not legal.
- Pointed out Officers Ballantine and Sanders in the back of the room, part of the Community Policing Team and will see if they can do a better job enforcing parking in those areas.
- A resident also raised the continuing issue of illegal parking at the curb and center median along Toms Farm, ARCO gas station and Carl's Jr.

3.8 Riverside University Health System Staff Update

- No Show

3.9 Riverside County Emergency Management Department

- Priscilla Galvan
- Indicated she is with the Community Outreach and Health Equity Team
- They are coordinating with public health counterparts at the Riverside University Health System to provide resources to the community
- They've expanded into District 2 areas including the Temescal Valley
- Resident asked if they provide CERT Training. Yes, with a minimum of 15 participants.
- Resident raised concern about lack of a published evacuation plan in the event of a local disaster such as the recent Holy Fire and possible earthquake. The 500 KV power line crossing the I15 Frwy are a major concern. Asked that a formal presentation would be beneficial to the community.
- Priscilla directed everyone to the RIVCOREADY.Org website for more information

3.10 Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

- Jack Ferguson
- Filled the position of Phil Williams long term respected member of the Board
- Jack introduced himself and indicated he has worked hard to get up to speed
- Stated to be mindful of the fact we're still in drought conditions

3.11 Supervisor Karen Spiegel Office

- Phil Paule
- The Supervisor's Office is very involved in managing the poppy super bloom situation. She met today with Juan Perez, the County's Chief Operating Officer. The Supervisor's office is doing their best to mitigate the situation.
- The Supervisor is also working with State Assemblyman Essayli and State Senator Seyarto to address the shortage of Judges in the county

3.12 Western Municipal Water District

- Brenda Dennstedt
- Indicated she had been friends with Phil Williams for 20 years, his passing was a huge loss to the water community
- She's known Jack Ferguson for a few years and complemented his addition to the EVMWD Board
- Brenda is the representative from WMWD to the Metropolitan Water District Board
- Reinforced the fact that drought conditions are not over, WMWD is up to 30% allocation because of current rainfall, but the Colorado River has not improved

4) New Business

4.1 Riverside County Elsinore Front County Fuel Break Project

Riverside County Emergency Management Department

- Battalion Chief Jason Allan
- Provided update with information from the Chief of the Los Pinos Fire Center at the top of Ortega Highway whose crews are working on the fire reduction
- Project extends approximately 22 miles, from Ortega Highway north to approximately El Cerrito Rd
- Crews will be clearing a 300 wide swath of ground vegetation and debris.
- Large plants and trees will be left so as not to create a completely bare hillside
- Crews from the Los Pinos Fire Center, Norco Conversation Camp as well as Inmate crews are working on the Project.

4.2 Temescal Valley Development Project Proposal Presentations

- No Report

4.3 Poppy Bloom Update –

Riverside County Emergency Management Department

- Shane Reichardt
- 2019 was considered a 100-year poppy event
- It became an international event attracting visitors from around the world
- Working to increase CHP presence in no parking areas
- City of Lake Elsinore has implemented plans based on the 2019 history. County Emergency Management Department is working with them as well as the County departments to help mitigate the traffic impacts in unincorporated county areas.

- Access into the area is very limited and very little parking is available
- Shane cautioned everyone to have a plan in place to deal with anticipated traffic delays, recommended visiting the County RIVCOREADY Website for suggestions
- Contrary to public media sites there are no planned bus tours of the area

4.4 SoCalGas Update

- Adam Eventov
- Addressed concerns regarding the recent rise in natural gas costs
- There was a huge demand for natural gas across the country driving prices up
- Southern California Gas had purchased gas in the futures market, but when demand exceeded that they were forced to buy on the spot market to meet demand.
- Spot market rates can be extremely high
- Southern California Gas rates are controlled by the California Public Utilities Commission, so these high rates were a pass through, there was attempts at price gouging
- There storage capacity limits imposed by the CPUC
- Rates are expected to drop in February by 16%
- There are rebates and energy assistance programs in place if you qualify
- There will be a \$50.77 energy savings credit provided by the State on your February gas bill

5) Public Comments

- Resident expressed concerns about illegal RV parking
- Resident informed the group about the Riverside Transit Authority sustainable service plan. RTA will be onsite in front of Target at the Crossings to allow the public to offer suggestions and make comments.
- The Temescal Heritage Foundation is having its annual dinner February 25th at Trilogy. Riverside County historian Steve Wagner will be speaking on the beginnings of the Ortega Highway.
- The Temescal Heritage Foundation is hosting a Charity Golf Tournament to raise funds to endow an annual scholarship for 3 schools boys. It will be called the Daniel, Drake, and Jacob Memorial Scholarship.

6) MAC Board Member Comments

- None

7) Future Agenda Items

- **Southern California Edison**

Next meeting:

2nd District Supervisor Karen Spiegel
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March 8, 2023 @ Trilogy, The Lake Center Building, Tahoe Room
24477 Trilogy Parkway, Temescal Valley, CA 92883

**Please note that MAC meetings are held Monthly on Second Wednesday at 6:00 P.M.
(Dark in July & December)