

CRESTON ADVISORY BODY

Meeting Minutes

Creston Community Center – 5110 Swayze St, Creston

Wednesday, **November 19, 2025** 7:00 – 9:30 PM

Creston Advisory Body Contact – CrestonAB@gmail.com

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

Chairperson – Sheila Lyons Vice Chair – Kurt Almond Treasurer – Roy Barba Secretary – rotating duty

- 1) Call to Order – Flag Salute 7:02 pm
- 2) CAB Recorder for this meeting – Roy Barba
- 3) Minutes of the previous meeting(s) (5 min) (**August 20th – Don Clark, October 15th - Kurt**) Approved
All CAB approved minutes are posted at crestonadvisorybody.com .
- 4) Limited Public and/or CAB Member Comments for Items NOT on the agenda (3 min each) – This includes announcements of local events from Creston organizations
 - a. Halloween in Creston – Was a great success.
 - b. Creston's Women's Club annual Christmas party, Dec. 5th, all Creston women invited.
- 5) Public Safety - Cal Fire, Sheriff, CHP, etc. – 5 min. each

Sheriff's Department – Sgt. Slade stated that more patrols are being conducted in the Creston area. In the past month, there have been a Petty Theft and an assault and Battery investigated.

CHP – Lt. Commander Darren Gennuso - Templeton Station – see attached

Cal Fire - Fire Captain Jesse Ryan stated there have been 21 Medical Responses and one downed power line.

- 6) Fifth District Supervisor Report– Supervisor Heather Moreno Community Meet and Greet in the Creston Garden earlier today. Also present was Legislative Aide Jennifer Kinnear.
Supervisor provided an update from B of S meetings and her opinions on topics of concern to Creston Community. Follow up to today's Meet and Greet. Regular Supervisor Monthly hours in Creston – 5:30-7:00 PM Usually at Creston Fire Station #50.

B of S are updating the Parks and Rec Master Plan.

There may be a Public Safety Sales Tax for police and fire.

Webster Road cannabis project did not meet the deadline for documents and payment, so it has been withdrawn. If they wish to proceed, they will need to start over.

Newsletter will come from Supervisor Moreno at the beginning of the year.

Paso Basin 218 vote did not pass, so they have no funding.

Supervisor Moreno did not support the Joint Powers Authority.

Each GSA will pay JPA expenses through June 2026.

- 7) Unfinished Business – Webster Rd Cannabis - Jim Wortner, CAB Cannabis Committee Chair to provide updates on recent events. The Webster Road project did not meet the deadline; as a result, it has been withdrawn.
- 8) New Business – Public Works Asst. Director John Waddell discussed the Creston Rd bridge project, scheduled for Spring 2026.
The bridge replacement will be a 3-month project from June 2026 to Sept. 2026. Other preparation work on gas lines will take place before then. PG&E is currently replacing gas lines.
The bridge was damaged during the 2023 storm season. It is 85 years old.
The new bridge will be 75 feet long and wider than the existing bridge.
New potholes on La Panza Road will be repaired in the next few days.

9) Planning Department Update & Project Referrals - CAB Liaison-Dominic Dal Porta and/or Eric Hughes (Not present)
10)

- a. Any area updates - Air Streams on Jhelum Vineyards are now in compliance. The 5 Air Stream trailers are to be stored only to remain in compliance.
- b. Cannabis projects update – See above.
- c.

11) Report from the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee, Special, if applicable

– Murray Powell– Reported the latest info on PR GSA and JPA – 40,000+ acres of grape needs to be removed due to lack of sales. Plus see attached

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

- a. By-Laws – Sheila L. & Thomas E. N/A
- b. Elections – Sheila, Susan S. (public) –Alternates needed. Seeking new representatives from Areas of CAB – Creston VRL, Rocky Canyon/Hwy 229, and Creston East (Eddy Ranch)
- c. Public Information -- Roy Barba, Tom Edel & Mike Aarons, Kurt Almond A. Business cards for CAB members – Mike Aarons

13) Treasurer's Report – (5 min) Roy Barba - Account balance is \$1372.08

14) Additional Limited Public Comment period – Final words (3 minutes each)

15) Future meetings and agenda items- Next meeting **January 21th, 2026 – dark in December**

16) Adjournment by approximately 9:08 p.m. motion-Roy, second-Kurt, unanimous

CRESTON ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)

Surveyed Date Range: 3rd Quarter 2025 vs 3rd Quarter 2024
 Geographic Boundaries of Creston (Beat 6, Beat 7 and Beat 17) vs. Templeton CHP Area

CRESTON AREA										TEMPLETON	
2025		2024		TOTAL STATS		CHP AREA					
HW	CR	HW	CR	2025	2024	%	2025	2024		2025	2024
TOTAL CRASHES INVESTIGATED	9	7	10	8	16	18	-11%	232	232		
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	7	2	7	5	9	12	-25%	155	147		
INJURY	2	5	3	3	7	6	17%	77	80		
DUI	1	1	1	4	2	5	-60%	30	35		
FATAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	1	5		
TOTAL ENFORCEMENT CONTACTS <small>(INCLUDES VERBAL/WRITTEN WARNINGS)</small>	5	75	5	45	80	50	60%	6,472	3,752		
TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED <small>(INCLUDES PDF, REGISTRATION, COMMERCIAL, CELLPHONE VIOLATIONS)</small>	1	49	3	28	50	31	61%	4,159	2,318		
MAX SPEED VIOLATIONS	0	28	1	6	28	7	300%	2,624	1,470		
100+ MPH VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	77	26		
SEATBELT VIOLATIONS	1	1	0	1	2	1	100%	126	44		
DUI ARRESTS	0	0	0	3	0	3	-100%	111	77		
PUBLIC/MOTOR SERVICES					614	572					

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SLO COUNTY CANNABIS TAX RATE ADJUST ANALYSIS

As of October 31, 2025

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - JUNE 30	ANNUAL VOTER APPROVED TAX RATE	ANNUAL APPLIED ANNUAL TAX RATE	ANNUAL REPORTED ANNUAL REVENUE	COLLECTIBLE ANNUAL TAXES @ COLLECTED	ANNUAL BOS TAX RATE ADJUSTMENT	ANNUAL REPORTED REVENUE LOSSES	ANNUAL REPORTED REVENUE INCREASES
FY 2018 - 2019	4%	4%	2,057,926	\$82,317	\$82,317	\$0	312.68%
FY 2019- 2020	4%	4%	8,492,730	\$339,709	\$339,709	\$0	1.68%
FY 2020- 2021	6%	6%	8,635,500	\$518,130	\$518,130	\$0	-32.67%
FY 2021 - 2022	8%	6%	5,813,998	\$348,840	\$465,120	(\$116,280)	28.51%
FY 2022 - 2023	10%	8%	7,471,850	\$597,748	\$747,185	(\$149,437)	58.00%
FY 2023 - 2024	10%	6%	11,805,217	\$708,313	\$1,180,522	(\$472,209)	-28.74%
FY 2024-2025	10%	6%	8,412,017	\$504,721	\$841,202	(\$336,481)	
2025-2026 July - Oct 2025	10%	6%	3,073,850	\$184,431	\$307,385	(\$122,954)	
			52,689,238	\$3,099,778	\$4,174,184	(\$1,197,360)	

NOTE 1 - ALL AMOUNTS PROVIDED BY THE SLO COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

(2) DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VOTER APPROVED ANNUAL TAX RATES AND THE SUPERVISORS' REDUCED ANNUAL TAX RATES

SLO COUNTY CANNABIS TAX MEASURE B-18 WAS APPROVED BY 76% OF THE COUNTY'S UNINCORPORATED AREA
VOTERS DURING JUNE 2018. SLO COUNTY INCORPORATED CITIES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THIS TAX.