

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 February 19th 2026, 7:00 pm

Roger Jones Community Center

2864 Jourdan St, Oxnard, CA 93036

Meeting start at 7:01

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Regular Members

David Souza (Nyeland Acres)

Present

Bonnie Bernal (Cloverdale)

Excused

Julie Hupp (Strickland)

Present

Lorane Bailon (Rio Plaza)

Present

At Large Members

Mike Barber (Chair)

Present

Aaron Wedemeyer

Present

Brenda Heredia (Vice Chair)

Present

Others Present: Senior Deputy Brian Helm, VC Sheriff's ; Officer C. Giveons, CHP ; Corporal Tyler Brockett, OPD; Michael Durazo, Supervisor Kelly Long's Office

III. Approval of Summary Meeting Minutes for January 15th 2026

Aaron W. made the motion to approve the minutes from January

David S. Seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

IV. Public Safety Updates

Ventura County Sheriff's Department, CHP, Oxnard PD

Sr. Deputy Helm reported that there has been a recent increase in license plates being stolen off of vehicle near Alvarado St. in El Rio. Encouraged residents to check their license plates. Encouraged residents to call if crime is happening and reassured the public that VCSO is not ICE and are there to help. Officer Giveons from CHP introduced himself as new to the area and is the new PIO for the Ventura Office. Giveons has also joined the COPS Team. Corporal Brockett from OPD advised that there had been one crime in the past 28 days, a vehicle theft. Brockett stated he is the beat coordinator for El Rio West.

V. Comments from Supervisor Long's Office

Michael Durazo announced a Premier America Credit union scholarship opportunity and offered flyers to anyone who was interested. He also mentioned that the IRS in connection with United

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Way is offering free tax prep and offered flyers to those interested.

VI. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

Sherry from Albert Soliz Library announced of a Kids Farmers Market on February 27th from 4:00pm-5:00pm. Sylvia from HERO announced the Mental Health Fair at Rio Plaza, left flyers. A gentleman in the audience mentioned that the County should put more funding into El Rio specifically streets.

VII. Council Member Comments

David Souza commented on the presentation from last month regarding the Juvenile facility. Lorane Bailon asked if PWA could fix the crosswalks near Rio Plaza School, mentioned that the crosswalk striping's have been stacked on top of each other and not even walk. Lorane mentioned American Water doing work near Rio Plaza and suggested them do a presentation at the MAC. Julie Hupp asked if the Supervisor's office could contact CALTRANS to see if they could fill the potholes down Vineyard near construction.

Information Items

- I. **Tentative Dates Harrison Community Clean Up: El Rio, Eternal Life Church – June 6th 2026
Nyeland Acres, Nyeland Acres Community Center – October 10th 2026**
- II. **Adjourn: 7:50pm**
- III. **Next Meeting: March 19th, 2026 @ 7 PM / Nyeland Acres Community Center**
 - **Presentation on the Nyeland Acres Resurfacing Project by PWA**