



District 2 Highlights

Lamorinda Edition

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Your Help Is Needed in Planning for Future Disasters

While Contra Costa County is not prone to the types of disasters that other parts of the country face, such as tornadoes and hurricanes, we do have to be prepared to respond to those potentially life-threatening situations that may occur here. To that end, the County has its County Wide Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The purpose of the HMP is to prioritize actions to be taken by the County and the participating cities and special districts (school, fire, flood, water, sewer, etc.) to reduce or eliminate long-term risks to human life, property and the environment from seven types of natural hazards: earthquakes, floods (including levee issues), landslides dam failures, severe weather, drought and wildfires.

Contra Costa County recently received a planning grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be used to update its plan. Having a FEMA approved HMP is a necessary prerequisite to applying for FEMA pre-disaster funding grants. These FEMA grants can be used to fund improvements that will help reduce or eliminate the anticipated effects of a natural disaster on the citizens of Contra Costa County. *You, as a resident of the County, will directly benefit from any FEMA grants that the County receives through the improvements that will be funded.*

Contra Costa County, thirteen cities, and twenty-seven special districts and a planning consultant (Tetra Tech, Inc.) are working together to modify the existing HMP by establishing a uniform set of planning criteria and gathering data on the vulnerability of facilities owned by each planning partner. The data they collect will be analyzed with FEMA software to estimate the economic loss and population disruption caused by the anticipated disaster events. For example, based on preliminary information, an earthquake of Richter magnitude 7.1 on the Hayward-Rodgers Creek fault would cause approximately \$3.5 billion in damages to structures and displace almost 1,300 households in Contra Costa County.

The County's plan must be compliant with Federal law in order for the participating agencies to be eligible for the FEMA grants and Federal law requires that the

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Lamorinda SIRS Fall for Supervisor

The success of Lamorinda SIRS has been so great recently that the group of Sons in Retirement has split into two branches. Supervisor Uilkema visited the members of Branch 171 at the monthly meeting held at the Trinity Cultural Center in Moraga.

Word of one of Supervisor's topics, Fall Prevention, had already reached the gentlemen. Ladies from the Moraga Women's Society reported on Gayle's visit to their group and relayed the importance of knowing the most recent information on Contra Costa County's Fall Prevention program.

The entertainment for the lunch meeting was provided by the SIRS own "Beach Boys". Dick Macey, Program Chair, made the arrangements for this meeting and outlined the program topics. President Jim Gibney introduced the Supervisor to the audience.

Gayle spoke about the County's Fall Prevention program. With falls being the leading cause of hospitalization and accidental death among residents 65 years and older, she stressed the importance of knowing how to prevent such a life changing experience from occurring. She also reported on the current financial picture of the County and the impacts on the County of the State's fiscal crisis. The Supervisor regularly polls the diverse communities of District 2 using an opinion survey and she shared how the responses of Lamorinda residents compare to those of the other areas in the district.



Mike Heller provided Gayle with her ride in the parade.

Orinda Parade Celebrates the 4th of July

Orinda's 4th of July Parade gets better every year! Spirits soar and everyone is there to celebrate the great American holiday.

Supervisor Uilkema wore her traditional red hat and wouldn't think of missing the annual parade. This year, she rode in a red car driven by Lamorinda resident, Michael Heller who arranged for her parade car through his auto dealership.

People lined the streets on both sides of town and the parade participants spread their joy as they rolled along waving and greeting friends and neighbors. One of the grandest groups on foot is the Orinda All Volunteer Marching Band. This is a band that convenes only once a year, with the annual rehearsal taking place only one hour before the brave musicians perform in the morning parade. Mo Levich certainly knows how to bring together the willing musical talent of the community to make a fantastic high point of the day. Orinda Idol participants opened the parade by singing the National Anthem.

New organizers from the sponsoring Orinda Association stepped up to the plate this year to give Kate Wiley a well deserved break and made it all happen. Community groups, businesses, and families supported the event with financial backing and hours of work.

After the parade, there were activities for children, booths offering food and soft drinks, and informational booths at the Orinda Community Center Park.

Did you find this newsletter interesting?

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Summer Intern Annie Chung, second from right, sits with the Supervisors at their weekly board meeting.

Lafayette Student Interns with Supervisor

Supervisor Gayle Uilkema named Annie Chung as her summer intern for 2009. Annie was selected through the Chinese American Political Association (CAPA), which places Asian-American high school students in various local, county, state, and federal level governmental offices. A resident of Lafayette for thirteen years, Annie will be a senior at Campolindo High School in Moraga this fall. During her internship, Annie explored many facets of County government, accompanied Supervisor Uilkema to a variety of board and committee meetings, and broadened her understanding of Contra Costa County through tours to different communities within District 2.

With her interest in environmental law, Annie toured the Shell Refinery in Martinez, interviewed the director of the county's Hazardous Materials Program, and researched the Bay Area Air Quality Management District of which Gayle is a Director.

Lamorinda Spirit Van

Written by Mary Bruns, Transportation Coordinator, Lafayette Senior Services Center

Think about yourself in 10, 20 or 30 years when you may no longer be able to drive. You call a neighbor for a ride to the grocery store. You phone your son or daughter for an important doctor's appointment. And after calling on family and friends a few times to get to the places you need to go to, you begin to hesitate and feel uncomfortable for making yet another call for a ride.

Your world begins to shrink to the size of your house or apartment, and you may find yourself saying as one of our passengers did: "I feel like a prisoner in my own home." Wouldn't it be wonderful if there were a service in your community that you could simply call for a ride without troubling anyone?

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Gayle, in doorway, and intern Annie Chung, at far right, join with staff and volunteers of the Spirit Van program.

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That’s what the Lamorinda Senior Transportation Program is all about; it’s a program that helps people to live independently longer because it provides transportation to those who no longer drive.

The program came into being as a result of a series of meetings which brought together those interested in creating an answer to the question of transportation for seniors in Lamorinda. Supervisor Uilkema was present and gave her full support to the establishment of a transportation program and the use of the Spirit Van to be a major component of that program.

The Lamorinda Senior Transportation Program is an alliance of transportation providers composed of the Lamorinda Spirit Van Program, the Volunteer Driver Program, and the 20% Discounted Taxi Program (Contra Costa Yellow Cab and DeSoto Company).

You may have seen the white “Lamorinda Spirit” van traveling around our community, delivering older residents to the C.C. Cafe at the Walnut Creek Senior Center for lunch Monday through Friday and on errands to Safeway, Trader Joe’s, Diablo Foods, Longs Drugs, the bank, post office, hair and medical/dental appointments. Rides to the lunch are free, and rides to errands and medical trips are \$3.00 one way, \$6.00 round-trip. **Call 925-283-3534 to register and schedule a ride.**

The van program operates through the Lafayette Senior Services Center with part-time staff and volunteers so if you would be interested in volunteering in the office or as a driver or passenger buddy, they would love to hear from you at **925-284-5546**. Typically their volunteer drivers transport passengers from 1:30 to 5:30 pm once a week/month, and volunteers help out in the office from 1:00 to 4:00 pm once a week/month. Training is provided.

Call Mary Bruns, Transportation Coordinator at the Lafayette Senior Center at **925-284-5546** for more information.

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planning team get input from the public – **this means you!** To date, four public meetings have been held in order to present to the public information regarding the plan and the planning process and to receive feed-back from those who attended.

Here are some ways that you can give input into the planning process:

- Information regarding the hazard mitigation planning efforts is available on the County website www.co.contra-costa.ca.us. Follow the links to the “**Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan**”. Everyone is encouraged to help improve the Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation planning process by completing the Natural Hazards Mitigation Questionnaire available at the bottom of the web page.
- The Multi-Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee meets the fourth Wednesday of every month from 1:00PM to 3:00PM. The meetings are open to the public, and are held at the Public Works Department conference room located at 255 Glacier Drive in Martinez.

Once completed, the HMP will go before the board or council of each planning partner agency, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, the California Emergency Management Agency (formerly known as the California Office of Emergency Services) and FEMA for approval.

For further information, refer to the County website or contact Susan Roseberry, Emergency Planning Coordinator – Office of Emergency Services at **925 313-9625**, Rich Lierly, Floodplain/Watershed Manager Senior Civil Engineer - Flood Control District at **925 313-2348** or Rob Flaner, Certified Flood Manager-Tetra Tech **208 939-4391**

A Fall is Often Life Changing

Falls are not accidents if they are preventable and falls don’t just happen because you’re older. More than one third of older adults fall every year, suffering severe, life threatening injuries because they didn’t do what they could have done to prevent this. Supervisor Uilkema and Jennifer Mountain, Manager of the Contra Costa County Fall Prevention program, will talk about specific steps and comprehensive solutions by which you can redesign your living spaces, examine the drugs you take, improve your physical well-being, and address other everyday choices you make which could reduce the risk of hurting yourself through a fall.

The workshop will be held in the Elderberry Room at the Lafayette Senior Center at 500 St. Mary’s Road (2 miles from downtown Lafayette) on **Tuesday, September 29 from 10:30 am to noon**. For information, call Mei Sun at the Lafayette Senior Services Center at **925-284-5050**.

Board of Supervisors Actions

June '09 - August '09

Approve/Authorize purchase order on behalf of the Library to purchase self-check/self-return equipment for the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

Approve/Authorize application/acceptance of a grant from the US Dept of HUD a Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program grant.

Direct Tobacco Prevention Project staff draft amendment to Secondhand Smoke Protections Ordinance, develop recommendations for further protecting residents of multi-unit housing from secondhand smoke exposure, report to Family & Human Services Committee within 6 months.

Conference with Labor Negotiators; Legal Counsel – existing litigation; Real Property Negotiators; Public Employee Appointment Title: Fire Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District; Public Defender.

Report from TWIC on floodplain impacts on unincorporated areas resulting from FEMA remapping and levee accreditation efforts; Authorize necessary actions to minimize impacts.

Update on the State and County fiscal problems as discussed at CSAC Annual Conference, 5/27-5/28/09, and impacts on CCC.

Adjourn to the Annual Luncheon with the CCC Superior Court Bench.

Change from 27-day work period to 24-day work period for qualifying fire protection employees in ConFire.

Authorize County Counsel to initiate legal action against specified parties to recover monies owed for outstanding debts and costs of suit.

Authorize realignment of certain impact fees by allowing for deferral of impact fee payments for residential/non-residential projects.

Approve 2-year extension of MOU between ConFire and IAFF, Local 1230.

Approve/Authorize contract to provide certification review/probable cause and capacity hearing officer services for patients involuntarily confined.

Approve/Authorize contract for development of Earthquake Response Plan.

Approve/Authorize the Librarian to decrease pricing threshold from \$50 to \$35 as minimum for accounts that will be turned over for recovery/collection.

Accept March '09 update on ops. of EHSD, Community Services Bureau.

Terminate emergency action taken by BOS 5/12/09 re: the H1N1 Flu in CCC.

Continue emergency action taken by BOS 11/16/99 re: CCC homelessness.

Congratulate Ken McCormick, Deputy DA, on receiving '09 NeighborWorks Govt Service Award for his commitment to protecting CCC residents from foreclosure assistance fraud.

Resolution on the spending of federal economic renewal grants to CCC.

Accept FY 09/10 Annual Report for CSA L-100, declare intent to levy/collect service charges; fix 6/23/09 public hearing to authorize charges placed on FY 09/10 property tax rolls.

Authorize new revenue from donations and grants, and appropriating it for library materials, equipment, and programs.

Adopt "Support" position on HR 1618: would maintain current 80,000lb federal limit on size of trucks using Hwy System - would extend weight limit to additional hws; Authorize letters to federal legislators.

Resolution regarding economic benefit from providing human services, and the Human Services Funding Deficit.

Approve/Authorize contract amendment w/EDD Workforce Services Division, Workforce Investment Act, for American Recovery/Reinvestment Act funds.

Approve/Authorize contracts with UC Davis to provide Employment Services Training and Eligibility Training.

Approve/Authorize contract to provide respite services to foster parents and relative caregivers through the Heritage Project.

Recognize the art exhibit "We the People" presented by District II and the Martinez Art Association, by Supervisor Uilkema

Resolution urging the CA Legislature and Governor to reject proposals that would shift billions of dollars of local revenue from counties.

Introduce the 2009-2010 Contra Costa County Grand Jury.

Report from CAO on the impacts of the State Budget on the County.

Approve proposed fees for the CCC Certified Unified Program Agency.

Status report on the Light Brown Apple Moth Infestation in CCC.

County Contacts

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Abandoned Vehicles	(925) 313-2659
Adult Protective Services	(925) 646-2854
Agricultural Department	(925) 646-5250
Airport, Buchanan Field, Keith Freitas	(925) 646-5722
Animal Services Dept., Martinez – Glenn Howell	(925) 335-8300
Animal Services Dept., Pinole	(510) 374-3966
Area Agency on Aging, John Cottrell	(925) 335-8700
Auditor-Controller, Stephen Ybarra	(925) 646-2181
Building Inspection Division, Jason Crapo	(925) 335-1108
Building Application & Permits	(925) 646-1609
CCTV, Patricia Burke	(925) 313-1180
Children's Services – Adoptions	(925) 313-7770
Children's Protective Services – Central County	(925) 646-1680
Children's Protective Services - West County	(510) 374-3324
Clerk-Recorder, Stephen Weir	(925) 646-2955
Code Enforcement, Central County, Tim Honea	(925) 335-1147
West County, Tyrone Ridgle	(925) 335-1147
Lamorinda, Greg Wixom	(925) 299-0116
Community Development Division, Aruna Bhat	(925) 335-1221
Community Services, Pat Stroh	(925) 646-5990
Community Substance Abuse Services	(925) 313-6300
County Employment Information	(925) 335-1701
Contra Costa Health Plan, Milt Camhi	(925) 313-6000
Contra Costa Regional Medical Center	(925) 370-5000
County Administrator, David Twa	(925) 335-1086
County Assessor, Gus Kramer	(925) 313-7400
County Librarian, Ann Cain	(925) 927-3205
Central Library	(925) 646-6434
Library –Crockett Branch	(510) 787-2345
Library –Hercules Branch	(510) 245-2420
Library –Lafayette Branch	(925) 283-3872
Library –Martinez Branch	(925) 646-2898
Library –Moraga Branch	(925) 376-6852
Library –Orinda Branch	(925) 254-2184
Library –Pinole Branch	(510) 758-2741
Library –Rodeo Branch	(510) 799-2606
Library –Walnut Creek Branch	(925) 646-6773
County Road Maintenance, Joe Yee	(925) 313-7000
District Attorney, Robert J. Kochly	(925) 957-2200
Employment & Human Services, Joe Valentine	(925) 313-1500
Environmental Health, Sherm Quinlan	(925) 646-5225
Fire District of Contra Costa, Interim Chief John Ross	(925) 930-5500
Crockett-Carquinez Fire Protection Dist.	(510) 787-2717
Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection Dist.	(925) 258-4599
Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection Dist.	(510) 799-4561
First Time Home Buyers	(925) 335-7235
Grand Jury	(925) 646-2345
Hazardous Materials Ombudsman, Michael Kent	(925) 370-5020
Head Start Programs	(925) 646-5540
Health Services, William Walker, MD	(925) 370-5003
Homeless Programs	(800) 808-6444
Household Hazardous Waste	(800) 750-4096
Housing Authority, Joseph Villarreal	(925) 957-8011
In-Home Support Services	(925) 313-1770
Juvenile Hall	(925) 646-4800
LAFCO, Lou Ann Texeira	(925) 646-4090
Law Library	(925) 646-2783
Legal Assistant for the Elderly	(510) 374-3712
Martinez Detention Facility, Inmate Info	(925) 646-4495
Medi-Cal Services Eligibility	(925) 646-2941
Mental Health Services, Donna Wigand	(925) 957-5150
Mosquito Abatement/Vector Control	(925) 685-9301
Office of Emergency Services	(925) 646-4461
Private Industry Council	(925) 646-5239
Probation Department, Lionel Chatman	(925) 313-4023
Public Defender, David Coleman	(925) 335-8000
Public Works, Julie Bueren	(925) 313-2202
Retirement Office	(925) 646-5741
Sheriff-Coroner, Warren Rupf	(925) 335-1500
Superior Court, Clerk of the Court	(925) 646-2951
Superior Court, Jury Services	(925) 646-2002
Superior Court, Richmond	(510) 374-3800
Superior Court, Richmond, Jury Info.	(510) 374-3803
Treasurer-Tax Collector, William Pollacek	(925) 646-4122
Veterans Service Office, Phil Munley	(925) 313-1481
West County Detention Facility, Inmate Info	(510) 262-4200

Additional county departmental information can be found on the county website: www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/

Board of Supervisors Actions *(continued)*

Report on the advisory body review, consider findings and preliminary recommendations, provide additional direction.

Resolution celebrating 25 years of Tobacco Prevention efforts in CCC.

Authorize new revenue from funds received from Homeowner Property Tax Relief and appropriating it to unanticipated expenditures related to special department expenses for SA R-4 Moraga.

Resolution against State seizure of local gas tax and redevelopment funds.

Approve/Authorize contract with Maddie's Fund to accept grant funding to support ASD adoption programs for homeless dogs and cats.

Approve submittal of Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant application to provide supplemental funding to support acquisition/rehabilitation of foreclosed properties/prepurchased housing/counseling/program admin.

Approve/Authorize contract amendment w/CA Dept of Food & Agriculture for increased regulatory work due to expansion of LBAM infestation in CCC.

Approve/Authorize contract with Community Violence Solutions for Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Regional Program.

Approve/Authorize contract with Child Abuse Prevention Council, a Non-Profit Corporation for child abuse prevention program services.

Refer review of the BOS' advisory bodies to the IOC, including the role, mission, operating procedures, and activities, to determine if additional standards would increase efficiency and effectiveness.

Authorize a new budget unit and fund to complete merging of the BID and CDD into Dept of Conservation and Development.

Accept audit from Auditor-Controller on activities of County Treasurer and the Treasury Oversight Committee as required by Govt Code Section 27134.

Authorize participation in '09 CA State Fair with a booth in the County Booth section, Direct the CCC Fair Board and Cooperative Extension to work with the BOS on development of a plan for participation in the '10 CA State Fair.

Accept actuarial valuation of future annual costs of negotiated and proposed changes to OPEB as provided by Buck Consultants in letter of 7/1/09.

Authorize new revenue from CDSS, appropriating it for operating expenses in Child Welfare Services & Promoting Safe and Stable Families programs.

Support AB 1487: would increase from \$3 to \$6 the fee charged for inmate-initiated medical visit by an inmate confined in a county or city jail, requires that the \$3 fee increase be deposited in the county inmate welfare fund.

Establish appropriation limits for General/Special Dists/Svc Areas FY 09/10.

Report on revision of CCC Hazard Mitigation Plan pursuant to the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

Accept written acknowledgment by CAO that he understands current/future costs of health benefits, determined by CCC's 7/1/09 Actuarial Report.

Resolution approving MOU with Public Employees Union, Local One, AFSCME Local 512, SEIU Local 1021, Western Council of Engineers.

Accept report from CAO re: recommendations on health care changes for unrepresented employees, appointed and elected officials, CCC FPD unrepresented fire safety mgmt employees, IHSS; Resolution regarding compensation/benefits for County Elected and Appointed Department Heads, Management, Exempt, Unrepresented employees, and IHSS, CCC FPD unrepresented fire safety management employees to reflect changes.

Acting in capacities of Governing Body of CCC, the CCC FPD, the ECC FPD, and IHSS Public Authority, consider Resolution applying health plan modifications to certain retirees.

Approve Agreed Upon Temporary Absences Implementation for Appointed Department Heads, Mgmt Employees, Exempt Employees, Unrepresented Employees, CCC FPD Unrepresented Fire Safety Mgmt Employees, ECC FPD Unrepresented Fire Safety Mgmt Employees and IHSS Public Authority.

Resolution ending the Tier 2 time County-subsidized Buyback Program.

Resolution to invite Elected Officials to waive salary in conjunction with employees participation in Agreed-Upon Temporary Absences.

Adjourn to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting.

Recommendation by Planning Comm. to adopt '09 Housing Element Update.

Appoint Celine Zwang and Joseph P. Miscione to District II seats on the Alcohol & Other Drugs Advisory Board, recommended by Sup. Uilkema.

Report from TWIC on EBMUD Water Supply Management Program 2040.

Note: this is a partial list of Board activities. A complete record of Board activities can be found at the County's web page:

www.co.contra-costa.ca.us

Volunteer Opportunities

Have you been looking for an opportunity to become more involved in your community? Are you interested in meeting new and interesting people? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then here is your opportunity! Below is a list of available County positions, please take a moment to peruse the list and see if something is of interest to you.

Application forms for **Volunteer Opportunities** are available from Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema's office at **(925) 335-1046**, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors office at **(925) 335-1900** or can be downloaded from the District 2 website at

www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/dis2/

Womens Commission

The Commission serves to identify major economic, educational and social concerns of women in Contra Costa County and how to reach and inform all women on a variety of issues. Meets in Concord, 3rd Tues. at 3pm.

Contra Costa County Library Commission

This Commission serves to advise and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian as to the needs of the public as well as to develop and recommend proposals for the betterment of the County Library including such efforts as insuring a stable and adequate funding level for the libraries in the County; to provide a link between the community and the Library System; and to establish a forum for the community to express its' views regarding goals and operations of the County Library. Meets monthly on the 4th Thursday at 7pm.

CCC FPD's Fire Advisory Commissioners

This Commission serves to review and advise on: annual operations and capital budgets, district expenditures, long-range capital improvement plans, serve as the Appeals Board on weed abatement matters, serve as liaison between the BOS and the community served by each district, as well as other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned and directed by the BOS. Applicants must live within the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District's boundaries.

For more volunteer opportunities, you may go to the Board Advisory page of the Contra Costa County website – or type in this link to your web browser: <http://contra.napanet.net/maddybook/>

If you believe that you, or someone you know, are the victim of elder abuse, Adult Protective Services operates a 24-hour response telephone line. Call 925-646-2854 or toll free 877-839-4347.