

# 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 March 19<sup>th</sup> 2026, 7:00 pm**

John C. Zaragoza Community Center

3334 Santa Clara Ave, Oxnard, CA 93036

Start Time: 7:03 pm

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Roll Call**

Regular Members

**David Souza (Nyeland Acres)**

Absent

**Bonnie Bernal (Cloverdale)**

Present

**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: Captain Robert Davidson, VC Sheriff's; Senior Deputy Brian Helm, VC Sheriff's; Sergeant Mike Untalan, CHP; Officer Christopher Byrd, CHP; Corporal Perez, OPD; Justin Bertoline, County Executive Office (CEO); Sherry Leal-Ryan, VC Library; Ariana Castellanos, Supervisor Kelly Long's office

**III. Approval of Summary Meeting Minutes for February 19th 2026**

Julie H. made the motion to approve the minutes from February.

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. Officer Byrd with CHP mentioned they have issued 15 parking citations, towed 8 vehicles, and there has been two crashes in El Rio. Also mentioned that he has been doing more door knocking instead of towing cars and more officers are coming on board which means more patrol for the areas. Sergeant Untalan mentioned that Officer Byrd received Officer of the Year with Knights of Columbus. Corporal Perez from OPD mentioned that a speed odometer will

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be put on Vineyard and Ventura Blvd.

**V. Comments from Supervisor Long's Office**

- Nyeland Acres Community Center Update  
Justin B. From the CEO's provided an update. He shared that the plans are expected to be submitted to Building and Safety this summer. This project is expected to go out for bid (RFP) in November, and construction once started will take approximately 12-18 months.

**VI. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda**

Mary Anne R. mentioned the resurfacing project that will be happening in Nyeland Acres.

**VII. Council Member Comments**

Brenda H. mentioned that HERO will be having a mental wellness fair this Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 am to 3 pm. She also mentioned that Nyeland Promise will be receiving an award from SCAG in May. Julie H. mentioned potholes on Vineyard Ave.

**Information Items**

**VIII. Adjourn: 7:34 pm**

**IX. Next Meeting: April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 7 PM / Roger Jones Community Center**

- **Presentation from Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS)**