REGULAR MEETING

JEFF GORELL
Supervisor, 2nd District

ISRAEL RODRIGUEZ
Field Representative
Supervisor Jeff Gorell

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

- ROSEMARY ALLISON, CHAIR
- AMY ELLIOTT, VICE CHAIR
- MARK BURLEY
- MICHAEL ADAMS
- DEBRA SPAFFORD

MINUTES

MARCH 20, 2025

6:00 PM

Municipal Advisory Council
Santa Rosa Valley, California

Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School
13282 Santa Rosa Road
Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012

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MAC Calendar, Agenda, and Minutes

Welcome to the meeting of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) an advisory council for the unincorporated area of Santa Rosa Valley to Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell.

OPENING

1. Call to Order.
    - Chair Rosemary Allson Called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

2. Roll Call.
    - Members Present: Rosemary Allison, Amy Elliott, Mark Burley.
    - Quorum met

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, January 16, 2025.
    - Motion to Approve the minutes made by Mark Burley, seconded by Amy Elliott. Motion passed.
    - Mark Burley had a correction on page 2 – Typo regarding the Vice Chair.

5. Agenda Review.
    - No changes to the agenda.

6. Consent Agenda Items 10 through 12.
    - Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda made by Mark Burley and seconded by Amy Elliott. Motion passed.

7. Public Comments
    - Speaker: Kevin Cannon acknowledged the benefits of the recent bike path which he feels has contributed to “calming down” traffic on Santa Rosa Road. I believe the project has benefited our community and I wanted to thank Public Works for this project.
    - Speaker: Stan Ullman wanted to thank Supervisor Gorell’s office and Joe Markierwicz for helping in the debris removal process for Rancho Community. This project speaks to a neighborhood project with everyone helping each other.

8. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell’s Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.

    For the Troops Event
    We recently celebrated the annual *For the Troops* dinner event at the Reagan Library, where I had the honor of introducing ten World War II veterans—all over the age of 100. It was a truly special evening. A huge thank you to our local Rosemary Allison, who does so much to make this event a success!

Fire Mitigation Efforts in Santa Rosa Valley
My team and I have been actively working on several fire mitigation initiatives for Santa Rosa Valley:

- I have been collaborating with SCE on planned improvements for the Morganstein Circuit as part of their Rule 20A program, a state provision focused on beautification and safety projects. I will keep you posted on the timing of these improvements.

- My office has been coordinating a fuel reduction project for the Rancho community in Santa Rosa Valley. This initiative, driven by the community in response to the Mountain Fire, aims to remove dead trees and brush to reduce fire risks. Residents have gathered debris into piles, and our office has arranged for four 40-yard bins from EJ Harrison to assist with the removal this weekend.

Santa Rosa Road Beautification Project
Our beautification project, originally scheduled to help clean up trash along Santa Rosa Road, was postponed last week due to rain and cold weather. We have rescheduled the event for May 17th. For details on how to get involved, please contact Israel Rodriguez or Michelle Elliott.

First Annual Great Navigators Awards Celebration
On May 21, I will be hosting our *First Annual Great Navigators Awards Celebration* at Amgen. As part of District 2, I will be presenting Leadership and Excellence Awards in the following categories:

- Education
- Public Safety
- Community Leadership
- Gold Team Prosperity
- Environmental Initiatives

9. Council Comments –
    - Chair, Rosemary Allison: We had a wonderful for the Troops Gala where we honored vets. The next event we will be honoring Vietnam Veterans and mentioned that if anyone wants to sponsor a veteran let her know.
    - Vice Chair, Amy Elliott: Introduced Kristen Fry who will be teaming up with Amy Elliot on the Fall Harvest on October 11. We started a Facebook page where we put the word out there for people who are interested in volunteering for various projects. We had 45 people signup to help in the future.
    - Mark Burley: Provided an update on the Verizon generator. The Bridlewood HOA is moving forward to approving the plan. Mark mentioned that the footing at the SRV riding arena may not be up to speed. He

worked with Debra Spafford to bring a specialist who stated the material was there, but it needs better dragging that needs to reach deeper. As a result, a drag was donated. He made the request that anyone wanted to donate a small tractor with a three point hitch it would help Stepping Stones who do the dragging of the arena.

CONSENT AGENDA

10. **Ventura County Fire Department:**

- The Ventura County Fire Department is scheduled to start carrying whole blood in its rescue ambulances in April. This program will allow paramedics to start transfusions for bleeding patients before they reach the hospital, increasing the chances of survival for seriously injured people.
- Firefighters are scheduled to start moving into the new Fire Station 34 in Thousand Oaks on March 10. Some concrete work remains to be completed, but operations will be possible while that work continues. A grand opening celebration could take place sometime in May.
- VCFD has received four new Type III Brush Engines, which are now being outfitted with radios and other equipment. Engineers also will receive training on the new apparatus before they are deployed to the field. The new engines are 4-wheel-drive, enhancing the department's wildland firefighting capabilities. These four are the first in an 11-engine order. The rest are currently scheduled to arrive over the next 12-18 months.
- The VCFD Awards is scheduled April 24 at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, Scherr Forum Auditorium. In addition to firefighter of the year awards in each battalion and employee of the year awards for each bureau, the department will honor civilians and public safety personnel for lifesaving acts, meritorious service, and to four individuals, medals of honor – the highest honor the department bestows.

11. **California Highway Patrol**

Report was provided as attachment and read at the meeting. **RECEIVED AND FILED**

12. **Ventura County Sheriff**

Verbal report was provided by Senior Deputy John Lemar. The Senior Deputy reported on recent home prowler incident that occurred on Pacific Breeze Drive by the South American. The home owners were present, and our office responded with all units and were able to safely remove the family from any danger. The four-person crew was part of the South American Transnational Crime Group. They made access through the Lexington Hills drive side on the north side of the hill.

There was a second burglary occurred by the same group in the same neighborhood that gained access and burglarized a house. What made this burglary different is that the burglars rented a house behind the gates and escaped to this house.

The Senior Deputy also spoke about the Home Security Assistance Program where the Sheriff Department can conduct a free security assessment of your home and provide suggestions on how to improve and help protect you from crime. He also mentioned that Captain Nicholas Odenath will be the new Chief at the Moorpark Office.

REGULAR AGENDA

Regular Agenda items are heard at the Council's discretion and may be heard at any time during the meeting.

13. Ventura County Public Works to Report on Software & System Upgrades for Santa Rosa Road Traffic Light System and the Plan for Backup Power for Traffic Lights During Extended SEC PSPS Shutoffs.

Ventura County Public Works Deputy Director, Anitha Balan and Traffic Engineering Manager, Matthew Litvinas reported on the software upgrades and enhancements for the Santa Rosa Valley traffic lights what it means for SRV residents and commuters.

- Public Works will be setting up a traffic management center which will be in operation soon. We will be able to monitor all 44 signals in the unincorporated area in real time.
- Every Signal will receive reflective plates to help illuminate signals.
- Video detection cameras will be added at Moorpark and Las Posas to help improve the flow of traffic.
- Installing high friction coating to the road surface to make those two intersections safer.
- Installing plugs at each light to be able to plug in generators during PSPS shutoffs.
- Actively beginning construction on this project which includes the addition of the high friction work. Completion of the project is estimated for the end of June 2025.
- With the management center they can better monitor the traffic lights during PSPS shutoffs.

Public Works discussed the pros and cons of options including solar panels, small generators, and large generator programs for providing backup power for traffic lights during extended SEC PSPS shutoffs.

- Option 1, Small Generators: They can help during shutoffs but need to manually be set up and are prone to thefts.
- Option 2, Larger On-site Permanent Generators: They have larger fuel tanks, but will produce emissions and noise. They can be refueled for extended PSPS time periods.
- Option 3, Solar Power: Do not require fuel to operate and no noise. Dependent on fair weather during cloudy or winter.
- Option 4, Super Compositor: New technology that could go into the existing traffic light cabinets but can only produce 10 hours of power.
- Option 5, Hydrogen Fuel Cell: Small size, can provide five days of power, no noise, water vapor. It could be a hazard if it gets hit. The cost is about $40,000 per traffic light.
- MAC members and the public had discussions on the various options.
- Public Works stated that they would be doing some more research on exact costs, instillation requirements for the options they are considering and will be coming back to the MAC with the final report and input from residents and the MAC.

14. Kevin Cannon to Provide an Update on Firewise Activities for Santa Rosa Valley.

Kevin Cannon provided an update on activities and progress towards Firewise recognition for Santa Rosa Valley. The report included information on:

- Provided a recap on the Firewise program for hardening their home and community. Talked about the effect of denser neighborhoods that provide a higher risk.
- Hidden Meadows, Mark Burley is the resident leader and has completed their risk assessment document.
- Kevin has been working closely with the Ventura regional Firesafe Council and attending the council meetings and staying up to date.
- It is a grassroots effort driven and we need people to step up and become captains to be champions for their neighborhoods.
- Oak Park is a good example of a community that has formed their own firesafe council and HOAs are starting to jump on board and get their communities Firewise recognized.
- He spoke about the new fire classification maps which increased the high fire zones by 54% which can affect the sales and valuation of homes.

15. Assignment of MAC Members to Sub-Committees and Initial Identification of Goals & Objectives for 2025

- MAC Members started the process of discussing which Sub-Committees they would like to serve on. However, the MAC did not have a fill quorum which hindered this process.
- Initial goals and objectives from each sub-committee were also discussed along with the formation of Ad-Hoc Committees but time became an issue ant the matter was tabled to the next MAC meeting.

CLOSING

16. Adjournment of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting, May 15, 2025, at Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School located at 13282 Santa Rosa Road, Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012.

Chair Allison adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.