



District 2 Highlights

West County 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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Reverend Anthony Hodge of the Zion Hill Baptist Church, with microphone, speaks at the Stop the Violence Campaign.

Stop the Violence Campaign in Rodeo

Zion Hill Baptist Church, Saint Patrick's Catholic Church and Bayo Vista First Baptist Church united to sponsor the "Stop the Violence Campaign" held at the YMCA and the Bayo Vista Sport Court in Rodeo. The event was a combined effort by the Rodeo churches to raise awareness of the fact that a united community can curb violence.

The event was spearheaded by Reverend Anthony Hodge from the Zion Hill Baptist Church and included music, food and several guest speakers. Frank Silva, a longtime Rodeo resident and a Community Liaison for Supervisor Uilkema, was on hand to present Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of the Supervisor to the churches for their participation in sponsoring the event.

The Sheriff's Department now has an Online Citizen Reporting System that you can use to report a number of incidents including **vandalism, trespassing, burglary, barking dogs, and many others.** Go to the County website at www.co.contra-costa.ca.us, open the Sheriff's Department website and then click on the link "File Online Reports Here" to begin the process.

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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 feedback 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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West County Youth Can Explore a Career in Law Enforcement

The City of Pinole and the City of Hercules each offer an exciting opportunity for young people to investigate a rewarding law enforcement career. In addition, the programs build self-worth and self-confidence in the participants, which will help them succeed regardless of their career choice, promotes teamwork, and gives them an opportunity to be involved in their community.

Pinole Police Explorer #2704 Program:

Coordinated by Officer Andrew Decker and supervised by Sergeant Will Palmi, the Explorer post is open to males and females between the ages of 14 and 20. There is no cost to join and the Pinole Police Department will provide the first uniform to the participating explorer free of charge. Local, State and Federal officers will provide training for each explorer.

Explorers will be taught to understand the basic functions of the Pinole Police Department and the “Chain of Command.” Other training includes, traffic control, search and rescue, first aid, crime prevention, car stops, traffic collision investigation and criminal investigation. Explorers will be involved in State and National Explorer competitions to showcase their talent and training.

Explorers will use their training by providing uniformed traffic control and security at city events while being directly supervised by Pinole Police Officers. For more information, call Officer Andrew Decker at **510-672-4462** or **510-741-3894**.

Hercules Police Explorers Post #2111:

The Hercules program is coordinated by Sergeant Thomas Koepp and Corporal Alex Abetkov. The Law Enforcement Exploring Program is a division of the Boy Scouts of America. Participants must be between the ages of 14 and 20, be enrolled in school maintaining a 2.0 GPA or better and have no criminal record.

An Explorer will participate in traffic control, fingerprinting, search and rescue activities, ride along, crime prevention and community activities. Law Enforcement Exploring incorporates experience in areas including life skills, career training, volunteering, character education, and leadership. By bringing interested youth and police together, the explorers are able to apply the information and tactics they learn in mock simulations at various competitions. Students compete in law enforcement tactics, physical stamina, obstacle courses and shooting techniques. The Hercules Police Department is seeking applicants for this program. For more information, call **510-799-8200**.





Port Costa Car Show Benefits School

In July, Port Costa welcomed more than 80 vintage cars and 700 visitors to the grounds of the town's historic school. The car show is an annual benefit event sponsored by the Port Costa Conservation Society. Lewis Stewart, Port Costa Conservation Society member, stated the show grossed over \$8000. All funds from the event are used for the restoration of the Port Costa School, which was built in 1911 and is currently used for community functions. Recently, Supervisor Uilkema contributed \$2000 of mitigation funds dedicated for community projects in District 2 to the Conservation Society for the ongoing restoration project.



Bayo Vista Honors Grads

The Bayo Vista Resident Council honored 12 recent John Swett High School grads at the Rodeo YMCA in June. The new grads are LaVoizia J. Drake, DeAndre Dupree, Crystal Ford, Essandra Gilbeaux, Jass'Mine Hall, Michael Hardin, Devaughn Hatter, Shakaria Lowery, Vichai Saeyang, Toriano Young, Monica Whitacre and Andre Williams. Each grad received a certificate from Supervisor Uilkema congratulating them for their achievement. The event was the 9th Annual Award Ceremony sponsored by the Bayo Vista Resident Council.

Congratulations to all the Grads!



New Postmaster for Port Costa

Ms. Judy Bulfer was installed as Port Costa's Postmaster by Anthony Daniels, Manager Post Office Operations-Group C in the presence of her family, friends and colleagues. The installation was replete with colors presented by American Legion 10th District Color Guard and concluded with refreshments which included cookies baked by Ms. Bulfer.



From left: Councilmember Donald Kuehne, Vice-Mayor Kris Valstad, Supervisor Gayle Uilkema, WCCTAC Exec. Dir. Christina Atienza, Councilmember Ed Balico, Mayor Joe Eddy McDonald, WestCAT General Director Charlie Anderson, and BART Director Bob Franklin

New Hercules Transit Center

It was ribbon cutting time for WestCAT, BART and the City of Hercules for the grand opening of the expanded Transit Center. The park and ride Transit Center is located on Willow Avenue near the eastbound Interstate-80 off-ramp. It has a total of 422 parking spaces with lighted pedestrian and bicycle paths. Transit Center users should purchase parking permits online at www.herculestransitcenter.com or call 1-800-997-0197. New WestCAT schedules can be viewed at www.westcat.org and are available onboard WestCAT buses.

Board of Supervisors Actions

June '09 - August '09

Consider impact of 08/09 & 09/10 budget reductions on DA's Office and criminal justice system; Determine action to be taken.

Appoint Ms. Elena Gomez to CSA P-1 CAC, Crockett, By Supervisor Uilkema.

Approve/Authorize Temporary Permit to enter/use property at Turquoise Ridge, Hercules for DOIT for East Bay Regional Communication Systems project.

Consider Prop 1A-1F on 5/19/09 special election ballot; Consider request of CCC Mental Health Commission to oppose Prop 1E – amending Mental Health Svcs Act to shift revenue from local programs to benefit the State General Fund.

Declare intent of BOS to reduce compensation of BOS and all appointed and elected department directors to match any negotiated compensation reductions of CCC Employee Labor Coalition.

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 an amendment to Secondhand Smoke Protections Ordinance, develop recommendations for further protecting residents of multi-unit housing from secondhand smoke exposure, report recommendations to Family & Human Services Committee w/in 6 months.

Report by CAO on ARRA, CCC federal stimulus funds.

Approve/Authorize contract amendment with the CA Dept of Boating and Waterways for boating safety enforcement and abandoned vessel removal.

Conference w/Labor Negotiators; Existing litigation; Real Property Negotiators; Public Employee Appt Title: Fire Chief, CCC FPD; Public Defender.

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

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

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

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

Approve/Authorize Thirteenth Amendment to Agreement with CCTA for CCC to provide right of way services for the State Route 4 West Gap Project, Hercules.

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

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

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Approve/Authorize new revenue and appropriating to Children & Family Services Bureau for new activities to be performed in Independent Living Skills Program and as part of the Conoco Phillips Project Youth Employment Services Grant.

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

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

Approve/Authorize contract for develop. of CCC Earthquake Response Plan.

Approve/Authorize a contract with the CC Child Care Council to provide child care services and/or subsidies for low income families.

Approve/Authorize temporary closure of the Crockett Library 6/15/09 through 7/2/09, for renovation and re-open on 7/5/09.

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

Accept March '09 update on operations 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: homelessness in CCC.

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

Approve the Pomona Street Bikeway project; Authorize advertisement of the project, and make related findings under the CEQA, Crockett.

Accept FY 09/10 Annual Report for CSA L-100, declare intent to levy/collect service charges; Authorize charges be placed on FY 09/10 property tax rolls.

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

County Contacts

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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	(925) 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	(925) 313-6736
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/

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Board of Supervisors Actions (continued)

Appoint Anna Kirkpatrick to CSA R-10 CAC, by Supervisor Uilkema.

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 the size of trucks using Interstate Hwy System would extend weight limit to additional hwy's; 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 ARRA funds.

Approve/Authorize agreement with CA Emergency Management Agency's Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division for funding of the Victims of Crime Act Stimulus, Victim/Witness Assistance Program.

Approve/Authorize Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, CA Gang Reduction and Intervention Program for staff training and implementation of an evidence-based model of aggression replacement training for juvenile offenders.

Approve/Authorize contracts w/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.

Approve/Authorize funding from Dept of HHS for Children and Families for increased enrollment in County Head Start programs.

Approve/Authorize contract with CCC Office of Education for continued provision of educational services to inmates.

Approve/Authorize contract with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Oakland to provide transitional housing assistance for emancipated youth.

Approve/Authorize contract w/First 5 CC Children & Families Comm. pay CCC to provide WC First 5 Public Health Liaison & Resource Coordinator Program.

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 CCC Certified Unified Program Agency.

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

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

Resolution celebrating 25 years of Tobacco Prevention efforts in CCC.

Accept as complete work performed for the San Pablo Dam Road Rehabilitation Project, San Pablo.

Approve/Authorize closure of Canyon Lake Drive on 7/4/09 for 4th of July block party, Port Costa.

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.

Amend BOS action of 5/19/09 approving/authorizing contract amendment w/CA Dept of Boating & Waterways by narrowing scope of the project to abandoned vessel removal only.

Approve submittal of Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant application to provide supplemental funding to support acquisition/rehabilitation of foreclosed properties, pre-purchased housing, counseling, and program administration.

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 Friends Outside for the continued provision of inmate social services.

Approve/Authorize contract amendment w/CA Dept of Public Health for continuation of Supplemental Food Program for Women/Infants/Children.

Approve/Authorize contract amendment with Seneca Residential and Day Treatment Center for Children to provide additional intensive crisis stabilization services to youth through the Mobile Crisis Response Teams.

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!

County Service Area R-10 CAC

Applicants must be from Rodeo. This Committee serves to advise and make recommendations to Supervisor Uilkema and the administrative departments of the county regarding the desires of the Community of Rodeo in the area of local parks, recreation facilities and youth programs. Meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm at Lefty Gomez Recreation Center. Term is two years.

Montalvin Manor Redevelopment Advisory Committee

Applicants should be business or property owner or their representative from Tara Hills Shopping Center. This committee serves to advise the RDA and the Board of Supervisors on issues related to redevelopment in the Montalvin area and unincorporated San Pablo.

Contra Costa County Library 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.

Womens Commission

The Commission serves to identify major economic, educational and social concerns of women in CCC as well as to reach and inform all women on a variety of issues. Meets in Concord, 3rd Tuesday at 3pm.

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.

Crockett-Carquinez 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 Crockett-Carquinez Fire Protection District's boundaries. The commission meets at the fire station on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm.

Application forms 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/

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/>