



Valley Home Municipal Advisory Council

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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 @ 6:30 PM
13218 Minnesota Avenue, Valley Home, CA 95361

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance- Nancy Osmundson
2. Moment of silence for original MAC members Joe Perez & Donnie Taro
3. Welcome and Roll Call- all members present
4. Public Comment
 - National Night Out announcement
 - Jennifer suggested a tree or bench, etc., for Don Taro
5. Approval of Minutes for April 9, 2025, Nancy moved, and Chris seconded. Motion passed
6. Monthly Reports
 - Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office had 4,816 calls in June for Stanislaus County overall. Valley Home has been very quiet. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office bomb squad is mostly funded by the FBI and is the only squad in the valley. They responded to an Esparto fireworks explosion.
 - California Highway Patrol Officer Arias reported 5 calls for reckless driving. He spent time in Valley Home recently, and the streets were quiet. There are 2 undercover cars in the department, but they are only for freeways. The department is getting 1 more motorcycle; currently, they only have 1. Arias has a partner now, Officer Norsen, and they have moved to 12-hour shifts
 - Modesto Fire Department firefighter Joe Spanning inspected and was on standby for the Woodward fireworks show. There has been a great deal of rescue training in the Stanislaus River. He gave a reminder of the lifejacket loaner program. Every other Wednesday and most every Saturday, a crew is at the Valley Home fire station to maintain it. There were 32 calls in the Valley Home area last month. The Fire Department also has a smoke detector program; residents can call for replacement detectors, and they will install them.
 - Oakdale Fire Protection District Director Gary Cortez says changes are coming, including a whole new board. There will be a district meeting tomorrow, July 10, in Knight's Ferry at 10 am.
 - The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors member Buck Condit reported that District 1 of the Oakdale Rural Fire board has two members who termed out. New members are Matt Cox, Gary Cortez, and Rod Gambini. On July 1, Board of Supervisors chairman Buck gave the state of the county address (available on YouTube). A school sidewalk project is coming to Valley Home by the end of summer. Buck was appointed chair of



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the Stanislaus Council of Governments. He has been working with the civil grand jury. There's been an abuse of funds, and Buck and team are looking into serious allegations. A 5-person board is overseeing a forensic audit going back 5 years. The woman being investigated was the chairman of STANCOG and is on paid administrative leave

- The Valley Home Joint School District 1st day of school will be August 6th, and Back to School Night will be August 5th. The next School board meeting is August 12. Holly Benkula is taking over admin duties, along with her 8th grade teaching.
- Public Works representative James Spoonie reported some pothole calls, and a few calls for service,
- Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office reported that Animal Services is looking for members for an advisory committee, to bring awareness, and help get the animal adoption word out.
- Horacio Madueño Behavioral Health can be reached through 911 or the 800-crisis number. They work closely with law enforcement and are certified to do a 51/50 hold, if necessary, as well as follow up with members after the fact for extra support. In June, there were 99 referrals in the county (up from the previous month)
- Other Community / Public Agencies

7. Information Item(s)

- Presentation on the Valley Water Collaborative and their work in the Central Valley - Sarah Bernal, Community outreach chair, reported that they have been serving the community for about 3 years, trying to raise awareness that they will do a free well test. If there are certain items, particularly nitrites, in the water, they have funding for free drinking water. They are also looking into long-term filtration so bottled water won't always need to be relied upon. They work on funding from the state and federal levels. Their main goal is to protect community health. Nitrate is very detrimental to pregnant women and babies.

8. Action Item(s) NNO committee will meet after the meeting.

9. Correspondence- n/a

10. Council Comments and Suggestions for Future Agendas: It may be nice to have Valley Home Students present.

11. Adjournment- Amanda moved, Winnie seconded

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

NNO August 5th 6:30 Alicia Osmundson heading up