



District 2 Highlights

Rossmoor, Saranap, Walnut Creek Edition

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Serving Rossmoor, Saranap, Walnut Creek

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

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Good food and good friends at CCCafe at Rossmoor

Friday Lunch at Rossmoor

The Friday Lunch, also known as CCCafe, held at Hillside Clubhouse always draws a crowd. Over 100 residents regularly show up for these reasons – good food, good friends, and good health!

County Supervisor Gayle Uilkema makes an annual summer visit to see how well the county program is working, to speak with the friends she already knows, and to meet new people. These visits give Gayle an opportunity to hear comments and opinions that the attendees would like to share.

Senior Outreach Services, a department within the Area Agency on Aging, organizes the program that provides the lunches at Rossmoor as well as at numerous senior centers around the county.

Gayle was welcomed by Juliet Lee, a Rossmoor Recreation staff member, and was introduced by Ralph Daniel. Attendees arrived early to enjoy the live piano music as they entered the dining area and chatted with others at their tables while they awaited the lunch served by volunteers.

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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 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**.

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.



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On this occasion, Gayle gave information on the Fall Prevention Program of Contra Costa County. There was considerable interest in the printed material she provided at an information table. A book titled *Exercise & Physical Activity: Your Everyday Guide from The National Institute on Aging* was on display and is available for free from the National Institutes of Health.

To receive *your* free copy of this excellent guide, call the National Institute on Aging at **800-222-2225** or, for those who are computer savvy, visit their website at www.nia.nih.gov. If you need help placing your order, please call Gayle's office at **925-335-1046**.



Where is *Your* Evac Pac?

If you are a Rossmoor resident, can you answer this question, “Where is your Evac Pac?” If you can, then the second and third questions are, “What is in your Evac Pac?” and, “When did you last update your medical information and your medications?”

These questions were the items of interest to the residents and officials from Rossmoor, the county, and the local ambulance company who met recently to discuss the need to refresh the use of the Evac Pac. The Evac Pac program began as a

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Saranap Community Garden Update

From an email sent by Jeanette S. Mone on June 22, 2009

“Happy Summer! I hope you are enjoying the garden!

Supervisor Uilkema surprised the Saranap Community Garden with a \$2,000 grant earmarked specifically for community based volunteer projects.

Since 2006 the Supervisor has been instrumental in helping to establish and maintain the pathway garden. From providing grant funding to leveraging her relationships with Public Works and EBMUD, she has always supported our neighborhood.

The \$2,000 will be spent in October 2010 on re-mulching the quarter mile garden (\$3,000 price tag). While this project is exhausting and not very glamorous, it will serve to keep our neighborhood pathway in tip-top shape.

Thank you, Supervisor Uilkema!”

Prevent Fires and Burns in your Home

Kitchen:

- Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen. However, if you are not able to use it safely, get out immediately and call for help from outside.
- Keep baking soda on hand to extinguish stove-top grease fires.
- Turn handles of pots and pans away from the front of the stove.
- Install curtains and towel holders away from burners on the stove.
- Maintain a constant watch when preparing food.

Bedrooms: Turn off electric blankets and other electrical appliances when not in use.

Bathroom: Disconnect appliances such as curling irons and hair dryers when done; store in a safe location when cool.

For more tips and information, call the Contra Costa County Fire District at **925-941-3327**.

pilot program in Rossmoor several years ago when Supervisor Uilkema saw the need for an easy to use and recognizable repository for one’s medical information and a 3 day supply of medication.

Inquiries directed to the Contra Costa Fire Department and American Medical Response, the local ambulance company, revealed that a review of the use of the Evac Pac would be most beneficial to both residents and first responders.

Ideas were discussed to heighten the awareness of how to use the Evac Pac and how to communicate to the residents the ways to get the ultimate benefit from the tool they have at their fingertips.

Supervisor Uilkema met with Dennis Bell, Rossmoor Public Safety Coordinator; Pete McCabe, Securitas site manager; Donna Kaufman, Chair of RREPO, Leslie Mueller, General Manager, and Joanne Leibe of AMR; Keith Cormier of CCC Fire District; and resident Fil Fong. The group will have a follow-up meeting in October to discuss how the ideas have been implemented and what yet needs to be done to encourage the proper use of the Evac Pac.

Here are is what *you* need to do immediately:

- Have an Evac Pac.
- Fill out the personal information and keep the prescriptions up to date. Ask your doctor for a copy to place in the Evac Pac.
- Put at least a 3 day supply of medications in the red bag and replace frequently.
- Hang the bag next to the door so that it can be seen by emergency personnel who are exiting through the open door (do not put on the door where it will not be seen when the door is open).
- Be certain that caregivers are instructed to put the bag on the arm of resident who may not have done so independently.
- If you have a caregiver with you, please instruct them to put the bag on your arm if you must leave your home for any emergency.

Evac Pacs were distributed throughout the Rossmoor community a few years ago and are currently given to newcomers in their packets. If you do not have an Evac Pac, you may go to the Administration Office at Gateway Complex and request one.

Board of Supervisors Actions

June '09 – August '09

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

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.

Resolution to change from a 27-day work period to a 24-day work period for qualifying fire protection employees in ConFire District, pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

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 funding from the CA Dept of Aging Federal Nutrition Stimulus Program for senior nutrition programs.

Approve/Authorize contract with CC Senior Legal Services to provide countywide legal services to eligible clients, 60 years and older.

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

Approve/Authorize contract for a CCC 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 operations of EHSD, Community Svcs Bureau.

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

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

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

Accept Grant Deed of Development Rights, Approve Final Map/Subdivision Agreement for project by KATCAR Properties, LLC, Walnut Creek.

Accept FY 09/10 Annual Report for CSA L-100 (Countywide Street Lighting), declaring intent to levy/collect service charges; fix public hearing for 6/23/09 to authorize charges be 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, which would maintain the current 80,000-pound federal limit on the size of trucks using Interstate Highway System and would extend the weight limit to additional highways; Authorize letters communicating this position to federal legislators.

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

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

Approve/Authorize contract with the CA Dept of Aging to pay County for Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program services.

Approve/Authorize contract with the CA Department of Aging for the Title III and Title VII of the Older Americans Act.

Approve/Authorize execution of 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.

Consider accepting tabulation of mail-in ballots, confirming the Engineer's Report, authorizing the levy of street light charges for Minor Subdivision 05-0045, as recommended by the Public Works Director, Walnut Creek.

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County Contacts

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| Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema | (925) 335-1046 |
| Abandoned Vehicles | (925) 313-2500 |
| Adult Protective Services | (925) 313-2659 |
| 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) 313-1700 |
| 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) 335-7899 |
| Code Enforcement, Central County, Tim Honea | (925) 335-1128 |
| 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 Rufp | (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

Approve proposed fees for the CCC Certified Unified Program Agency.

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

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

Resolution celebrating 25 years of Tobacco Prevention efforts in CCC.

Approve/Authorize annual Drainage Area Benefit Assessments for FY 09/10 for Drainage Areas 67A, 75A, 76A, 520, 910, 1010, 1010A, Walnut Creek.

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/Authorize contract amendment w/CA Dept of Food & Agriculture for increased regulatory work due to expansion of Light Brown Apple Moth 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 new budget unit/fund to complete merging of the BID and CDD into Dept of Conservation and Development.

Accept audit from Auditor-Controller on activities of the 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/proposed changes to OPEB as provided by Buck Consultants in letter of 7/1/09.

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

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

Resolution establishing appropriation limits for CCC General, Special Districts, and Service Areas for 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 actuary in 7/1/09 Report.

Approve MOU w/Public Employees Union, Local One, AFSCME Local 512, SEIU Local 1021, Western Council of Engineers.

Accept report from the CAO regarding recommendations on health care changes for unrepresented employees and appointed and elected officials, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District unrepresented fire safety management employees, IHSS; Resolution regarding compensation and 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 the capacities of the 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 Agreement for County Appointed Department Heads, Management Employees, Exempt Employees, and Unrepresented Employees, CCC FPD Unrepresented Fire Safety Management Employees, ECC FPD Unrepresented Fire Safety Management 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.

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/

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. The Commission meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00pm.

Contra Costa County Women's Commission

The Commission serves to identify major economic, educational and social concerns of women in Contra Costa County as well as to reach and inform all women on a variety of issues. The commission meets in Concord the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00pm. The term is three years.

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/>