



# Salida Municipal Advisory Council

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## Members:

Brad Johnson, Vice-Chair

John Martin

Leng Power, Chair

Robert J. Elliott

Tom Burns

## Minutes

Tuesday – June 22nd, 2021 - 7:00PM

### Virtual ZOOM Meeting

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance Ling 7:02
2. Welcome and Roll Call. All MAC members present. (J. Martin joined late due to log-in issues)
3. Approval of Minutes for the May25th, 2021 Meeting. B Elliott stated there needs to be a change, the Salida Fire Dept Report stated the incorrect name. Should be Patrick Burns, Battalion Chief / Interim District Administrator. Noted and minutes will be changed and amended.
4. Community Concerns  
No Comments from the community.
5. Monthly Community Reports
  - a. Stanislaus County Sheriff  
Dept January Siphon gave stats on activity. Brad stated it is good to see the increase in stops.  
Question about enforcement of laws regarding illegal fireworks during the Independence Day weekend. SCSO will be increasing patrols, in an attempt to deter that activity.
  - b. California Highway Patrol  
Officer Mitchel had no report. He is filling in at this meeting for Officer Moore and did not have the information available. He indicated they are still experiencing staffing issues. He talked about the "Smart Start" Classes for new drivers. B Johnson complimented the CHP for the increased patrolling of Hwy 99 in the Salida area.
  - c. Stanislaus County Supervisor, District 3  
Terry Withrow spoke about the work being done to reopen the Sherriff Substation in Salida. Noted that cities smaller than the Salida Community have full time departments of their own, and StanCo is working on creative solution for this to happen. Could be cooperating with other StanCo services. Terry stated that the

StanCo Sheriff, Jeff Dirske, is in support of this happening in Salida. Q- Re: types of services he is speaking of. T Withrow said that is still being explored. Q- Will these be retirees and volunteers? T Withrow stated these will be Deputies active with the StanCo Sheriff office.

d. Salida Fire Department

Patrick Burns Battalion Chief reported on activity. Talked about the fire along the river to the north of town a few weeks prior. And about the fire behind the Don Pedro Motel. Stated that the ambulance response time is very distressing. Gave some stats about response time.

Re: 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Stated that although they can respond to the sites of illegal fireworks, they cannot confiscate, do to the inability to safely secure and transport these explosives.

B Johnson asked for more information about the poor ambulance response times. P Burns gave some specific examples of wait times and locations for AMR equipment and personnel to arrive. Q B Elliott. Are they meeting the specifications of the contract. A. Response time minimums were stated, and they have failed to meet those requirements, however there are overall metrics that they have not failed on yet. Withrow stated that pressure is being put on AMR. AMR is stating that staffing is an issue. P Burns stated they are understaffed and that is a far reaching problem. Tom Burns stated that part of the problem is outdated mapped regions. And state laws and regulations play into the inefficiencies. Q- What triggers the call to a backup ambulance company? A- AMR Availability, and availability of nearest alternate company.

e. Salida Sanitary District

Brad Johnson Reporting. Stated there were no members of the community at the last public meeting. Most of their agenda was regarding "in house work". They approved a \$1.00 per month per household rate increase.

f. Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library

Wayne Philbrook provided a comprehensive report of the upcoming activities at and through the Salida Library.

6. Information Items - No

7. Action Items

StanCo staff presentation and update on the CEQA 30-Day Referral Initial Study and Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for General Plan Amendment and Rezone Application No. PLN019-0079 - Cal Sierra Financial, Inc

This was a no action item, just informational.

It was stated that on July 15<sup>th</sup> this item will go before the StanCo Planning Commission. And that on Aug 17<sup>th</sup> it will go before the StanCo Supervisors.

Comment from the public. They disputed the studies Biological Study findings. Stated they had an outside party state they saw evidence of a protected species.

Tom Burns motioned to accept the report. Elliott seconded. Passed 3-1

8. Council Concerns/Comments/Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

Power stated that we received an e-mail from Deb and an e-mail in opposition accompanied by several pages and signatures also in opposition of the Cal Sierra project.

B Johnson stated that we need to take action to protect Salida's citizen from inadequate ambulance response times. P Burns said the lack of staffing has a lot to do with wage discrepancies in our area. MV EMS, is the oversight authority in the area of ambulance service, and their meetings are open to the public. Salida Fire attends the meetings. The laws, regulations, requirements that apply to EMS are complex.

A question arose about why we are not yet meeting in person. L Powers stated that it was the desire of the group to hold this meeting virtually. It will be revisited for our next meeting.

It was requested that we place an action item on the July Agenda regarding drafting a letter to local authorities and AMR regarding the concern of Salida MAC and it's citizens in regards to unacceptable response times.

9. Announcements

10. Erica Inacio, StanCo MAC Community Manager, commented regarding the upcoming Training available to our Salida MAC members. Please sign up and respond to her.

11. Adjournment L Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:23

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 27th, 2021