

THE EL RIO /DEL NORTE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Serving as Advisory Council to provide advisory recommendations on County public health, safety and welfare issues, such as land use planning and public works permits, and projects located in the Advisory Council area, to appropriate County agencies and to the County Supervisor.

Thursday January 15th 2026, 7:00 pm

John C. Zaragoza Community Center

3334 Santa Clara Ave, Oxnard, CA 93036

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Regular Members

David Souza (Vice Chair) (Nyeland Acres)

Present

Bonnie Bernal (Cloverdale)

Present

Julie Hupp (Strickland)

Excused

Lorane Bailon (Rio Plaza)

Excused

At Large Members

Mike Barber (Chair)

Present

Aaron Wedemeyer

Present

Brenda Heredia

Present

Others Present: Captain Robert Davidson, VC Sheriff's; Sergeant Mike Untalan, CHP; Tracy McAulay, Housing Solutions Director, County Executive Office; Jennifer Butler, County Executive Office; Sherry Leal-Ryan, VC Library; Ariana Castellanos, Supervisor Kelly Long's office

III. Approval of Summary Meeting Minutes for November 20th 2025

Bonnie B. made the motion to approve the minutes from October.

Brenda H. seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

IV. Public Safety Updates

Ventura County Sheriff's Department, CHP, Oxnard PD

Captain Davidson with VC Sheriffs mentioned that crime in the area has been low. If you see something, please report it. Sergeant Untalan with CHP mentioned that they have a new PIO, Officer Givens. Officers are being taken off community services to assist more in beat areas and patrolling especially with increasing fatalities.

V. County of Ventura / SCAG: Unlocking Land for Housing: 4215 East Vineyard Ave.

Jennifer with County of Ventura and Christian with Kearns and West Consulting presented the item. Included in the presentation was background information and listening session. Handouts were passed out with four questions related to the site for feedback.

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VI. Election of El Rio Del Norte MAC Chair and Vice Chair

Ariana C. facilitated the annual election of Chair and Vice Chair, as outlined in Section 8 of the resolution. A quorum was present. A roll call vote was taken for each position.

Chair: Nominations were opened to the floor. Mike B. was nominated. There were no additional nominations. A motion was made by Brenda H. and seconded by Bonnie B to elect Mike B. as Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair: Nominations were opened to the floor. Brenda H. was nominated. There were no additional nominations. A motion was made by Aaron W. and seconded by Mike B. to elect Brenda H. as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

The newly elected Chair and Vice Chair will serve for the 2026 term.

VII. Comments from Supervisor Long's Office

Ariana Castellanos mentioned that VCPWA is exploring the launch of a new Adopt-a-Cabinet program and have a survey open for community feedback. Link and QR code could be found in the back. She also mentioned she won't be at the next MAC meeting but her colleague, Michael Durazo, will attend on behalf of the office.

VIII. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

Dina mentioned the completion of the pipeline project for their water mutual. She also mentioned United Way Ventura County has free tax services. Mary Anne mentioned that Nyeland Promise will be having vaccine & spay clinic on February 7th for Nyeland Acre residents.

IX. Council Member Comments

Information Items

X. Adjourn: 8:15

XI. Next Meeting: February 19th, 2025 @ 7 PM / Roger Jones Community Center