

El Macero County Service Area Advisory Committee
El Macero, CA 95618
Minutes of Scheduled Meeting May 11, 2023
6 p.m.
In - Person Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance **Steve Lynch** -committee member and interim chair
John McDonough-committee member
Diane Cronan-committee member
Kristen Wong-committee member

Also in Attendance: Dave Ewing- El Macero resident
Kim Villa- Yolo County Operations & Strategy Manager
Jim Provenza - Yolo County Supervisor, District 4
Sheila Allan - Deputy to Supervisor Jim Provenza
Richard Lauckhart - El Macero resident
Ronald Baumgartner - El Macero resident

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Steve Lynch. Introductions were made.

Approval of Agenda: The committee voted to approve the agenda , 4-0.

Public Comment: Rich Lauckhart addressed the committee with various complaints about the committee and county concerning missing 4.8 million dollars from the CSA budget.

Approval of the February 23rd, 2023 minutes. There being no alterations or additions upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved as presented.

Update from County Supervisor Jim Provenza:

Supervisor Provenza reported that a memorandum of understanding had been signed between the city and the county regarding maintaining certain water rights that fringe El Macero. In particular, he stated that the city had agreed to maintaining certain water pumps and property regarding flood control, most notably the area by the railroad over pass near the fruit stand on North Chiles Road that previously had flooded and impaired auto traffic.

Discussion and Action Items:

El Macero CSA Video Newsletter:

Chairman Lynch reported that he had been working closely with Kim Villa from the county regarding an upcoming video newsletter to all El Macero residents, and that a rough draft would soon be circulated to all committee members. Chairman Lynch indicated better communication would be one of his goals in the coming year.

Speed Calming:

Kristin Wong reported that she had met with the county's newly appointed Director of Public Works, Vin, and that he seemed very cooperative with assisting in developing a plan to reduce speeding in El Macero. To that end, Kristen has developed a multi-phase plan to accomplish the instillation of speed calming measures in El Macero, and will be assisted in her efforts by committee members Sandy Uhrhammer and

John McDonough. Kristen noted that speeding was particularly frequent on North El Macero, South El Macero and County Club. Recently a fire hydrant had been hit and disabled on Country Club. Chairman Lynch added that speeding in El Macero was one of the most frequent items residents brought up to him.

Water Use Agreement with the El Macero Country Club ("Club"):

Chairman Lynch reported that a very favorable agreement with the El Macero Country Club was in place whereby the Club was given access to a well owned by the CSA in exchange for the club being responsible for lower cost maintenance, allowing for non-potable water to be used for the watering of certain CSA common areas such as the entrances and cul de sac circles.

Pioneer Development Proposal:

Chairman Lynch outlined a proposed substantial development that had been announced publicly by the property owner to the East and South of El Macero. The proposal is to develop significant acreage to include residential development of 1200 houses, a solar farm and other uses. It was noted that the proposal was still in its infancy. It is only been submitted in a pre-application status, and would be subject to approval by a city-wide referendum. The project is a hybrid county and city project. Chairman Lynch indicated he would continue to monitor all developments regarding the proposal and keep the committee informed.

Landscape Maintenance:

Chairman Lynch reported that a Request for Proposal (RFP) had been put out regarding the yearly contract for landscaping services and that three companies had responded, including the current provider: BrightView. A new provider Jensen & Monarch, that currently maintain the Fouts condominiums had been selected. Chairman Lynch indicated that El Macero resident Dave Ewing, who is very interested in this area will be leading the effort to sign a provider.

Stormwater Drainage Study:

Chairman Lynch indicated that he and committee member John McDonough had met with city personnel and that progress had been made regarding what financial contribution the city might be seeking from El Macero residents and that results from the long-awaited study should be available soon.

Financial Report:

County Manager Kim Villa directed the Committee's attention to a three page quarterly financial report and indicated that current expenses were tracking with historical norms, and that she did not foresee any immediate financial shortfalls. General discussion ensued and Chairman Lynch indicated that funding for maintenance of the roads would not be adequate to optimally maintain them, and that seeking additional funding via a future 218 process would be a priority of his goals.

Chairman Lynch's Goals:

Chairman Lynch indicated that he had five (5) primary goals he would be seeking to accomplish while Interim Chairperson. They are:

1. **Direct billing of water usage.** He believes El Macero residents would be more aware of their individual water use through direct billing. He reported that County Counsel was currently reviewing the existing agreement between El Macero and the County to see if that might be accomplished and how to do so.
2. **Maintaining the current sewer agreement.** Chairman Lynch indicated that the current arrangement was very advantageous to El Macero residents and that he would endeavor to continue it, but that it would be significantly influenced by the results of the analysis currently taking place.
3. **218 Process for street fund.** Chairman Lynch indicated that the current designated fund situation for the roads would not be adequate to accomplish optimal maintenance. He noted that new roads had been installed in 2018, and that they need to have a slurry "overlay" every five to seven years, if we wished to maintain them in the best condition. Current funding would not be adequate to provide that, and despite the slim failure of an earlier 218 process to increase funding he believed a new 218 vote would succeed with greater publicity and understanding.
4. **Traffic Calming.** Chairman Lynch noted that one of the continuing issues facing El Macero residents is the failure of drivers to comply with the posted 25 mph speed limit and that new direct measures were needed, specifically the instillation of speed calming measures and that he would do all he could to assist

in achieving this goal.

5. Better Communication: Chairman Lynch indicated that many El Macero residents do not understand the work the committee does on their behalf. He feels that through greater communication via newsletters both written and video better understanding and education can be accomplished and was working hard to accomplish that.

Call for agenda Items: There were none.

Adjournment: Steve Lynch noted that all items and business of the committee had been addressed and adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for August 10th.

Submitted by committee member John McDonough