

Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council

Minutes of September 13, 2023

6:30 PM

The Retreat at Wedgewood

8007 Soft Winds Drive

Temescal Valley, CA 92883

0.0 Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

1.0 Roll Call

Present: Bob Hafner (Chair), Lee Wilson (Vice Chair), Jerry Sincich (Secretary), Kelli Noss, Glen Nelson, Eric Werner, Fred Myer (Alternate), Julie Showalter (Alternate – via phone)

2.0 Approval of August 9, 2023 Minutes

Approved and entered into record

3.0 Announcement of Temescal Valley MAC Meeting Rules and Regulations – Bob Hafner

4.0 Community Updates

4.1 Congressman Calvert Staff Update

- Justin McEwen
- Congressman working on local community funding projects (~\$30 million)
- The Congressman just introduced a bipartisan legislation for the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act to authorize \$100 million annually to fund DERA grants and bring more innovation to diesel technology and lower emissions
- The Congressman's office can provide IRS, Social Security, Passports or Veteran Affairs services

4.2 Senator Seyarto (SD 32) Staff Update

- Braxton Difuntorum provided the update
- SB19: Establishes upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Anti-Fentanyl Abuse Task Force. September 1st from Assembly Committee on Appropriations: do pass with amendments, ordered to a third reading on September 7th. Passed the Assembly floor with 67 aye votes on September 13th.
- SB67: Requires coroners and medical examiners to report actual or suspected overdoses to the Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA), which is then required to submit this data to the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP). Ordered to a third reading on September 7th. Read third time on September 11th, ordered to Senate for concurrence. September 13th passed Senate floor with unanimous consent, awaiting governor's signature.
- SB259: This bill establishes that any budget report provided by a state agency to the legislature will be required to also be posted on the agency's website. August 17th passed Senate with Assembly amendments concurred in. Signed by the governor and chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 1st.
- SB367: This bill expands the Farm and Ranch solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program administered by Cal Recycle to include state and Federal public lands that are not used for farm or ranch purposes. Referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations with consent calendar recommendation on June 26th. As of September 11th it is still held in committee under submission.
- SB520: Clarifies that a qualified taxpayer may continue to claim the homeowners' property tax exemption if the taxpayer is not occupying their home because they are confined to a hospital or other care facility. September 1st from Assembly Committee on Appropriations: do pass with amendments, ordered to a third reading on September 5th.

- Veterans Expo November 2nd, 10AM-2PM, Monteleone Meadows, 35245 Briggs Road, Murrieta, CA
- September 14th is the last day for bills to pass the legislature
- October 14th is the last day for the governor to sign or veto bills
- The Senator's office is open at 4740 Green River Road, Suite 212, Corona, CA 92878

4.3 Assemblymember Essayli (AD 63) Staff Update

- Casey Deaver provided the update
- SB14 which makes human trafficking a serious crime, passed the Assembly and Senate and goes to the governor for signature
- We are finally in our new office, located at 4160 Temescal Canyon Road, Suite 110, Corona, CA 92883
- The grand opening of our office is on October 12th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM

4.4 Riverside County Sheriff's Department

- Lt. Jared Howe & Lt. Steve Favero provided the update
- The crime stats for the month of August. The Sheriff Department responded to 344 calls for service which was a 71 decrease in calls for service from July
 - Assault 7
 - Burglary 2
 - Grand Theft 10
 - Stolen Vehicles 2
 - Total Arrests 11
 - Felony Arrests 1
 - Disturbing the Peace 32
- The Temescal Valley will now have a Lieutenant on duty 24 hours a day
- The Lake Mathews Sheriff's Station will be hosting a Trick or Trunk event on October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. We would appreciate donations of candy for this event.
- Increasing staffing at the station

4.5 Riverside County/CAL Fire Representatives

- Battalion Chief Chris Tate provided the update
- There were 174 calls for service in July at Station 64.
 - Traffic collisions 12
 - Standby 2
 - Fire of other type 4
 - Wild Fire 2
 - Public Service Assist 11
 - Medical 131
- The County with 101 fire stations is on pace for 195,000 calls for service this year
- During hurricane Hilary there we 690 calls for service which included 30 calls for flooding and 25 water rescue calls
- Station 64 is putting on fire safety programs for homeowner associations

4.6 Code Enforcement

- Absent

4.7 California Highway Patrol

- Captain Steven Branconier provided the update
- The quarterly statistics
 - DUI arrests 11
 - Citations 128
 - Collisions 60
 - Collision injuries 26

- There was enforcement with the commercial unit working parking enforcement, inspection lanes and normal traffic stops
- Conducted school crosswalk enforcement
- In memory of Sgt. Steve Licon, a sign dedication ceremony will take place on the I-15 Freeway (between SR 74 and Lake street) on October 11, 2023
- On Labor Day, during the maximum enforcement period, from Friday at 6:00 PM to midnight Tuesday, in our area, there were 273 citations and 20 DUI arrests
- We are about a 16% officer staffing deficiency
- Parking enforcement ticket revenue, in unincorporated Riverside County, goes to the County of Riverside

4.9 Riverside County Emergency Management Department

- Adrian Cardenas provided the update
- During hurricane Hillary our EOC was activated. The hurricane damage cost to Riverside County was \$144 million. The most impacted community in Riverside County during the hurricane was the Coachella Valley. The west side of Riverside County sustained minimal damage from the hurricane.
- Opened several shelters and a local assistance center in response to the hurricane

4.10 Supervisor Karen Spiegel's Office

- Phil Paule Supervisor Spiegel's Chief of Staff provided the update
- Funding for repairing historical signs in the Temescal Valley has been identified. The Supervisor wants to help out on getting the signs repaired and repainted.
- Glare fencing will be constructed on DePalma Road near Glen Eden to help cut the lights coming off the I-15 Freeway at night. This will hopefully help with some of the safety issues there. Should have the glare fence constructed by the end of October. Planning on a glare fence nighttime ribbon cutting event with the Supervisor.
- If you have something in your community that you feel is pressing, never hesitate to contact our office. We will try and find a solution to it.

5.0 New Business

5.1 RCTC (I-15 Express Lane Project – Southern Extension)

- Anne Mayer, Executive Director of the Riverside County Transportation Commission
- We are the agency that: 1) administers the half cent sales tax Measure A that pays for transportation projects, programs and services; 2) administers transportation funding that comes to Riverside County; 3) receives state and federal funding for transportation for the RTA, Metrolink; 4) owns and operates the toll lanes on the 91 and I-15 Freeways; 5) is the managing agency for the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Agency; 6) gives money to the Riverside County Transportation Department for road widening projects.
- Spent almost \$2 billion on the 91 and I-15 Freeways trying to make systematic improvements to try to improve the commute
- Still working on the new connector from the 91 Express lanes to the I-15 north. Expect opening by the end of the year.
- Started working on the eastbound 91 to the northbound 71 connector
- The I-15 Express lane project (16 miles) from Cajalco in Corona to Central Avenue in Lake Elsinore is expected to have a draft environmental document out for public review in early 2024. Expect public meetings (May 2024) with the project teams to see what is being planned. The project cost is in the range of \$700 million. The RCTC board wants us to do everything we can to accelerate this project. The estimate today is to have this project under construction in 2026/2027. Planning to use a progressive design build method to accelerate the project.
- Working with the County on funding for the Temescal Canyon Road from East Ontario Avenue to Tom Barnes Street

- Submitted a request to Caltrans to start a new interchange at Campbell Ranch Road. RCTC would assist the County with finding funding for the project.
- People keep coming to Riverside County. We expect to be the fastest growing County in the State of California. Expecting to build 167,000 new homes in Riverside County by 2029.
- Planning on using technology that helps control how traffic gets on the freeway. The technology would interconnect ramps using loop detectors, so ramp meters will talk to each other to coordinate traffic flow onto the freeway.
- The I-15 Express lane project will include turnarounds, that will provide gaps, that in an emergency would enable CHP to use them for traffic
- Have looked at reversible lanes and they do not meet the needs. In addition, they are expensive.
- There's state policy that is really headed in the direction of no more building of roads

5.2 Caltrans Update

- Andrea Harlin, Tom Ainsworth, Haissam Yahya
- Caltrans District eight encompasses Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. It is the largest Caltrans District in the state. We are the responsible owner and operator of the state highway system.
- The County proposed I-15 Freeway interchange project package was received and we responded to the County with all the roles and elements they need to study. We are waiting for them to get back to us on the list of elements they need to provide.
- The Temescal Valley population signs have been updated
- The traffic metering signal is working appropriately
- On average Riverside County receives 6% state funding from the state highway account
- Historically, District eight has not received the allocations that they deserve for highway maintenance and operation
- If you go on the Caltrans website, you can request trash clean up
- Going to construction the summer of 2024 to extend the southbound lane beyond the Cajalco bridge further down the freeway that will allow for an easier transition on the dropped lane
- The Campbell Ranch interchange maybe considered for inclusion in the I-15 Express Lane project if the project is ready to go. Not willing to slow down the I-15 Express Lane project for the Campbell Ranch project.

6.0 Public Comments

- Jack Ferguson
 - o Provided a update on the new sewage treatment plant. It is on schedule for Horsethief Canyon Ranch and expected to be completed in April next year.
 - o On October 11th at 9:00 AM a grand opening event is planned at the EVMWD headquarters building for the expansion of the water treatment facility. The project cost is \$237 million.
 - o Started a district metering project which will allow us to track down leaks within our service facilities
 - o Working on an integrated resources plan for the future
- Jannlee Watson
 - o Fall Festival on Saturday, October 14th from 2 – 5 PM at the Deleo Regional Sports Park
 - o Riverside County Planning Commission will be hearing the County digital sign ordinance on September 20th. E-mail your comments on the ordinance.

7.0 Temescal Valley MAC Board Member Comments

- None

8.0 Future Agenda Items

- Waste Management (El Sobrante Landfill) discussion on RNG Facility and odor control

- Corona-Norco Unified School District

The date of the proposed next meeting is October 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Terramor

**Please note the TVMAC meetings are held monthly on the Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM (Dark in December)

Adjournment time: 8:49 PM

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