

CRESTON ADVISORY BODY

Meeting Minutes

Creston Community Center

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 7:00 – 9:30 PM

Meetings scheduled on the 3rd Wednesday of each month except December..

1) Call to Order – Flag Salute

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. A quorum of the CAB Board was established. Absent was Don Clark. Present were elected members Roy Barba, Thomas Edel, Matt Lyngne, Sheila Lyons, Kurt Almond, Mike Aarons and alternate Jim Wortner sitting in as a voting member as authorized per by-laws.

2) CAB Recorder for this meeting – Jim Wortner (next month will be Matt Lyngne)

Jim Wortner took meeting minutes and submitted these minutes for review on Friday, August 18, 2023.

3) Minutes of the previous meeting(s) (5 min) (July 19th, Kurt Almond drafted)

Meeting minutes from the July 19, 2023 CAB Meeting were put on hold and will be reviewed and approved at the September CAB Meeting.

4) Limited Public and/or CAB Member Comments for Items NOT on the agenda (2-3 min each) Including Community events and other items of interest.

Roy Barba announced the 32nd Annual Mid State Cruizers Car Show on August 19, 2023. This non-profit Atascadero group scheduled a “car show” in the Sunken Gardens Park for the citizens to see local vintage cars. In addition, 5 or 6 bands will play and several food trucks participate in Atascadero.

The Creston Community Center has completed roof repairs, the installation of sheet rock and interior painting. A work party clean-up of the Creston Community Center and Creston Garden Club is scheduled for August 19, 2023.

5) Public Safety - Cal Fire, Sheriff, CHP, etc. – ~5 min. each

Sheriff's Department - Deputy John McKenney

CHP - Lieutenant Chandler Stewart - Templeton Station

Cal Fire - Fire Captain Ryan

Sheriff Department, CHP and Cal Fire representatives could not attend this month's meeting. A detailed report supplied by the Sheriff's Department and CHP for July are attached to these meeting minutes.

CAB Board discussed the potential use of the Creston Community Center as a “Resilience Center” and emergency use center by the Creston Community. A grant opportunity by the state of California is open for \$100,000+ in funding. Sheila Lyons will research the possibility of applying for this grant with a final submission to the state by September 18, 2023 due date.

6) New Business – (45 min.)

a. Annie Bowsky, SLO-COG Re: approved Regional Transportation Plan.

Ann Bowsky and Maria Kelly from SLO-COG reviewed the SLO County regional transportation plans through 2045.

The priority transportation/road issue for the Creston Community has been adjusting the Highway 41 interchanges at Creston Road/La Panza Road and Highway 221/Webster Road to make these intersections safer for cross traffic and local uses. Maria Kelly confirmed that the alignment of Creston Rd/La Panza at Highway 41 has been added into the Regional Transit Plan for 2023-2045 per the request by this advisory body in a letter to SLO-COG.

Maria Kelly outlined the SLO-COG mission and operations as well as the realities and funding priorities of roads in California and within SLO County. They took a CAB board survey on priorities, most needed project improvements and next step options as feedback to SLO-COG. A long discussion on rural versus urban community needs, taxes, time-lines and code changes were discussed with the CAB Board. Unfortunately, Creston Community needs are not a priority, although both Ann Bowsky and Maria Kelly promised to take these needs forward to SLO-COG.

A sales tax referendum (1/2 % increase) was proposed by SLO-COG at CAB for the March 2024 ballot that would allow SLO County to provide potential matching funding for California funds to support SLO County road improvements. According to SLO-COG this would allow SLO County to effectively get its “fair share” of regional transportation funding.

See the SLO-COG web-site for additional detail on this SLO County wide proposal for regional transportation planning. <https://www.slocog.org/programs/regional-planning/2023-rtp>.

7) Planning Department Update & Project Referrals - CAB Liaison-Lane Sutherland (30+ min).

a. Cannabis projects update – Jim Wortner & P&B liaison if present.

Lane Sutherland from the Planning Department attended this month’s meeting and provided answers to questions about the DRC2019-00059 Webster Road Associates LLC cannabis project being allowed another 90 day extensions to Planning Department requests. This is a routine process to extend projects when requested by the applicant. Next step is still an environmental MND Report from the County. It should be noted that even if the County withdraws the permit application due to inactivity, the applicant can still reapply at any time in the future.

The other two active cannabis projects DRC2020-00013 C4 SM Partners and DRC2020-00037 SLO CANN have had no activity since June 2023. Both are still active. Next step is still an environmental MND Report from the County.

Lane also informed us that Airlin Singewald has a new position, still within the department, as Environmental Coordinator managing the Current Planning division. He will continue as Division Manager for Long Range Planning until the position can be backfilled.

8) Fifth District Supervisor Report–Supervisor Debbie Arnold or LA Kathleen Goble- Zoom maybe

Debbie Arnold our 5th Supervisor could not attend this month’s CAB meeting due to a conflict and meeting with our US Congressman Jimmy Panetta. Sheila Lyons, CAB Chair, requested that Supervisor Arnold make our local water issues a priority for this discussion.

9) Committee Reports/Next Steps (5-10 min each as needed) –

- a. **By-Laws – Sheila L. & Thomas E.** - Nothing to report
- b. **Elections – Sheila, Susan S. & Judy Blankenship (public)** No action at this time.
- c. **Public Information – Roy Barba, Tom Edel & Mike Aarons, Kurt Almond**
CAB website is updated and loaded and ready to use by the Creston Community.
New County contacts will be updated shortly.

10) Treasurer’s Report – (5 min) Roy Barba

Current CAB check book balance is \$1,076.79. Creston Post Box rental is due.

11) Unfinished Business – (5 minutes)

None.

12) Future meetings and agenda items- Next meeting Sept. 20th, 2023

Susan Funk, candidate for District #5 will attend our Nov. 15, 2023 meeting.

Sheila will invite Heather Moreno to our Oct. 18, 2023 meeting

Kurt report on contacting PG&E regarding new system for power distribution/billing

Don Clark to provide Board of Supervisor District 5 list of questions on top issues for the Creston Community for candidate scheduled meetings at CAB in October and November.

13) Adjournment by approximately 9:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. Motion made by Roy, 2nd by Kurt. Unanimous vote.

DEPUTY JOHN MCKENNEY

CRESTON CALLS FOR SERVICE 07/19/2023 – 08/16/2023

AUDIBLE ALARM	ODONOVAN RD
BATTERY REPORT	ODONOVAN RD
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	BLUE RIDGE RD
DISTURBING THE PEACE	CALF CANYON
CIVIL ISSUE	BLUE ROAD
FELONY THREATS CALL	CALF CANYON
HARRASSING PHONE CALLS	STAGE SPRINGS
TRESSPASSING	JOAQUIN WAY
ARREST FOR TRESSPASSING	JOAQUIN WAY

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CRESTON AREA)

Surveyed Date Range: 07/01 - 07/31 (1 Month)
Geographic Boundaries of Creston vs. Templeton CHP Area

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CRESTON AREA</u>			<u>TEMPLETON CHP AREA</u>
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>JULY 2023</u>
CRASHES INVESTIGATED	5	4	20%	79
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	3	2	33%	52
INJURY	2	2	0%	27
DUI INVOLVED	1	2	-100%	10
FATAL	0	0	0%	0
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TOTAL ENFORCEMENT CONTACTS	35	30	14%	1,355
TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED	17	13	24%	861
MAX SPEED VIOLATIONS	10	7	30%	588
100+ MPH VIOLATIONS	0	0	0%	15
DUI ARRESTS	3	2	33%	53