



WOOD COLONY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Lori Wolf, Secretary
Lina Ruggirello-Danzig, Board Member
Todd Heinrich, Board Member

Minutes

Wednesday, October 12th, 2022 7:00 PM

Hart Ransom Elementary School, 3930 Shoemake Ave., Modesto, CA 95358

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:02 pm
2. Invocation
3. Welcome and Roll Call: David Jones, Lori Wolf, Lina Ruggirello-Danzig present, Todd Heinrich and Lisa Braden absent..
4. Approval of Minutes for MAC Meetings
 - 4.1. August 10th 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
5. Public Comments/Community Concerns – none.
6. Monthly Community Reports
 - 6.1. California Highway Patrol – Seth Renniker – there was a bad crash today at Gates and HWY 132. Current staffing is up one, however one is retiring so there is a net zero gain.
 - 6.2. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office – Deputy Navarro with the Community Response Unit said that Wood Colony has been very quiet. However their department has been busy in two areas, one is homelessness but they are down to two people right now. Everyone else is busy targeting the illegal marijuana grows. After this enforcement period dies down six deputies will return to their other duties. Illegal marijuana grows contribute to the largest criminal source of activity in our county and 80% of recent homicides. It is just too easy to cultivate here and a lot of the product ends up in New York and other eastern states.
 - 6.3. Salida Fire Protection District – Mark Stone Chair of the Salida Fire Board said that the new MURFA coordination is working well and has significantly reduced the response time. It is also beefing up the number of first responders to five which greatly increases their effectiveness. He introduced Kevin Wise the Deputy Chief with the Modesto Fire Department who is part of this coordination of services efforts. MFD serves six cities and other regional communities in this manner.
 - 6.4. Woodland Ave Fire Department – no report.
 - 6.5. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors – Terry Withrow reported that fentanyl is the newest health issue in Stanislaus County. The overdoses are not just among the homeless but young people who shouldn't be dying. They think they are taking Aderol before a test but in fact it is laced with fentanyl and killing people. The County has a new 1.7 billion dollars in their annual budget, only 278 million of that is discretionary. Still have a very big reserve but without income flow that could easily get swallowed up. 60 million of the current monies will be spent on parks, libraries and public buildings. They intend to also spend some money on their workforce. The County is one of seven counties participating in CARES court. Bench warrants for all these misdemeanors aren't working. The ARPA money that they are receiving has been divvied up. The money for our district will be spent on the Riverdale tract for sidewalks, sewer, lighting, etc. They also made changes to their

nuisance abatement ordinance which will allow them to be more aggressive and recover more funds as these nuisance properties are cleaned up and foreclosed on.

- 6.6. Modesto Irrigation District – Stu Gilman reported that working with Nick Blom allowed the MID to extend the irrigation season three more days to help out the walnut growers. The heat wave in September produced a peak demand of 760 megawatts, far above the previous record on 702 megawatts during the last heat wave. SOC is going to build a new gas powered energy plant which MID will eventually appropriate at quite a reduced cost. The Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement MOU is being signed and will return us the same status as in 2017. That will stall all movement forward for 8 – 15 years in which time they hope to eventually get a current FERC license to replace the one that expired in 2018. Lastly, they have avoided an electric rate increase for the past ten years but it looks like that is going to be up for conversation in the near future.
 - 6.7. Hart Ransom Union School District – no report.
 - 6.8. Department of Public Works – Brian England reported that chip seal operations have been substantially completed in the eastern part of the county. There is also an alley cleanup crew available for trash issues.
7. Information Items or Announcement – none.
 8. Action Items – none.
 9. Council Concerns/Comments/Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:
 - 9.1 David Jones provided a letter from Jennifer Pimental with comments in regards to the Historical Preservation questions. We will visit this at a later date. David also requested that we get more information from Erica Inacio as to what to put on the calendar in regards to election results and the next found of Officer Positions for our board. Lori Wolf provided the notification received from the Board of Supervisor regarding reappoint of David Jones, Lori Wolf and Lisa Braden to new terms on service on the MAC board.
10. Next Meeting: November 9, 2022
 11. Adjournment: 7:55 pm