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Minutes

Wednesday, February 9th 2022 7:00 PM

Hart Ransom Elementary School, 3930 Shoemake Ave., Modesto, CA 95358

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:02 pm
2. Invocation
3. Welcome and Roll Call: David Jones, Todd Heinrich, Lina Ruggirello-Danzig present; Lisa Braden, Lori Wolf absent.
4. Approval of Minutes for MAC Meetings
 - 4.1. January 12th, 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
5. Public Comments/Community Concerns: None
6. Monthly Community Reports
 - 6.1. California Highway Patrol: Officer Schor reported only incidents were area trash dumping and recent passing accident on Woodland/Dakota;
 - 6.2. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office: No report
 - 6.3. Salida Fire Protection District: Mark Riggins reported on plan for Sherriff sub-station in approval process; Planning to staff with additional staff (deputy and secretary) and volunteers. In 2021, 1800 calls were received and expecting to increase by 20%; Increase in call time related to EMT shortage – currently utilizing other sites (Ripon) to accommodate calls.
 - 6.4. Woodland Ave Fire Department: No report
 - 6.5. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Office: Supervisor Terry Withrow reported: BOS has met four times last month addressing these primary issues; (1) Homelessness: location of permanent supportive housing on California/Emerald Avenue; increasing by nine beds, recipients need ongoing support as they can't be on their own due to mental health disabilities; BOS constantly accessing alternative resources; Conservatorships have doubled, can place in supportive facilities up to one year; Cost-to-damage in advantageous to getting homeless off the streets in supportive facilities; Large percentage of homeless population have early trauma; some percentage of homeless will decline mental health/drug rehabilitation; utilizing ability to access care through bench warrants to provide rehabilitation alternatives, provides time to rehabilitate; many repeat offenders; (2) Mountain Valley EMS: Stanislaus County accounts for 84% of

call; StanCo plans to pull out of MVE and pursue to self-manage EMS services; (3) Covid19 Public Health Emergency: 35 public comments were made at the last BOS meeting requesting to end the Public Health Emergency; The State of Emergency allows quick decisions bypassing standard procedures, requires approval in 7 days and usually last 60 days but the CA Governor has waived the 60-day duration period; StanCo has ended the local state of emergency, but the public health emergency continues as it relates to hospitals etc. Expecting CA Governor to lift mask mandates in the next few days; Many parents and students from Oakdale school district protested mask mandates and want to return to in-person classes; private schools have continued without mandates; StanCo is working toward return to normalcy;

- 6.6. Modesto Irrigation District: Stu Gilman reported MID has earned Public Power Recognition at the Platinum Level; MID and TID have filed a water right application to acquire additional water rights to 2.7 million acre-feet (AF), they have a joint press release with FAQ for public access; 1951 was the last time they acquired additional water rights; Canal maintenance is finishing up; Special Board Meeting scheduled for February 22, 2022; MID is advocating to continue the Farmer-to-Farmer Program to reallocate water, this does not incur any cost to MID, but requires yearly vote; Regarding MID meetings, most are at 9am which limits attendance- they are proposing meeting four times a year and Stu and Nick Blom are working to provide joint meetings; AG Technology meeting being planned at UC Merced to keep farmers up-to-date, tentative for March 18th, 2022; One Public Comment: Jennifer Pimentel asked why entrance fees to Don Pedro Reservoir Recreation were increased? Stu reported that shortfalls need to be made up due to rising costs and are set up by regulatory agencies (i.e. SF, MID, TID), MID uses it 13%; they looking to add new fee features such as pet privileges and bringing in a consultant to assess how to increase public utilizing Don Pedro and to improve its recognition and use;
- 6.7. Hart Ransom Union School District: Mathew Shipley reported. School indoor masking mandate timeline was for December 15, 2021 through January 15, 2022- extended to February 15, 2022: no further extension expected; Expecting the mask mandate policy to be revised, more details to be announced next week; Hart Ransom District is committed to the priority of teaching students which has been difficult due to pandemic fatigue, however pledges to keep a strong focus on this priority; He encourages parents/public to direct mandate concerns to state public health legislatures; Four democratic state governors have already begun to reverse mask mandates; Oakdale parent/student protest are adding pressure to resolve this issue; Since the start of the Omicron surge in December, 2020, cases are now declining; Omicron has allowed a reduction in quarantine which impacts school exposures; School has more efficient protocol procedures in place for group tracing, notification of potential exposures; One public Comment; Mark Riggins asked if the school have a supply of OTC Covid tests? Mark Shipley answered: yes, they have a small supply for exposures if parents or teachers are unable to get them.

7. Information Item(s) or Announcement(s)

- 7.1. Will Richard with the Environmental Resources Department will present an update on the new garbage rates and processes-SB 1383: This law was passed in 2016 by CA Governor Brown to reduce organic waste in landfills to address methane gas issue; Is now in force and mandated for select residents within the mandate boundaries all outside this boundary are exempt; StanCo has no control over the boundaries, they were determined by the state using census maps; By 2024 the county is required to "lift lids" to inspect cans and impose fines if out of compliance;

Fines to be determined; November 2021 letters sent to residents informing delivery of new black (non-recycle/non-organic waste) and blue (recyclables) carts, existing green carts are for organic waste (compostable bags accepted); Recycle blue carts are picked up every other week, black and green carts picked up weekly; SM 1383 mandate is unfunded, cost is passed onto mandated consumers only, currently costs are up \$15-\$28/month affecting 25,000 residential customers; Turlock Scavenger begins March 1st, 2022; Mandate requires three trucks to pick up the same amount of waste; Five Public Comments: Deborah Moser asked if Wood Colony residents can submit a low population waivers? W. Richard answered: Mandate combines low with dense populations and mandated area do not meet waiver requirements; Sherrif Juan Alanis commented applications are available for neighbors to share cost/services; Rich Votts asked how to dispose of pressure treated lumber; W. Richard answered that landfills previously did not accept this type of lumber labeled as Hazardous, but is now accepting from personal residents; Lina Ruggirillo-Danzig asked to elaborate on "Lift-Lid" inspection fees and where to dispose human diaper waste? W. Richard answered violations will be tiered by 1st, 2nd and 3rd offence with increasing fines – yet to be established; Starting inspection in two years gives the public time to be educated on procedures; diapers go in Black Carts; Stu Gilman asked where to dispose cat liter; W. Richard answered in Black Cart; Several random comments were very complimentary toward the garbage pick-up staff saying they were pleasant and friendly; This is one of the first Q & A live meetings; For more information, W. Richard encouraged to call Dept of Environmental Resources at 209.525.6700;

7.2. Public Works: No Report

8. Action Item(s)

8.1. None

9. Council Concerns/Comments/Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: Confirmed that Action Item 8.1 from January 12, 2022 meeting regarding Department of Planning and Community Development recommendation on Use Permit Application No. PLN2021-0068 Wood Colony Christian School was approved by Wood Colony MAC Board on January 12, 2022 with addition of Good Neighbor Policy;

10. Next Meeting: March 9, 2022

11. Adjournment 8:30 pm

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