



**Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda, October 17, 2019 5:30 – 8:30pm
Monte Rio Community Center**

The Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council welcomes you to its meeting. Your interest and participation are encouraged and appreciated. As a courtesy, please turn off all cell phones, electronic devices and pagers during the meeting.

Call to Order

MAC Clerk/Nance Jones

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

A) **Approval of Agenda**

B) **Statement of conflict of interest**

(This is the time for the Chair, Vice Chair and Councilmembers to indicate any statements of conflict of interest for any item listed on this agenda).

C) **Correspondence**

- 1) Lloyd Guccione
- 2) Joy Levinger

D) **Consent Calendar**

- 1) Approval of minutes
- 2) Approval of letter of concern regarding bus schedule changes for Cazadero and remote area students

E) **Public Comment**

This time is set aside to receive comment from the public regarding matters of general interest not on the agenda, but related to River MAC business. Pursuant to the Brown Act, however, the River MAC cannot consider any issues or take action on any requests during this comment period. Due to the length of our program, comments will be limited to 1-2 minutes per person; time limitations are at the discretion of the Chair.

F) **Informational Items/Presentations**

- a. EV program grant – Nelson Lomeli of Sonoma Clean Power
- b. Roads update from Transportation and Public Works
- c. Michael Gossman from the Office of Recovery and Resilience on Flood Recovery Funds and appointment of an AdHoc Committee to provide feedback for community fund benefit.
- d. Introducing the Lower Russian River Ombudsman, Alisha O’Laughlin

e. Appointment of AdHoc Committee on possible limitations for Vacation Rentals

G) **Regular Calendar Items (Discussion and/or Action)**

None.

H) **Proclamations**

None.

I) **Board Reports**

Written reports with brief summaries presented to the council.

a. **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

- i. TIF Ad Hoc
- ii. Communications Ad Hoc

b. **Board Reports**

- i. Forestville Beaches Town Hall
- ii. Fire Prep Neighborhood meetings – Forestville, Monte Rio
- iii. Russian River Disaster Prep, Health and Wellness Fair November 16

J) **Adjournment**

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Lower Russian River MAC Meetings

Regular schedule:

Thursday, December 19, 2019, Location TBD, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 20, 2020, Location TBD, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19, 2020, Location TBD, 5:30 p.m.

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Lower Russian River and Sonoma Coast Municipal Advisory Councils

Joint Special Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2019

Cazadero Fire Station

5980 Cazadero Highway, Cazadero, Ca 95421

Meeting Called to order by Chair Mike Nichols at 5:30

Roll Call:

Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council:

Present:

Mike Nichols, Gary Harris (alternate for Vesta Copestakes), Jeanette Dilliman, Lucy Hardcastle, Jordan Lebovitch, Pip Marquez de la Plata, Claudia Sisomphou, Cynthia Strecker, Jennifer Wertz

Absent: Vesta Copestakes

Sonoma Coast Municipal Advisory Council:

Che Casul, Cal Ares, Cathy Beck, Marti Campbell, Scott Farmer, Abreanna Gomes, Wanda Swenson, Brooks Rooney, Dibby Tyler

Statement of Conflict of Interest:

None Stated

Correspondence:

None

Consent Calendar:

- 1) It was noted that the previous minutes presented for approval at this meeting were still in draft format. Mike Nichols recommended pulling these minutes for final updates and approval at subsequent meetings. Scot Farmer moved to withdraw and review at next meeting Cal Ares seconded the motion, motion carried 9-0-0
- 2) There was a motion from Cynthia Strecker to approve letter of support for Hazard Mitigation Grant funding for westside avenue slide, seconded by Lucy Hardcastle- vote approved by only LRRMAC

Informational items/presentations

- 1). Senator Mike McGuire gave a presentation and addressed legislative updates, state update on Emergency Power Shutdown, alert notification systems and 911 upgrades and then took questions from the audience.

Some highlights of the presentation from Senator McGuire:

Senator McGuire acknowledged Lynda Hopkins and all the hard work she has done for the District and especially during time of devastating flood

General Information on the Status of the State:

40 senators per million Senator McGuire's is largest going all the way to Oregon Border and it is a very diverse group in their politics

There will be a correction to the 1.5 million dollars in flood relief funds which was accidentally allocated to Sebastopol. This money will be split with Guerneville area also.

The California economy is doing well #1 in job growth, 17th largest economy in the world, revenues are 1.9 billion positive in income tax through individual and corporate income tax, and there is record low unemployment

Biggest Challenge is ensuring affordable housing for those that need

Affordable Care Act while not perfect should not be repealed at this time California has more folks signed up for Affordable Care than other states. If repealed would cost California 1.7 billion. California has a low rate of 17% uninsured and there is still ongoing work to get all insured

California Schools are dead last in the United States. There will be increased monetary support of 5k per student and we were at 42 now rising to 35th and there is momentum to keep increasing. 300 million is being set aside for further training and as of 2020 fulltime students in California will receive 2 years of paid tuition

The surplus fund of 19.4 billion is being set aside for a rainy-day fund as while this is a good year it may not be that way in the future and monies need to be set aside. California also continues to use the surplus monies to continue to pay down debts.

Fire

12 of the deadliest fires have been in California, 60% of Lake County is burned, Overall Temp is up 2.5 degrees, 120,000 trees have died in the last ten years and the fire season is now 222 days each year.

Cal Fire will now be working 365 days per year and significant monies have been invested in new planes to drop retardant and new helicopters. One billion is being spent on statewide prevention with 3 million coming to Sonoma County for prevention. Lynda talked about vegetation management program and free chipper program through Cal Fire for Sonoma County

Emergency Alerts:

Our systems need work and there is now funding to enhance. Alerts will now be opt-out instead of opt-in and it will be for fire, floods and earthquakes. There will be a mandated blast out to phones, radio, TV freeway Overhead and 911 will be upgraded over next five years to be able to switch to other call centers. Lynda Hopkins also mentioned that siren use will be assessed as to where it is necessary to have and then look at funding sources for sirens. They are only appropriate for certain areas and that will be identified.

PGE

Senator McGuire acknowledged that PGE employees work hard and that the state is working hard to look at a plan that works. He acknowledges that there is concern about planned power outages and that common sense must prevail. PGE must now give advance warning to all serve and care agencies prior to initiating.

Roads

Senator McGuire acknowledged that work needs to continue on our roads. 12 million state funds have been allocated for this county to improve 116. Lynda Hopkins reported that 20 million had been spent on county roads and that Cazadero Hwy will get a new road from 116 to town once final approvals occur.

Senator McGuire then took comments/questions from the Board:

Wanda Swenson- During one of red flag and fires her area waited for 90 minutes to shut off power. Senator McGuire responded that during red flag conditions there will be shutoffs and that the county needs more weather stations

Jennifer Wertz- During Fires and Shutdowns there is no way to receive communications as phones are also down. This is where Sirens may be important responded Senator McGuire. Lynda Hopkins also responded that this is where mitigation grants may be helpful to fund sirens where needed.

Cynthia Strecker- identified that many folks are experiencing insurance cancellations-Senator McGuire discussed a bill was defeated that would have made reporting of non-renewal of home insurance mandatory. There is work to start gathering data on non-renewals and other states such as Colorado are looking at write off for making your home fire safe. Senator McGuire reported that there is work to change non-renewal to at least 90 days to one-year notice.

Cathy Beck- discussed the shortened crab season due to whale situations. Senator McGuire talked about lawsuit lost by state from Biological Diversity. Entanglements had increased and crab traps must be collected. Entanglements must be decreased by two-thirds over next three years and the settlement cannot be changed.

Scott Farmer- Thanked Senator McGuire for all his assistance with cell tower work

Mike Nichols- State Parks have lost many rangers who assisted with emergency responses. Senator McGuire acknowledged this issue and reported that our new governor will be spending more in this area

Cal Ares- asked about utility undergrounding and the Senator responded that he thought there will be work in that direction but it will be very slow

Public Comment:

Mike Doll- Where is all the money coming from to fund all of this ongoing work. The Senator responded that it will come from the excess money in personal and corporate income tax

Joy Lovinger- Discussed the serious safety issue of Cazadero Highway being down to one lane in two areas and that one of those areas are appearing to cave in also. Lynda reported that FEMA grant which has been in the works for several years and that she will investigate further and report to Joy.

2). Mark Bramfitt Presentation included Fire consolidation and rationale, issues of concern impeding consolidation and benefits. Mark Bramfitt is the Executive Director of an agency called LAFCO(local agency formation committee) He explained they do not report to the county but areas they address are items such as preserving open space, Roseland into Santa Rosa, Palm Drive detachment and ensure local government functions effectively.

There were 41 fire agencies in Sonoma County and many are working on or assessing the possibility of consolidation. Currently they are down to 35 and working toward 5-7 regional agencies with the goal to form a final central agency in the future

LAFCO studied 15 companies in the West County and the final study was presented last week. Mark encouraged the group to ready the 18-page overview on their website. All agencies have challenges with amounts of staff, old equipment, vehicles and facilities in some form.

Service levels are not as good as they may appear also. Nowadays only 25% of calls are fire and the other 75% are medical. Good volunteerism in west county but the model is strained with days and weekend issues. Need a movement to paid staff as volunteers are also aging. Significant funds are needed for new equipment and facilities. 5-6 facilities need replacement.

One consolidation which was approved after this meeting was that Russia River Fire Department voted to consolidate with Sonoma County Fire.

Board Comment/Questions to Mark Bramfitt:

Lucy Hardcastle- Forestville received \$3,640 dollars for items for fire station will that type of monies be lost in consolidation. Mark responded that individuality in those areas will be maintained

Scott Farmer- Stipend program will it be maintained. Mark responded the there will be funding for the next two years for the stipend program then it will be reviewed for continuance

Wanda Swenson- Will the county transition to Cal Fire. Mark responded no plans at this time.

PIP Marques de la Plata-Are issues looked at individually or collectively? Mark responded that LAFCO tries to focus on the bigger picture

Lucy Hardcastle- if $\frac{3}{4}$ of the calls are medical assist should we have red Priuses out making calls. Mark agreed that ambulance services are underfunded and needs more service. As part of the RRFD consolidation another paramedic will be added to the team.

Jordan Lebovich- asked about funding for year-round Cal Fire and Mark had no further information on this

Suki Robb-Wilder- Why name Sonoma County fire when you only have 9 agencies. Mark Hine Chief of RRFD responded that they developed this name hoping and planning for more agencies to join

Juan De La Cruz- Is there a possibility to get more TOT monies from the county for fire funding? Mark supports this concept and believes it should happen. Lynda responded that she needs more support from all of us to get a 3/5 board vote of supervisors to get us more TOT monies in West County.

3). Carleon Safford- Fire Safe Sonoma Presentation on basics of vegetation Management and Home Hardening. Carleon present how to make your home safer in case of fire:

- Start with house and work out

- Direct Flame items remove

- Radiant Heat – check windows

- Embers cause 80% of all fires

- Look at Roofs and Ductwork

- Check Chimneys and gutters

- Vents in attic and around house should be 1/8 mesh Vulcan vents

Defensible space

- Five feet noncombustible space

- Do not attach wood fences to house-replace with something else

- Windows and doors tempered glass up to 635 degrees

- Decks, patios and porches- what's on them that can burn

- Review siding and replace if you can with fire resistant materiel

Board Comment/Questions for Carleon

Jeanette Dillman- Very hard to deal with absentee owners. Carleon responded to call Fire station and or Cal fire

Che Casul- Any push for grazing? Carleon supports grazing to help clear up to 100ft of space from house

Lucy Hardcastle- 95 people in Forestville had dead oaks and responded well to review and had trees removed after community action

Scott Farmer- reminded community to get large green address numbers so fire personnel know where to go when called. Address needs to be bottom of road and at top

Cynthia Strecker- Asked about her own home which is in the redwoods. Carleon responded to keep the property as free of debris as you can

Dibby Tyler- mentioned that Carleon did not have trees in her slides. Carleon responded that she had removed some slides for time's sake that had trees on them

Public Comment

Mario Torrigino- commented on the role of county government to set up program for delinquent homeowners. Carleon responded that current inspections are taking place. It is expensive and follow-up expensive but program will become more robust.

Terry Gwiazdowski-commented on a small property that has tan oaks and redwoods. How can they be removed? Carleon responded that we don't want to destroy all the trees by removing but keep debris off the ground and trim dead branches.

Regular Calendar Items (Discussion and Action)

None

Proclamations

None

Board Reports

Claudia Sisomphou-FEMA coming to survey all 56 road sites for funding

Cynthia Strecker- Plan from water board approved and accepted

Public Comment:

Tony Goodwin thanks everyone for presenting it was very useful information

Motion to Adjourn-

Scott Farmer moved to adjourn, Che Casul seconded the motion, motion carried 9-0-0



Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council
Michael Nicholls, Chair

Members

October 17, 2019

Forestville

Lucy Hardcastle
Vesta Copestakes
Alternate: Gary Harris

Mr. Tony Beal, Superintendent
West Sonoma County Union High School District
462 Johnson Street
Sebastopol, CA 95472

Hacienda

Claudia Sisomphou
Alternate: Chelene Lopez

Dear Superintendent Beal:

Pocket Canyon

Jeanette Dillman
Alternate: Bruce
McDonnell

Quite frankly we were shocked and disappointed to learn in late August of the school bus schedule realignment affecting students in Cazadero, Ft Ross and Timber Cove. These communities generally fall below published county household income averages and parents/guardians are absorbing additional costs transporting their high school students to the Jenner or Rien's Beach stops.

Rio Nido

Pip Marquez de la Plata
Alternate: John Uniak

Many of our students come from households with both parents working to make ends meet. Parents in some cases have to rely on friends, parents of other students or relatives to drop off or pick up students at the remote stops. Traveling from Cazadero to Rien's Beach can be a 15 to 30-minute one-way drive, depending upon where students live in the Cazadero community and up to four trips a day for those responsible for transport.

Guerneville

Jeniffer Wertz
Jordan Lebovich
Alternate: Ron Redmon

Looking to the next academic year 2020-2021, we expect up to ten students from the Cazadero community and their families to be economically impacted due to a lack of bus service without a return to prior service routes.

Monte Rio

Cynthia Strecker, Vice
Chair
Alternate: Kyra Wink

Our hard-working families certainly deserve the same level of service from the WSCUHSD as their peers in served areas receive.

Cazadero/Duncans Mills

Michael Nicholls, Chair
Alternate:
Terry Gwiazdowski

Sincerely,

Clerk: Nance Jones
Staff: Elise VanDyne

Michael Nicholls, Chair

Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council

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SUNRISE MOUNTAIN MUTUAL HOA

Our Mission:

**Maintain our Water System & Equipment---Maintain Access roads in our Subdivision
--Levy and Collect Dues and other assessments**

Johannes Hoevertsz, Director
Transportation and Public Works Department
2300 County Center Drive, Ste B100
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

September 3, 2019

Dear Mr. Hoevertsz,

This is a follow-up to my letter of July 30th, copy enclosed. My letter was acknowledged by Supervisor Hopkins and Senator McGuire but I've not heard from you and am wondering when this repair is going to get scheduled – I believe that you are a key figure in this decision.

I intend to continue to write to the three of you until we get some sort of a satisfactory response.

Joy Lovinger
Representative for SMMHOA
68 Sunrise Mountain Rd,
Cazadero, CA 95421
707/292-9998

cc by mail

Linda Hopkins, District Five
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
575 Administration Dr, Room 100A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Laurel Green, District Representative
Office of State Senator Mike McGuire
50 D St, Ste 120A
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Mike Nicholls, LRR MAC Rep
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Cazadero, CA 95421

CC by email:

Terry Gwiazdowski
Sonoma Gazette

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Lloyd Guccione <llbooks@pacbell.net>

To: Michael 'Mike' Nicholls <mnicholls.lrrmac@gmail.com>

Cc: Bruce Maher <bmaher@maherglass.com>; Barbara DeCarly <bdecarly@sonic.net>; Jr. William J. Arnone <barnone@majlaw.com>; Efren Carrillo <efren.carrillo@gmail.com>; Ernie Carpenter <ernie_man@comcast.net>; Frank Robertson <rayvel@comcast.net>; George Zastrow <yldrurz@aol.com>; Holly Trujillo <holly.trujillo@sonoma-county.org>; Russian River Park & Recreation District <rec.park@gmail.com>; West County Gazette <vesta@sonic.net>; Darrin O'Hara <darrin.o'hara@sonoma-county.org>; Lloyd Guccione <llbooks@pacbell.net>

Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019, 6:25:37 AM PDT

Subject: Fw: Reply Email of August 20th...

Dear Mr. Nichols,

At the recent joint meeting of the MAC's and Cazadero Fire, et. al.; where Mr. McQuire (Senator) and Ms. Hopkins (Supervisor) addressed the community, it was not an appropriate occasion to bring to the attention of the Lower River MAC the "problem" and *Gordian Knot* of accounting for the former Russian River Redevelopment Project Area's 'unaccounted' for 8 million + dollars. As my email to Mr. O'Hara points out (again) there is no advocate for a detailed accounting, in layman's terms, of those funds. Nor is there a *sufficient* explanation of how funds that were not supposed to be co-mingled (absorbed) with the county's two other redevelopment Project Areas ('the Springs' and 'Roseland') into a common fund for disbursement and application, was brought about or how it was approved by the State Department of Finance. Please take note of the fact that Mr. John Haig Jr., former Redevelopment Manager, emphatically stated that the RRRPA funds could not be co-mingled, and that former County Counsel Mr. Steven Shupe has also previously stated to the RRROC (and public in attendance) that Russian River funds could not be used outside of the Project Area.

Although this issue of concern is now, as time has passed, not familiar with most of those now politically involved or active in the Lower River there are still some of us who recall those past assurances, and their now seeming uselessness.

Please include this email as correspondence to the Lower Russian River MAC.

Thank you for your service and most noteworthy diligence.

Kindly,

Lloyd Guccione

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Lloyd Guccione <llbooks@pacbell.net>

To: Darrin O'Hara <darrin.o'hara@sonoma-county.org>

Cc: John Uniack <johnuniack@hotmail.com>; Johanna Lynch <rrtimes@sonic.net>; Kenneth R. White <krw43@mac.com>; Herman Hernandez <hermanjh@aol.com>; Lloyd Guccione <llbooks@pacbell.net>; Dennis O'Rorke <daororke@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019, 5:41:58 AM PDT

Subject: Reply Email of August 20th...

To: Mr. Darrin O'Hara; Community Development Commission

Dear Mr. O'Hara,

Thank you for your email referencing me to:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&divisio

[n=24.&title=&part=1.85.&chapter=4.&article=](#) ; regards appointments to the Consolidated Oversight Board.

My query to the Board members as to 'Who is the public representative on the Board?', and in follow-up 'Who represents the *community* of the former Russian River Redevelopment Project Area? were meant to bring home to the Board that there was no advocate for the interests of that *community* - especially in regards to follow-up and fiduciary duty vis-a-vis the Project Area's unaccounted 8 million dollars. But I am fairly confident that you perceived that aspect.

At the August meeting, per the representation of the City of Santa Rosa's third attempt to clear an action item with the state Department of Finance through the supportive action of the Oversight Board it exemplified that those (such as the City of Santa Rosa) may expect patient and accommodating support from the Board. On the other hand no such support is in evidence regards the interests and monies of the Russian River Project Area. Why is this so?... perhaps because there is a knowledge that there is a large embarrassment therein, and polite direction has been given to not address or discuss the matter.

Never-the-less I appreciate your providing me with the link and accept it as a special mark of your kindness towards me.

Yours,
Lloyd Guccione

Copy of your email:

Good Morning Mr. Guccione,

You had requested information on how the members of the Consolidated Oversight Board were appointed. The following link, which takes you to the Health and Safety Code 34179, outlines how these appointments were made (specifics are found in Section (j)).

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&division=24.&title=&part=1.85.&chapter=4.&article=

Sincerely,

Darrin O'Hara / Affordable Housing Administrative Aide / Sonoma County Community Development Commission / 1440 Guerneville Road / Santa Rosa, CA 95403 / PH: (707)565-7522 / Fax: (707)565-7583 / Darrin.O'Hara@sonoma-county.org /

Municipal Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2019

Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council

Guerneville Veterans Memorial Building

16255 First Street, Guerneville Ca 95446

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 by the Chair Mike Nicholls

Roll Call:

Present: Vesta Copestakes, Jeanette Dillman, Lucy Hardcastle, Jordan Lebovich, Pip Marquez de la Plata, Cynthia Strecker, Jennifer Wertz, Chelene Lopez (alternate for Claudia Sisomphou)
Mike Nicholls (Chair)

Absent: Claudia Sisomphou

A) Approval of Agenda:

Lucy Hardcastle moved to approve agenda as is, Cynthia Strecker second- to approve agenda as stated, motion approved 9-0-0

No public comment at this time

No board Comment

Chair announced for this meeting, public comment will be at the end of the meeting.

B). Conflict of Interest No statements of Conflict of Interest reported by council members at this time

C). Correspondence- No Correspondence to review at this time

D) Informational Items:

Mark Essick, Ray Basurto and Mike Raasch presented the Following information:

Budget Approval:

Budget approved last week. Sherriff Office experienced a 12 million 2.2% overall spending cut
Reduced deficit to 1.3 million using casino mitigation funds. Restored all but 200k, no positions cut

River Staffing continues at 2 sergeants, 12 deputies,3 coast deputies.

Mark acknowledged Lynda Hopkins for being a great partner and setting aside 300k for a security contract to support the community of Guerneville

The guard will be sponsored by the Chamber and support the eyes and ears of law enforcement. The BOS has also supported this measure.

Statistics shared by Mark Essick of comparisons to another area:

	West County	Valley Hot Springs
All calls	25,772	24,000
Self-Initiated by Deputy	15,278	9,900
Time on Homeless incidents	3,000(12%)	191<1%)
Crime Report	3092	4,500
Felony Arrests	478	446
Misdemeanor Arrests	1409	1259

Extra Patrols increased March-August 2 days per week See many quality of life issues and referrals to Mental Health and Drug Rehab.

Meeting with District Attorney's Office- Mark reported that he and Lynda Hopkins met with Jill Ravich to improve prosecutions. Mark reported that they will need to improve documentation effort to improve prosecutions and this will help with repeat offenders.

Important Note for all Lower Russian River community members- Call all incidents in to 565-2121. Whether or not there is an immediate response make sure you call it in. That will provide a more accurate track record of what is really occurring in our neighborhoods.

Board Comment/Questions:

Pip- Clarification on the Lower Russian River Stats- Mark responded this takes into consideration West Forestville to Jenner

Lucy- Diversity is important in the department and would like to understand percent of females

Mark presented the following data to the best of his knowledge as he did not have actual numbers with him at this meeting

635 people

220 Sheriffs

211 Correctional Officers

The rest is Administrative Staff

Overall diversity:

19%Latino

18% women (Includes admin)

9% Women Sheriffs

Mark reported he is actively promoting talent from within and he has promoted the first female Lieutenant and African American Captain.

Cynthia Strecker- 300k to chamber is this a one time? Lynda Hopkins reported that she hopes it lasts two years and will be recruiting more resources in the mean time

How do Sheriffs evaluate that they are doing a good job? Mark reports all are evaluated on goals and principles of department and overall they strive for a good fit in each job.

Jordan Lebovich- Can you talk more about the extra patrols- Mark responded that they will patrol in cars and on foot to ensure a high presence and hand out citations and make arrests as warranted

Jennifer Wertz-Acknowledged flood work and thanks for staffing, asked Mark to discuss litigation on towing:

Mark responded that case law has changes. This makes it very difficult to tow as it is now considered under 4th amendment not 14. There must actually be something wrong or unlawful and the 72 hour rule does not apply. This will be very important information to get out to community

Safe parking in County- Mark not aware and Lynda reported the BOS does not support at this time.

Increased Drugs in Guerneville and open drinking on Sidewalks- Mark reported that his narcotics team has been reduced to seven along with other duties they have. As far as open Drinking the community needs to actively continue to work with ABC. The Sheriffs can also enforce

Chelene Lopez- How are Sheriffs connecting with Latino population to feel safe? Sheriffs do not ask immigration status. SB54 very few interactions with ICE (felonies or murder) Hiring more Latino sheriffs to engage with community

Public Comment regarding this presentation:

Peter Duguay- Sonoma Sheriffs are professional, Hopkins private security a joke and waste of money. Businesses should pay for it.

Ian Buret-Issues that public doesn't know about drug use and intoxication

Lois Lebovich- Who oversees 300k for private security- Aimee will get answer

Lois also presented draft work of starting a pilot neighborhood watch program for first through Fourth Street.

Jerry Knight- The Park needs hours of operation; the taxpayers should not pay the 300k and the Theater is up and open for business and the radio station is located there.

Russian River Wastewater Citizens Advisory Group Presentation- Dan Fine present new regulations water board is tasked with implementing (see attachment)

Dan encouraged the group to look on the website for more information and there will be an ombudsman for project to be announced soon. The overall plan will take until 2040 and the first step is to hire a consultant to put the entire plan together. Dan did articulate that cesspools will need remediation as soon as possible as the first stage of the plan. This plan includes Monte Rio and Villa Grand as a first phase of the project with monies available to assist with remediation as part of the pilot.

Board Comment

Jeanette Dillman- what does solution mean? Dan responded if the system is functional then nothing will need to be done if not will eventually have to meet new standards individually or a group solution may be found for specific neighborhoods

Cynthia Strecker- Class three types septic a problem- Dan responded that they will not be in the first wave but eventually will need to be addressed

Chelene Lopez- Study of all areas for grant funds to be included? Dan responded that the first process will be a model for other site

Vesta Copestakes- composting toilets- state says legal but county does not. Dan identified that all options will need to be looked at and reviewed for viability

Jennifer Wertz- asked if other contributing factors i.e. agriculture and homeless camps will be looked at and Dan responded he did not have individual answers

Mike Nichols – Asked about PACE funding on mortgages-Dan responded. that is a later conversation

Public comment-

If your system fails now must it be fixed public wants to know how long?

Lloyd Gaccione-there are other points of view on this issue. How many complaints have been received?

John Uniak- Is there a mechanism to address the 100 year flood plain and how to deal with Russian River Sanitation and it should be reviewed as part of study

E1) B. MAC to Liaise with the CAG. Vesta and Cynthia volunteered to do this role

E2) Suggestions for special board meeting agenda on August 15th with Mike McGuire:

- Fire Safe Sonoma- Alert systems, CERT,
- Financial help to clear lots- Trees and Brush
- Address all emergencies
- Winter Shelter Citizens advisory board
- Issues with Vineman and bus service for those working on the weekend
- Mental Health Response
- Sirens and the status of moving forward with this option
- Sonoma County Fire consolidation and next steps
- River Access and Right of Way pertaining to Johnsons Beach

F) Consent Calendar

Approval of Minutes from March 21st and April Pip motioned to approve both sets of minutes from March and April, the motion was seconded by Vesta, Motion carried 9-0-0

G) Public comment

Tony Goodwin, Kathy Merrill and Barbara Regan- See attached

Suki Waters, Speed limit on Armstrong Woods Road and cross walk

Tim Cresler noise ordinance in Guerneville only

Lois Lebovich- Please support national night out on August 6 from 6-8 pm. Also take your security in your own hands and start a community fire safe program

Terry Gwiazdowski- Based on all the work the MAC has to do can the meetings please be moved to monthly

Board Comment- None

H) Proclamations- None

I) Board Reports-

See communications notes attached

J) Adjournment- A motion to adjourn was made by Vesta Copestakes and the motion was seconded by Jordan Lebovich motion carried 9-0-0