

# Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council

Minutes of the June 12, 2024 6:30pm Meeting  
The Tahoe Room at Trilogy  
24477 Trilogy Parkway, 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), Eric Werner, Kelli Noss, Glen Nelson, Fred Myer (Alternate), Julie Showalter (Alternate)

## 2.0 Announcement of Temescal Valley MAC Meeting Rules and Regulations – Lee Wilson

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes: May 8, 2024 Minutes

Approved with the modification to remove the crime stats from the sheriff's department as they are not reconciled with other entities prior to the meeting, entered into record with modification

## 4.0 Community Updates

### 4.1 Congressman Calvert Staff Update (Jett Benavidez)

- Congressman Calvert voted to approve the fiscal year 2025 Military Construction and Veteran Affairs Appropriations Bill. The bill includes a 19.5% pay raise for junior enlisted service members, investments in housing and child development centers, and programs to support military spouses. Their office is setting up Veteran roundtable groups, if anyone is interested in participating, please contact their office.
- Requests will move to full community markup shortly. Congressman meets with each city within the district to gather funding requests. Funding requests include the 15 Freeway Extension Project and the Lake Elsinore Water Quality Project.
- Congressman Calvert voted to pass the bipartisan No Hidden Fees Act. The Act requires hotels and short-term lodging to include mandatory fees in advertised prices.

### 4.2 Senator Seyarto (SD 32) Staff Update (Braxton Difuntorum)

- Out of three bills, 11 have died in committee, and nine have moved forward from the Senate to the Assembly.
- Veterans Hiring Reference Bill in the Assembly Judiciary Committee.
- CalVet Fee Waiver Bill in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.
- Purple Star School Codification Bill in the Assembly Education Committee.
- Caltrans Consideration of Fatalities Bill in the Assembly Transportation Committee.
- Caltrans Project Design Changes Bill.
- Machine Readable Laws Bill in the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee.
- State of Emergency Public Record Agreement Bill in the State of Emergency Committee.
- Title II Inflation Bill.
- HSA Contributions Bill in the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee.
- Senate Bill 1122 (Law Enforcement Degree Requirement) and Senate Bill 1096 (Honest Male Transparency Bill) have passed the Assembly and moved back to the Senate.

#### **4.3 Assemblymember Essayli (AD 63) Staff Update (Casey Deaver)**

- Governor released his mayoral bias for budget. Funding cuts include \$15 million from law enforcement, \$97 million from courts, \$18 million from school funding, and \$395 million from preschool programming. Their office will continue to work on and put pressure to bring back funding for essential services.
- The DMV will require individuals to come in to waive fees for areas that shared a zip code with cities where county is taxed at a lower rate. Cannot at this time apply an area-wide waiver.

#### **4.4 Riverside County Sheriff's Department Representative (Lt. Steve Favero)**

- Funding cut from the new budget may impact courts and general law enforcement staffing.
- There was an officer involved shooting in Coronita that the station responded to and coordinated with Corona PD.
- The department will again coordinate with Code Enforcement to work on July 4<sup>th</sup>/fireworks calls. Will be paying visits to frequent offenders ahead of time. Calls will *not* be taken for fireworks being set off, instead will be diverted to a form to report all information which will move from dispatch to the units. More information to follow.
- This area continues to have single digit crime statistics which makes it a safe community.
- Hike with a Cop Events + Popsicles with the Sheriff's Department are upcoming events with information posted to their Facebook page

#### **4.5 Riverside County/CAL Fire Representative (Captain Ben Isgar)**

- Will also be working with the sheriff's department, as needed, for July 4<sup>th</sup> but should only be called when there are actual fire/flames visible.
- Total calls for service included 151 medical calls, 27 traffic collisions, 3 vehicle fires, 18 wildland fires, and several public assists for a total of 228 calls in the month of May. Average response time was 6.3 minutes covering from Lake Street to Dos Lagos.
  - Brush abatement inspections are still happening and are expected to continue over the next several months.
  - A resident asked about brush abatement on county property – they explained this is through RCA and not necessarily their jurisdiction but to reach out with any questions.
  - Fuel Break updates will come next month

#### **4.6 Code Enforcement (Officer Diana Rouwenhorst)**

- There are currently 131 active cases with 25 new cases since last month and 25 closed.
- The department has been out to JBJ Ranch about dust and working hours. They are able to work 7 days a week, 6am-6pm with a shift in summer hours soon.

#### **4.7 California Highway Patrol (Officer Balentine)**

- 65 citations were given in the stretch of Temescal Valley, including 14 failures to stop at stop signs. 55 total crashes in the area, 20 with injuries.
- Cited and inspected a vehicle parked in the center median near Carl's Jr.
- Unaware who posted the parking signs across from the Shell station on Temescal Canyon Road but will take a peek to see who may have issued them. Cannot remove them.
- E-bikes are considered bicycles and must abide by speed limits and road rules. Kids are modifying e-bikes to increase speed, leading to safety concerns. CHP will cite those not following laws but for the most part the laws haven't caught up to the modifications of the bikes.

#### **4.8 Riverside County Emergency Management Department (Cynthia Marin)**

- Updating the County's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The County of Riverside maintains and regularly updates the EOP. The EOP identifies roles and responsibilities for various County Departments and County personnel. Riverside County wants to know your feedback on the Emergency Operations Plan and community emergency preparedness. QR Codes are available in the back or on the EMD website for resident input.
- CERT training will be coming back to Temescal Valley in November.
- There is a CERT field day at Ben Clarke Training Center on 6/22 as a refresher for those who have already taken the classes.
- EMD participated in 13 events in the month of May including mostly power outages in the desert but also 4 fires and the Corona earthquake.

#### **5.0 New Business**

##### **5.1 Updates from Second District Supervisor Karen Spiegel & Flood Control**

- \$9.B budget approval process for the county is underway, next finalization step will be on 6/25
- The office has participated in many local events, including events at Trilogy, the Temescal Valley Fair, the Girl Scout Gold Awards, and more.
- Changes are coming thanks to AB2002, changing the name of Squaw Mountain Road. A new name will be selected by the local tribes.
- Jason Uley from County Flood Control spoke about the updates coming to Hostettler Road to manage the flooding that happens every winter. This is a coordinated effort between the county, flood control, the property owners, and EVWMD as this may include re-routing utilities to install box culverts. This fix will more than likely come after next winter but it is on the books and progressing forward.

##### **5.2 Norco College Community Update (Dr. Monica Green)**

- Absent

##### **5.3 Discussion of Changing the MAC Start Time**

- . The suggestion was brought up by a resident to move the time back to 6pm. A discussion took place regarding this, including attendance shifts, county staff, and that people who are interested in the topic being presented at each meeting are likely to make the attempt to attend vs. regular attendance due to work, commuting, or family activities.
- The rotation of the meetings is both a draw and a deterrent for some but has brought in new members of the community and allowed others to visit and explore new areas.
- The meeting time will be left at 6:30pm until the end of the current calendar and can be reconsidered at that time.

##### **5.4 Approve new procedure for the expenditure of the Temescal Valley Community Funds (Phil Paulie)**

- The Temescal Valley Community Fund was started out the Synagro Settlement as Resolution 2004-285. This fund helped pay for the Temescal Valley signage at the freeway monuments as well as the signs around each community. The funds are managed by the supervisor's office with some community input. The fund currently sits at \$1,000,037 as of today.
- The supervisor's office would like to shift some of this responsibility onto the MAC, allowing for them to receive regular updates on the program at the MAC meetings as well as to vote to release the funding as needed for community projects.

- Julie Showalter moved to accept the procedure as presented. Kelli Noss 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – a vote was called and all attending board members were in favor with no further discussion.

### **5.5 Approve \$30,000 of the Temescal Valley Community Fund for a fiscal feasibility study of the MAC Boundaries (Phil Paulie)**

- Preliminary estimates for the fiscal viability study of an independent municipal entity have been done, costing about \$30,000. The study will provide a high-level analysis of the fiscal viability, projecting out five to ten years. The study is expected to take six to seven months, with findings presented at the MAC meeting in February 2025.
- The study will include analysis of tax revenue base, sales tax revenue base, and expenditures for municipal services. The firm will analyze sales tax, property tax, and potential future approvals to project revenue and service costs. The scope of work includes talking to MAC members, community leaders, and data mining for sales tax and property tax information, as well as what is currently approved or pending approval within the community boundaries.
- A resident voiced concern that this was jumping ahead too quickly – it was noted that this study is just a first step in exploring the viability of this option as it's been discussed for a number of years. There are many steps and years between this type of study and an eventual ballot measure to incorporation or cityhood.
- A question was asked whether the study would have a potential impact on future development decisions if the goal was future incorporation, requiring a tax base. It was advised that any supporting data could be utilized in those decisions.
- No other MAC in the Riverside County boundaries have this type of fund or accessibility to fund themselves for this type of study. Past studies locally were fundraised to begin this process themselves without a pool of money to draw from, including Eastvale and Jurupa Valley.
- Study would also help associate or study the cost of acquiring county facilities, cost for support services like law enforcement, fire, animal control, and others. This is an information gathering search and is not a guarantee or promise of the next steps after.
- Kelli Noss moved to accept the proposal up to \$30,000 to study the MAC boundaries and the feasibility of the scope presented to the board. Julie Showalter 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – a vote was called and all attending board members were in favor with no further discussion.

### **6.0 Public Comments -**

Jami Merchant

I am running for the Corona-Norco Unified School District Board of Education; Trustee Area 5 this November and I am fortunate to be endorsed by Bill Pollack and members of the Temescal Valley Education Committee. I am working hard to bring a high school to the area and am a local involved parent within the district.

Richard Carpenter, El Sobrante Landfill

The landfill was nominated for three awards: mammals, reptiles, and rocky areas conservation spaces. Won the award for rocky areas.

Awarded the Gold Program Award for Wildlife Habitat Conservation, beating out 68 other programs from 18 countries and 1,600 projects, including 13 of our other Waste Management sites. This will be presented at a future MAC meeting.

Jannlee Watson

Tracy Davis was nominated and will be accepting the award for WRCOG Volunteer of the Year with several others. Her work with many county departments doesn't go unnoticed.

## **7.0 Temescal Valley MAC Board Member Comments**

- Lee Wilson thanked the sheriff's department, fire department, and EMD as well as the supervisor's office for participating in the Discover Trilogy event. Their attendance was greatly appreciated!

## **8.0 Future Agenda Items**

- SCAQMD Update / Purple Air Sensors
- Serrano Project
- Waste Management
- Animal Control
- GOCO

**Date of proposed next meeting:** July 10, 2024 @ 6:30 PM at The Retreat at Wedgewood

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

**Adjournment time:** 8:14 PM

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