



Keyes Municipal Advisory Council

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MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2025 @ 7 PM

Keyes Community Services District Office

5601 7th Street, Keyes, CA

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Welcome and Roll Call. Chair Garza, Vice Chair Grewal, Member Garcia, and Member Morrow were present. Member Reed was absent.
3. Public Comment:
 - a. Resident Roy Winters expressed concerns about police coverage, trash in alleys, abandoned vehicles, and homeless issues. He spoke with Supervisor Condit about some of the problems he is facing in Keyes, and they will investigate.
 - b. Resident Bill Humis spoke about the fires being set and the smoke causing him harm. Due to the severity of the smoke, he has had to leave his home, and he does not think this is okay.
4. Approval of Minutes: Member Morrow made a motion to approve the minutes for November 14, 2024, seconded by Member Garcia. Member Morrow (M), Member Garcia (S), Chair Garza (AYE), Vice Chair Grewal (AYE), and Member Reed (ABSENT).
5. Monthly Reports
 - a. California Highway Patrol: Officer Arias reported on 8 hit-and-runs, 5 property damage collisions, 4 DUI arrests, 8 calls for reckless driving, and 4 stolen cars from the area of 2 that were left abandoned. There will be extra patrolling in the unincorporated areas, consisting of 4 officers. These are specifically for traffic complaints and community outreach. There was discussion of cars being left on the property due to accidents and how to get them towed off the property.
 - b. Fire District: Fire Chief Raj Singh reported that they had 70 calls for service; there has been an increase in homelessness and fires on the freeway. They have been working with Cal Trans to get things cleaned up. Operation Santa Claus went well. Keyes has one engine down in LA, which is helping with the fires. Keyes Fire is looking for citizens to serve on the Measure H committee. There is a need for 5 members from the community, who will meet quarterly over a 1-year period. They are looking for people who have a background in construction and finance.
 - c. Stanislaus County Public Works: Wes from Stanislaus County Public Works brought a Welcome to Keyes sign. Two signs will be placed in Keyes, and they would like suggestions on where to place them. Public Works has a crew that cleans up the alleys. Last year, they hauled off trash from the clean-ups throughout Stanislaus County. If you need assistance, please call the office directly, and you will get faster service.

- d. Keyes Library: Branch Supervisor Alberto spoke of the winter reading challenge, cover-to-cover program, DIA, and other library services.
 - e. Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office: Jennifer Hidalgo stated that Supervisor Condit is hiring. If you have problems in the community, you can use Stan Connect app. Self-Help with Turlock Groundwater Sustainability would like to provide information at the next meeting.
 - f. Stanislaus Regional Transit: Member Morrow said he has nothing to report; he suggests riding the bus.
 - g. Keyes Community Services District: Mike Jones and Kevin Showen of Keyes CSD reported on the 123 TCP project. The time frame is approximately one year until completion. General Manager Garza reported on a meeting at the City of Turlock regarding Prop 218. They will raise the rates for all Industrial users, including Keyes and Denair. The sewer rates will be doubled. We have formed an ad hoc committee that will be meeting to discuss the issue and see what type of fixes we can come up with. We will be going through with a rate study that Clayton Tuckfield will complete to see about a rate schedule. Mike Jones and Kevin Showen gave a demo to explain the sewer process. General Manager Garza discussed the information he will discuss at the KCSD board meeting. There was discussion on how the City of Turlock came up with the cost. Mike Jones reviewed the high flows being sent to the City of Turlock from Keyes. There was a lot of discussion on how to fix the problem and questions on what we can do to prevent the charges.
6. Action Item(s)
- a. A motion was made to elect Ernie Garza for Chair by Member Grewal and a second by Member Morrow.
 - b. There was a motion to elect Stephen Morrow for Vice Chair by Member Grewal and a second by Member Garcia. The secretary's position was tabled.
7. Adjournment: Member Grewal made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and a second motion was made by Vice Chair Morrow. Member Grewal(M), Vice Chair Morrow(S), Chair Garza (AYE), Member Garcia(AYE), and Member Reed(ABSENT).

Minutes taken by: Michelle Harris

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