

CRESTON ADVISORY BODY

Meeting Minutes #191 for Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Creston Community Center – 5110 Swayze St, Creston

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

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

1. Call to Order

Chair **Sheila Lyons** called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

Present

- **Sheila Lyons, Kurt Almond, Michael Aarons, Don Clark, Juan Soto**

Absent

- **Roy Barba, Thomas Edel**

A quorum was established.

Recorder duties were assigned to Don Clark. Discussion included the continued use of AI-assisted meeting minutes and methods to improve transcription accuracy and consistency.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes of June 17th – prepared by AI & Mike Aarons, reviewed by Juan & Sheila

Motion: Kurt Almond moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Second: Motion seconded by Don Clark.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

a. Sheila Lyons announced that volunteers are still needed for the upcoming Rodeo and encouraged interested community members to contact organizers for additional information.

b. Sheila Lyons reported that the recent Pool-Ooza fundraiser was successful.

c. Community Development Corporation Survey - Sheila Lyons reported that the San Luis Obispo Community Development Corporation distributed a survey requesting feedback regarding services and programs that might benefit local communities.

Discussion focused on whether the organization's programs would be applicable or beneficial to Creston. Members were encouraged to review and complete the survey if interested.

Action: No action taken.

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6. Public Safety Reports

CAL FIRE Report

Adrian Briseno, CAL FIRE Station 50, provided a report covering activity from June 17 through July 15, 2026.

Incident Statistics

- 12 Medical Calls
- 2 Traffic Collisions
- 8 Vegetation Fires
- 3 Structure Fires
- 2 Vehicle Fires

Total Calls: 27

Discussion

Adrian Briseno discussed:

- Increased wildfire danger during summer conditions.
- Heavy traffic expected during the Mid-State Fair.
- Power outage preparedness and generator readiness.
- Checking on vulnerable residents during extreme heat.
- Preventing fires caused by dragging trailer chains.
- Property inspections, defensible-space awareness, and structure access.
- Operational impacts associated with the Creston Road bridge closure.

Members discussed emergency access concerns and expected completion of the bridge project.

CHP Report

Darren Gennuso, Commander of the CHP Templeton Area Office, presented second-quarter enforcement and collision statistics.

Collision Statistics

- 10 Investigated Collisions
- 5 Injury Collisions
- 5 Property Damage Only Collisions

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- 0 DUI Collisions
- 0 Fatalities

Enforcement Statistics

- 75 Enforcement Contacts
- 50 Citations Issued
- 10 Speeding Citations
- 5 Seatbelt Citations
- 0 DUI Arrests

Discussion

Members discussed traffic impacts resulting from the Creston Road detour and related construction activity. Questions were raised regarding traffic monitoring and driver behavior during the closure period.

Sheriff's Department representatives were not present.

7. New Business – None

8. Fifth District Supervisor's Report

Heather Mareno Supervisor, or Jennifer Kinnear Legislative Aide to Supervisor Heather Moreno, provided updates on behalf of the Fifth District Supervisor's Office.

Fire Protection

Heather Mareno reported that Heritage Ranch is scheduled to receive a new Type 3 fire engine. Upon delivery, the existing Type 3 engine is expected to be reassigned to the Creston area.

Fire Safe Council Projects

Grant applications have been submitted for vegetation management projects in the:

- Park Hill area
- Rocky Terrace area
- Sunstorm area

Members discussed roadside vegetation concerns and county mowing activities. Sheila asked if a crew could possibly do brush removal for the Creston Community Center. Jennifer Kinnear, Chief of Staff to Supervisor Moreno will check into this.

Behavioral Health Services

Heather Mareno provided updates regarding behavioral-health initiatives, including:

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- A four-bed crisis stabilization facility for foster youth expected to open in the fall.
- Future psychiatric and crisis residential treatment facilities planned for Paso Robles.

Infrastructure

Discussion included repairs to roads and shoulders affected by increased traffic associated with the Creston Road bridge detour.

Road Maintenance and Vegetation Concerns

Members discussed roadside mowing, tree maintenance, sight-distance concerns, and methods for reporting problem areas to the County.

8. Planning – Cannabis Ordinance Amendment

a. Nicholas Burgnon, Sheriff's Compliance Division, presented a proposed amendment to the County Cannabis Ordinance.

Proposed Amendment

The proposal would establish a one-mile exclusion area surrounding the Creston Village Reserve Line for non-exempt cannabis activities.

Personal cultivation exemptions currently permitted under County and State regulations would remain unchanged.

Discussion

Nicholas Burgnon explained the proposed ordinance language, project review process, enforcement considerations, and anticipated schedule for review by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

Discussion topics included:

- Community compatibility.
- Land-use impacts.
- Future growth and development concerns.
- Existing cannabis regulations.
- Enforcement procedures.
- Relationship to similar buffer requirements used elsewhere.

Heather Moreno discussed the background of the proposal and support received for advancing the amendment.

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CAB members expressed general support for the proposed exclusion area as a means of preserving community character and limiting future conflicts. General opinion is that Creston would like the exclusion area to be larger but this is a good first step.

Action: Informational presentation only. No CAB action required.

b. The following referrals were assigned for review:

Project	Assigned To
Eddy Ranch Certificate of Compliance	Kurt Almond
Rocky Canyon Referral	Sheila Lyons
Goodro Events Project (Highway 58 Area)	Don Clark

Discussion focused on traffic impacts, neighborhood compatibility, and future event-related activities associated with proposed projects.

9. Unfinished Business – None

10. PRO Water Basin Committee Report

Kurt Almond reported on the most recent committee meeting.

Discussion focused on:

- Long-range planning.
- Capital improvement priorities.
- Future funding needs.
- Accountability for project implementation.

Kurt Almond reported requesting development of three-year and five-year capital project plans to improve transparency regarding future expenditures and project priorities.

11. Committee Reports

a. Bylaws Committee

No proposed bylaw amendments were presented.

b. Elections and Membership

Vacancies remain in several representative areas, including:

- Creston East
- Highway 58 Area

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- Rocky Canyon Area

Members discussed recruiting additional community representatives to fill vacancies and strengthen board participation.

c. Public Information Committee

AI-Generated Meeting Minutes

Members discussed the effectiveness of AI-generated meeting minutes and reviewed concerns regarding accuracy and formatting.

Topics discussed included:

- Proper attribution of speakers.
- Recording motions, seconds, and voting outcomes.
- Differences between Zoom AI and Microsoft Copilot-generated minutes.
- Potential use of Microsoft Teams transcription and recording features.
- Methods for improving minute quality while reducing manual workload.

Members agreed that future improvements should focus on maintaining compliance with CAB minute requirements and ensuring accurate identification of speakers and actions.

12. Treasurer's Report

The current CAB balance was reported as:

\$2,361.83

Additional discussion included:

- Receipt of County funding.
- Pending equipment expenses of approximately \$160.
- Annual post office box renewal fees.

13. Additional Public Comment

Members discussed:

- Community participation in CAB meetings.
- Recruitment of future board members.
- Outreach through the CAB website, newsletters, and community organizations.
- Ideas for increasing attendance and public engagement.

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Members acknowledged that attendance has declined but agreed that CAB continues to provide an important public forum for community issues and communication with local agencies.

14. Future meetings and agenda items – Next meeting is August 19, 2026.

15. Adjournment

Motion: Don Clark moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Michael Aarons seconded the motion.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at **8:12 PM**.

Action Item Summary

Action Item	Responsible Party
Review Eddy Ranch Certificate of Compliance referral	Kurt Almond
Review Rocky Canyon referral	Sheila Lyons
Review Goodro Events Project referral	Don Clark
Continue recruitment efforts for vacant CAB representative positions	All Members
Investigate Microsoft Teams as a potential replacement for Zoom meeting transcription and minute generation	Michael Aarons