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**REGULAR  
MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**JANUARY 30, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**Municipal Advisory Council  
Somis, California**

**Somis Elementary School  
Multipurpose Room  
5268 North Street  
Somis, CA 93066**

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## **OPENING**

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Nominations and elections for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2025
5. Approval of the Minutes from the Somis Municipal Advisory Council held on October 10, 2024

6. Agenda Review
7. Consent Agenda Items (11 through 13)
8. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Somis Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
9. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.
10. Council Comments – Comments by Council members on matters they deem appropriate. A Council member may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. A Council member may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for information, or request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter. The Council may also direct staff to place a matter of business on the future agenda.

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#### **11) California Highway Patrol Safety Report**

***Report is provided as an attachment to the Final Agenda Packet***

#### **12) Ventura County Fire Department**

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#### **13) Update Ventura County Sheriff Department**

***Report will be provided at the MAC meeting.***

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### **14) Assignment of MAC Members to Sub-Committees and Initial Identification of Goals & Objectives for 2025**

MAC Members to discuss which Somis Sub-Committees they would like to serve on.

- The sub-committees available to serve on are as follows:
  - **Public Health & Safety**
  - **Planning & Public Works**
  - **Community Relations**
- MAC Members will begin identifying goals and objectives for each of the sub-committees for 2025 calendar year.
- The finalized list of goals and objectives from each sub-committee will be submitted for a vote and formal adoption for 2025.
- Proposals for the formation of Ad-Hoc Committees may also be presented to the MAC Board for approval during this session.
- Public participation in this session is encouraged as it sets the tone for 2025 and beyond for the Somis Community.

## **CLOSING**

**15) Adjournment** of the Somis Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting, April 24, 2025, at Somis Elementary School, 5268 North Street, Somis, CA 93066



# REGULAR MEETING

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# MINUTES

**OCTOBER 10, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**

**Municipal Advisory Council**  
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## OPENING

1. Call to Order.
  - a. Chair, Pat Richards called the meeting to order at: 7:05 PM
2. Roll Call.
  - a. Members Present: **Chair, Pat Richards, Vice Chair Bob Fulkerson, Patricia Martinez, Jack Foss**
  - b. Members Not Present: **Tyler Cobb**
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Approval of the Minutes from the Somis Municipal Advisory Council held on June 13, 2024
  - a. Motion to approve the June 13, 2024, minutes made by **Bob Fulkerson**, seconded by **Jack Foss**. Motion passed
5. Agenda Review
  - a. No changes to the agenda.
6. Consent Agenda Items (10 through 12)
  - a. Motion to approve the Consent Items made by **Jack Foss** seconded by **Bob Fulkerson**. Motion passed
7. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Somis Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
  - a. **Diane Anderson**: Wants an update on Somis Ranch and the CHP Truck Scales.
  - b. **Joshua Morningstar**: Wants us to promote people obeying all stop signs. He feels that it is a safety hazard for the community.
  - c. **Lindy**: Wants a report on what is happening regarding the Somis Rail Road Fence.
8. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.
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### **10) California Highway Patrol Safety Report**

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### **11) Ventura County Fire Department**

October 3, 2024, Attn: Supervisor Jeff Gorell and Municipal Advisory Committees

- October 6-12 is Fire Prevention Week. This year's national theme is Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You. Fire Prevention staff will be engaging residents about the importance of smoke alarms at several locations throughout the county, including Lowe's Home Improvement at 1027 Academy Drive in Thousand Oaks on Oct. 5 and The Oaks Mall Farmer's Market in Thousand Oaks on Oct. 10. Additionally, the department is hosting a social media Smoke Alarm Challenge in which residents are challenged to share a short video of their creative ways to test their smoke alarms.
- VCFD put a replacement ladder truck into service at Station 41 in Simi Valley on September 13. The new ladder truck is equipped with a pump that can provide water for fire suppression efforts, which is an upgrade over the previous ladder truck. The previous truck now joins the reserve apparatus fleet to maintain operations should one of the first run trucks break down.
- Recruiting for seasonal fire control workers will begin November 4. These employees are an important part of VCFD's fire suppression capabilities. Their primary role is the physical labor associated with fighting wildfires, such as digging lines to stop the spread of fire through light grasses and vegetation.
- Forecasts by the National Geographic Area Coordination Center indicate a developing La Niña pattern and a slight to moderate tilt in the odds towards above normal large fire potential in our area for October and November. All residents should remain vigilant with best practices to avoid potential fire starts.

### **12) Update Ventura County Sheriff Department**

**Sheriff Safety Report for the October 10, 2024, Somis Mac Meeting:**



- The Somis General Store was burglarized on 8/25/2024, during the early morning hours around 03:00 AM. This investigation is on-going by our detectives.
- We are seeing an increase of thefts of agricultural sprinkler heads and brass parts. Remind ranchers to be vigilant and increase lighting or security measures. The main thefts are in the Oxnard plains but as we see traditionally, some of the same AG crimes can carry over into the Somis area.
- The Camarillo Police Department would like to alert residents of the presence of an alarming new email scam that is spreading throughout the western United States. This particular scam is an email with a resident's name and physical address in the body of the email. There is an attached PDF document. When the receiver opens the PDF document, they will see a picture of their residence, driveway and often the house numbers of their residence. The photo source is likely Google or Apple maps.
- The PDF will say the resident is being monitored and their internet browsing history on inappropriate websites has been recorded. The scammers then threaten the resident by saying they will "pay them a visit" or send out their alleged browsing history to friends and family. This is often referred to as a blackmail scam.
- The troubling part is there is a QR code attached to the document to ask for payment. If a person scans the QR code with a cell phone, they are essentially giving the scammer permission to access their phone and its entire contents to include banking information and saved passwords. The Better Business Bureau published an article on these scams. Read more here: [BBB Scam Alert: Watch out for fraudulent QR codes](#)
- If you have knowledge of a scam that is going around and you wish to report it to law enforcement, you can call our scam hotline at 805-388-5175. (Note: This hotline is for those residents who did not fall victim to the scam and who are not out money.) **If you are the victim of a scam and you are out money, please report it to VCSO at 805-654-9511.**

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### **13) Caltrans – SR – Pavement Rehab Project Along Los Angeles Avenue and other Caltrans Projects in the Somis Area**

Caltrans Project Engineer, Hector Bedolla

Mr. Bedolla spoke on the Caltrans pavement rehab project for Los Angeles Avenue (SR-118). The project started its PS&E phase a couple months ago and is slated to go to Construction in mid-2027. The major scope item is the cold plane and overlay of the asphalt roadway (depth of 0.2'~ 2.4inches).

He discussed other items within the vicinity of Somis including upgrades of existing guard rails, centerline rumble strips, upgrades to roadside signs, new census stations, upgrades to speed feedback signs and new traffic safety lighting at three intersections.

**14) As part of the Somis 3-5 Year Plan: Review of Potential New MAC Structure for 2025 will be Discussed**

- **Field Representative, Israel Rodriguez** spoke on ways to make the MAC meetings more efficient and ways to include more people in the planning process.
- Discussion included the addition of three new Subcommittees and Ad-Hoc Committees to achieve various goals and objectives set by the Somis MAC for 2025 and beyond.

**CLOSING**

**15) Adjournment** of the Somis Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting, December 12, 2024, at Somis Elementary School, 5268 North Street, Somis, CA 93066.

a. Chair, Pat Richards adjourned the meeting at 9:09 PM.



# CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

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CALIFORNIA STATE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

**To:** The Somis MAC c/o Supervisor Gorell's office

## **CHP MOORPARK'S SOMIS MAC TALKING POINTS: (1.30.25)**

- CHP Moorpark and the California Highway Patrol concluded another successful year of our annual CHiP's for Kids Toy Drive event, which ran throughout the month of December. With the help from our community, we were able to distribute thousands of new toys to underserved kids throughout Ventura County. THANK YOU for helping us give back to our community.
- The California Highway Patrol conducted a Maximum Enforcement Period (MEP) over the New Year's holiday. The MEP ran from 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. The focus for this MEP was Impaired Driving violations. The CHP wrapped up its New Year's MEP with 481 DUI arrests statewide during the 30-hour campaign, averaging one arrest every four minutes. CHP officers also issued nearly 10,000 citations for speeding, seatbelt violations, and other traffic infractions. Maximum Enforcement Periods have been a part of California Highway Patrol (CHP) policy for many years and have specific deployment and reporting procedures. During an MEP, field commands are required to deploy the maximum amount of uniformed personnel to address primary collision factor violations, impaired drivers, and assure a prompt response to any incident causing a hazard or traffic delay.
- As we recover from a series of major Public Safety Power Shutdowns (PSPS) in Ventura County, please be careful while driving. These PSPS's are affecting traffic control signals, making them inoperative. California Vehicle code states "The driver of any vehicle approaching an intersection which has official traffic control signals that are inoperative shall stop at the intersection and may proceed with caution when it is safe to do so."
- The California Highway Patrol is hiring 1,000 officers to help make California's roadways safer. If you or someone you know would like to join the CHP, visit [www.betheCHP1000.com](http://www.betheCHP1000.com) for more information and to speak with a local recruiter. Also, the CHP is hiring more than just officers. We are currently looking to fill 165 dispatcher vacancies across the state and are also looking for Commercial Vehicle Inspection Specialists to inspect the growing number of commercial vehicles on California highways. The statewide examination for CVIS recently opened with a final filing date of 8/1/2024. The CHP will provide you with the training for all three of these positions. More details and applications can be found at [www.chp.ca.gov](http://www.chp.ca.gov).
- Follow CHP Moorpark on social media for traffic updates, sig alerts, evacuation notices, roadway closures, and general information on what the CHP is doing in your area.

Twitter: @CHPMoorpark  
Facebook: @CHP-Moorpark  
Instagram: @CHPMoorpark

Contact: **Officer Ryan Ayers**  
*Public Information Officer*  
Phone: **(805) 553-0800**  
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## VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Dustin Gardner**

Fire Chief

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January 2, 2025

Attn: Supervisor Jeff Gorell and Municipal Advisory Committees

- In 2024, Ventura County residents concerned about fire danger quadrupled the number of Firewise USA communities in our county. At the start of the year, there were six communities recognized for best practices by Firewise USA. Now, Ventura County has 25, beating the fire department's goal by one. When communities work together, they can have an even greater impact in reducing the risk from wildfires.
- The possibility of Santa Ana wind events continues. Everyone should remain vigilant about avoiding activities that could start a fire, such as a hot muffler against tall weeds, a dragging tow chain, a tossed cigarette or an outdoor fire pit.
- The fire departments of Ventura County, along with dozens of community partners, collected and distributed toys to more than 30,000 needy children during the holidays as part of the Spark of Love campaign.

Sincerely,

Scott Thomsen  
Director of Communications and Public Affairs  
Ventura County Fire Department

**Somis Goal Setting Worksheet:**

Subcommittee \_\_\_\_\_ Goals Adopted by the MAC Board on \_\_\_\_\_

Goal	Will it Improve the community overall or just a section of the community?	Does it make my community safer or better?	Is it reasonable or cost effective to Implement?	What are some of the results of this goal being implemented?	What is the time frame for implementing? 1-3-5 years?

TOP 3-4 GOALS FOR THIS SUBCOMMITTEE IN 2025

Notes:

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