



## KEYES MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 21, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Keyes Community Services District Office  
5601 7<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Keyes, Ca 95328

- I. Call the meeting to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chair Garza.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Welcome and Roll call  
Present were Chair Garza, Vice Chair Grewal, and Member Reed. Member Amaya and Member Bernal were absent.
- IV. Approval of the minutes from the July 2020 and July 2021. There was a motion to approve the July 2021 minutes by Member Reed and a second by Member Grewal. Member Reed(M), Member Grewal(S), Chair Garza(AYE), Member Amaya(ABSENT) and Member Bernal(ABSENT).
- V. Public Comments  
None.
- VI. Community Reports and Updates
  - A. California Highway Patrol (<https://www.chp.ca.gov/home>)
  - B. Sheriff's Office (<https://www.scsdonline.com/>)
  - C. Fire District ([www.keyesfire.com](http://www.keyesfire.com))
    - Chief Singh spoke about things going on within the Keyes Fire District. There were some purchases of new apparatus.
    - The Keyes Fire Dept. has been out of town helping with the fires (Dixie, Caldor, River), 4 guys in total. On the West side of the County there have been some fires that are being investigated.
    - On November 13<sup>th</sup>. there will be the annual free Keyes Pancake breakfast from 6am to 1pm. On October 24<sup>th</sup>, the Keyes Fire Department will be holding a ceremony for Chief Klevymeir, he left the department last October.
  - D. Public Works (<http://www.stancounty.com/publicworks/>)

- Public Works is working on getting the roads finished up in the next few weeks.

E. Board of Supervisors (<http://www.stancounty.com/board/>)

F. Chief Executive Office

- Erica Inacio explained the Stan Connect App (Replaced the Go Request App). This is for all of Stanislaus County to use and report things like complaints, pot holes, illegal dumping etc.
- Stanislaus County is still under the local mandate for face coverings. We were at 40 cases for every 100,000 people, when we get to 20 cases for every 100,000 people the face covering mandate will be lifted. At this time, we are at 21.4 so we are getting close.

G. Keyes Community Services District (<https://www.keyescsd.org/>)

- General Manager Ernie Garza stated that at this time we are finish up our Sewer lift station. We are also preparing to do our GAC and are awaiting the funding from the State. Hopefully we will get this started next year.

VII. Informational Item(s)

A. Code Enforcement, Lane Avilla, Manager

- The Code Enforcement Department is with Environmental Resources and covers code regulations and zone enforcement. We have worked a lot with zoning and we are now working with code enforcement a lot. We are seeing a lot of garbage debris, abandoned vehicles, illegal businesses on properties and stray animals.
- When you use the Stan Connect App, it goes through the Code Enforcement office. Each complaint gets directed to the correct department and is given a number. There is a response that is sent to the user so the claim can be tracked.
- Lane spoke about the situation of homeless at the local store in Keyes. They came out and looked at the situation and found that there were quite a few issues that would need to be looked into by Cal Trans and CHP. Help was offered and it was turned down. The store owner will be responsible for the things being done illegally at the store.
- A customer had a question regarding tires being dumped onto properties. There are vouchers that are given to the County for situations like tires being dumped. This would be a great time to use the Stan Connect app. Pictures are a great help when using the app so we can exactly what we are dealing with.

B. Presentation from Love Stanislaus, Executive Director, Bryan Justin Marks

- Bryan Justin Marks explained the background for Love Stanislaus.
- We are here to bring people together and serve the community. It has been around for 13 years. In April, we have 7 cities lined up and they would love to see Keyes be able to part of it. We get together and figure out what projects we are going to do.

- The most common projects we see is cleaning up a park, cleaning up a school, rock painting.
  - Member Reed wanted to know who supplies the cleaning supplies, garbage bags, where does the trash go, etc. Member Reed will talk to the school superintendent and also the church. Bryan said that he will support us and help get us going.
- C. Presentation from the Valley Water Collaborative – a non-profit implementing the Nitrate Control Program mandated by the Regional Water Board for the Modesto and Turlock water basins.

The Regional Water Board oversees everyone who has a discharge of waste. All the industries in valley have been discharging nitrates into groundwater for decades. 8 years ago, the industries were faced with a deadline to meet discharge standards. We approached the Regional Water Board to give us more time to meet the Nitrate levels and they agreed to give us until 2025. They extended the deadline with a trade for the industries to provide all residences whose wells have been affected with free drinking water. The Nitrate Control Program was adopted by the Regional Board three years ago and the SWRCB two years ago. The CV Salts study identified the worst areas of Nitrate contamination in the central valley. This was based on the groundwater basins. This program provides free well testing to any rural resident with a well in these areas. If the test is above the nitrate standard they deliver bottled water to residents outside the water system. This is mandated by the Nitrate Control Program. There is a website where you can put in your address that will show you if you are located in an area of high nitrates. They are looking at a plan to come up with a long-term solution. In the Turlock Basin, there are about 1400 wells that could be contaminated with nitrates. We get in touch with the residents by postcards, social media, speaking with different boards, etc... After the wells are tested and do not meet the standards we will check them again in one more year to see if they are still non-compliant. We are also considering other treatments other than bottle water like taking the humidity and turning it into drinking water by using panels. We will have a pilot test soon.

[Presentation is attached.](#)

VIII. Action Item(s)

A. Approve MAC 2022 Meeting Calendar

- There was a motion made to accept the MAC 2022 Meeting Calendar by Member Jeff Reed and a second by Member Harinder Grewal.
- Member Jeff Reed(M), Vice Chair Harinder Grewal(S), Chair Ernie Garza(AYE), Member Mario Amaya(ABSENT) and Member Michelle Bernal(ABSENT).

B. Accept the redline version of the MAC Bylaws and schedule discussion and consideration of approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

- Erica went over the redline version of the MAC Bylaws to review.
- There was a motion to accept the packet to review and schedule discussion and consideration of approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting by Member Jeff Reed and a second by Vice Chair Grewal. Member Jeff

Reed(M), Vice Chair Harinder Grewal(S), Chair Ernie Garza(AYE), Member Mario Amaya(ABSENT) and Member Michelle Bernal(ABSENT).

- IX. Council Comments and Suggestions for Future Agendas  
Member Reed really liked the Love Stanislaus idea and would like to take it to the pastor. Erica said that we should take it to Supervisor Chiesa and see if they would like to sponsor it.
- X. Adjournment  
There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at by Vice Chair Grewal and a second by Member Reed. Vice Chair Grewal(M), Member Reed(S), Chair Grewal(AYE), Member Amaya(ABSENT) and Member Bernal(ABSENT).

**Minutes taken and typed by Michelle Harris**