

# THE EL RIO /DEL NORTE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

*Serving El Rio, Nyeland Acres, Strickland and Agricultural Areas*

*Now serving as Advisory Council for recreational activities in the El Rio/Del Norte area,  
including advisory recommendations for the El Rio Roger Jones Community Center*

## SUMMARY MINUTES

**Thursday May 19, 2022 7:00 pm**

Roger Jones Community Center

2864 Jourdan St.

Oxnard, CA 93036

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Roll Call**

Regular Members

David Souza (Vice Chair) (Nyeland Acres), Absent

Bonnie Bernal (Cloverdale), Present

Ken Knudsen (Vineyard Estates), Present

Julie Hupp (Strickland), Absent

Loraine Bailon (Rio Plaza), Absent

At Large Members

Mike Barber(Chair), Present

Aaron Wedemeyer, Present

Brenda Heredia, Present

Others in Attendance

Officer Vince Rangel, California Highway Patrol

Sergeant Gabriel Gonzales, V.C. Sheriff's Dept.

Christopher Kurgan, PWA/Transportation

Yvette Perez, PWA/Transportation

Christopher Solis, Engineering Manager VC Public Works

Brian Miller, Supervisors Long's Office

Michael Inda, Supervisors Long's Office

**Approval of Meeting Summary for April 28, 2022**

Moved by: Aaron Wedemeyer

Seconded: Brenda Heredia      Vote: Motion Passed 5-0

**III. Public Safety Updates**

Ventura County Sheriff's Department, CHP, Oxnard Police

Sergeant Gonzales informed attendees to the current rise in thefts of catalytic converter's targeting Toyota Camry's & Prius', he also shared information regarding current vehicle break-ins in the El Rio and Nyeland Acres Community. Sergeant Gonzales, recommended to be sure and lock your vehicles doors and secure your windows.

Officer Rangel is working with his team to reduce traffic issues involving speeding, illegal turning and parking issues. He is also reviewing the high-speed reports and times to mitigate with school traffic partially around schools such as Rio Mesa High School.

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### IV. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

Soledad Trevillo, Business owner of Marisol's Tax Center addressed her concern with the homeless encampment, drugs, and violence affecting her restaurant.

Bob Bauer, Homeowner is concerned with current drought and vehicles parking in front of his home blocking his driveway.

Members brought up issues with Amazon commercial trucks speeding on Ventura Blvd. and Santa Clara, requested CHP presence and more signs to be posted.

### V. Council Member Comments:

An Opportunity for Council Members to Communicate with Staff or Public Regarding Non-Agenda Items.

Homeless Encampment: Rio School Lane, Slow transition to clean up encampment and will work with the City of Oxnard and CHP.

Water Meter: County has no jurisdiction on water mutuals. Supervisor Longs office will work with Lynn Rodriguez, Watersheds County of Ventura.

Parking: Officer Rangel; CHP will work with resident for proper signage to post on his property.

Commercial Trucks/Speeding: V. Rangel; CHP will work with his team to increase CHP presence.

### VI. Action Items:

1. Presentation by Christopher Solis, Engineering Manager, Ventura County Public Works Agency and Christopher Kurgan, PWA/Transportation, on Pedestrian Improvements in the El Rio Community, including, recent progress completed and upcoming pedestrian lanes, bike lanes improvements which will be completed in 2023. -2024.

Working with Utility Company to relocate poles in order to accommodate bike lanes.

Funding will be provided by the Ventura County Transportation Commission and the Board of Supervisors; Grants are based on traffic studies for the disadvantage communities to share in areas of public safety. They also indicated they will be providing \$6 million dollars in improvements for sidewalks, curbs & gutters to enhance public safety and improve water run-off. This work will occur from 2023 thru 2024.

### VII. Adjourn 7:55