



# District 2 Highlights

## Martinez Edition

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### Digital Television Transition: Will You Be Ready?

Your TV signal is switching to "digital." For more than fifty years, TV broadcasters have sent their shows to your TV using "analog" signals. After **June 12, 2009, most of the old analog signals will be gone and most of the stations you watch** will use only the new digital signals.

#### Why Is The Government Switching to Digital?

- For improved public safety for everyone. The transition to digital will help police, fire and other public safety departments communicate more easily with each other during emergencies.
- For you, digital TV offers better picture and sound, as well as more channels and program choices.

#### What Does This Mean To You?

- If all of your TVs are hooked up to cable or satellite, you will continue to get your TV after the switch. Just check with your cable or satellite company to be sure.
- If you have a digital TV, you are ready for the switch. (If your TV is more than 10 years old it probably is not digital. If it is less than 10 years old, ask the manufacturer if your TV is "analog-only.")
- If you have an analog-only TV with a roof top antenna or "rabbit ears," you will not be able to watch most TV stations after June 12, 2009 unless you get a "converter box."

#### Converter Box?

- The converter box will attach to your TV and let you continue receiving free TV.
- With the converter box you can get a better picture and more channels. The antenna you have should work with the box.
- You can buy a converter box at a retail store. The boxes will cost \$40 to \$70.
- You can get two \$40 coupons per household from the US Government to help you pay for up to two boxes. (One coupon per box only.)

For more information about the digital transition call **888-CALL-FCC (888-225-5322) (voice)** or **888-TELL-FCC (888-835-5322) (TTY)** or go to the website [www.dtv.gov](http://www.dtv.gov)

For more information about converters and coupons call **888-388-2009 (voice)** or **877-530-2634 (TTY)** or go to the website [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov)

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From left: Commissioners Bill Bristow, Dwight Meadows, Don Tatzin, Chair Gayle B. Uilkema, Rob Schroder, Martin McNair, Helen Allen, George Schmidt, and Mary Piepho.

### Supervisor Uilkema Named Chair of LAFCO

Martinez Mayor Rob Schroder passed the position of Chair of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to Supervisor Uilkema at a meeting where Rob's accomplishments as Chair were praised.

LAFCO is a regulatory agency charged by the State legislature with "discouraging urban sprawl and encouraging the orderly formation and development of local agencies" based on "local circumstances and conditions." To meet its responsibilities, LAFCO reviews and approves or denies proposals to:

- Annex land to cities or special districts
- Detach land from cities or special districts
- Consolidate two or more cities or two or more special districts
- Form new special districts and incorporate new cities
- Dissolve special districts and disincorporate cities
- Merge cities and special districts
- Allow cities or special districts to provide services outside of their boundaries

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If you decide to replace your old analog TV with a new digital one, here are some things you need to know about disposing of your old TV.

"It is illegal to throw them out. They contain materials that can be harmful to the environment and human health," said Jon Myers, a spokesman for the California Integrated Waste Management Board, a state agency that regulates landfills.

In 2003, a California law took effect which charged anyone who buys a new TV or computer monitor an additional \$6 to \$10. That money goes into a fund that pays private companies 39 cents a pound to collect and recycle the unwanted e-junk. To receive funding, companies must verify they are dismantling the equipment in California, and not shipping it to China, India or other developing countries, where child workers commonly break it apart, wearing no safety gear.

As a result, you have many choices for properly disposing of your unwanted electronic devices.

- Many Goodwill, St. Vincent de Paul or other thrift shops accept old TVs and computers for free.
- To find out where to recycle your TV in Contra Costa County, go to [www.cccrecycle.org](http://www.cccrecycle.org) or call the county recycling hot line at **800-750-4096** (press #2).
- To find out where to recycle your TV for free anywhere in California, go to [www.erecycle.org](http://www.erecycle.org).

Remember, e-waste is more than just TV's and computer monitors. E-waste recycling events are held on a regular basis throughout the county. You can find a schedule of these events and the items they accept at [www.cccrecycle.org](http://www.cccrecycle.org).



The Board of Supervisors honored the memory of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** in the Board chambers at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Commemoration & Humanitarian of the Year Awards. A panel discussion on the theme "Change, One Joined by Many" was moderated by Greg Edmonds, East Bay Bureau Chief of KGO radio.



LAFCO Executive Director Lou Ann Texeira, center, presents Rob Schroder with a special Martinez cookie shaped like a beaver to thank him for his work as Chair.

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The Commission is authorized to inventory and study governmental agencies. In updating spheres of influence LAFCO must prepare **Municipal Service Reviews** of relevant local agencies and services.

Based upon the spheres of influence or special studies, the Commission may initiate proposals to consolidate special districts, merge a special district with a city, dissolve a special district, establish a subsidiary district or any combination of these changes.

There are seven LAFCO Commissioners:

- Two City Council Members selected by the cities in the County
- Two County Supervisors selected by the Board of Supervisors
- Two Special District Members selected by independent special districts in the County
- One public member selected by the other six LAFCO Commissioners

All members serve four year terms.

LAFCO meetings are an excellent opportunity for citizens to familiarize themselves with land use, public service, and interjurisdictional issues facing the county. The meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month in the Board of Supervisors' chambers at 651 Pine Street, Room 107 in Martinez. Visit the LAFCO website for more information at [www.contracostalafco.org](http://www.contracostalafco.org)

Did you find this newsletter interesting?

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To receive newsletters by email, send an email request to [jray@bos.cccounty.us](mailto:jray@bos.cccounty.us) and you will be added to the list!



From left, Graduates Christina Harvin, Wanda Campbell, Monica Vargas, Lavetta Gyant, Heather Bolton, Gloria Smalls-Williams, Dena Van Scyoc, and Laura Hinton.

### Martinez Adult Education's Latest Grads

The Martinez Adult Education Center is at full capacity these days. Good for the school, but a sure sign of the economy! At a recent graduation ceremony, one of the eight graduates talked about the reason she came back to school – after 34 years in the Mortgage Industry, she found herself without a job.

The Adult Education Center offers training in a variety of fields: from Hospital Ward Clerk to Accounting Technician to Computer Applications Specialist. Many students are there to learn new skills, while some come to brush-up on the ones they already know. Rob Lawrence, the Department Coordinator for the Business Training Department, said the Accounting classes and Medical Skills classes are the most popular as there are many jobs available in both fields. The programs range in length from six to twelve months; they prepare adult students for entry or re-entry into today's business world. For more information about the Martinez Adult Ed program, visit their website [www.martinez-ed.org](http://www.martinez-ed.org), call 925-228-3276, or drop by their offices at 600 F Street.



Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, Mary Ann O'Malley, left, swears in Superiors Glover, Piepho, incoming Chair Bonilla, Uilkema, and Vice Chair Gioia at the annual Reorganization of the Board of Supervisors.



### Martinez Library – Something for Everyone

The Martinez Library provides internet computers, WIFI, a steady supply of new materials in various formats, and provides regular programming for children, teens, and adults. Looking for a book club to join? Story-time for your toddler? SAT preparation and practice exams for your teen? These and more are all available at the Martinez Library. Visit the Contra Costa County Library website at <http://ccclib.org> or call 925-646-2898 for more information. Open hours are Monday 12:00 - 8:00, Tuesday 10:00 - 8:00, Wednesday 12:00 - 5:00, Friday 12:00 - 5:00, and Saturday 10:00 - 5:00. Closed Thursdays and Sundays.



The friendly County vs County Food Fight between Contra Costa and Solano counties had a true winning outcome for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. The final combined tally of the two counties was \$114,779. The employees of Contra Costa averaged \$9.93 per employee, raising over \$68,000, while members of the community, including Martinez, added another \$18,760.

**Thank you all for your generosity!**

# Board of Supervisors Actions

November '08 - February '09

Kick off the "Contra Costa County Cares" Holiday Food Drive.

Report dated 10/9/08 regarding review of Interim Rate Application submitted by RSS; Approve solid waste collection service rate increase of 4.46%, effective 1/1/09 for customers in unincorporated areas served by RSS.

Cost reduction options to rebalance the 2008/09 budget to reflect state cuts; Provide direction to staff on additional action to be taken.

Conference with Labor Negotiators

Resolution consenting to formation of Alhambra Valley Assessment Districts for extension of public sewer, and jurisdiction by CCCSD, Martinez.

Approve/Authorize an application to the CA Dept of Community Services and Development, Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program for energy assistance and weatherization services; Accept funding.

Approve/Authorize a standard agreement with the CA Dept of Public Health, Office of AIDS, to pay CCC for the County's AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

Approve/Authorize contract with Community Violence Solutions for Safe Havens Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program.

Approve/Authorize contract to provide routine street sweeping services once per month for all curbed streets in unincorporated CCC.

Approve/Authorize agrmt with the VA, NoCA Health Care System, to provide dermatology services for patients referred for treatment by CCRMC physicians.

Continue emergency action by BOS on 11/16/99 re: homelessness in CCC.

Establish \$275 fee charged/collected when CCC removes from public or private property an abandoned vehicle that has been declared a public nuisance.

FY 08/09 budget reductions to adjust for the impact of State and other local revenue losses; approving associated appropriations and revenue adjustments to rebalance the 08/09 Adopted Budget; acknowledging further economic impacts will require subsequent budget adjustments.

Hearing to rezone 4769 Pacheco Boulevard, Martinez from R-7 SFR to R-6 SFR (Church of God Martinez/First Light Church).

Approve/Authorize geotechnical, biological and archaeological studies/surveys with EBMUD for Alhambra Valley Road Widening Project, Martinez.

Designate Sheriff, Dept of Conservation & Dev. as the officials authorized to enforce the Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance; Fix 12/16/08 for adoption.

Authorize new revenue from Office of Traffic Safety "Avoid the 25" Grant; appropriate it to fund DUI prevention/interdiction operations.

Authorize letter to CCC's congressional/state legislative delegation regarding economic stimulus proposals and suggestions for expediting local projects.

Approve/Authorize grant from US Health & Human Svcs, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Svcs Admin. to continue ops of Transition Homes Program.

Approve/Authorize contract for continuation of Prevention/Treatment Program.

Approve/Authorize application/acceptance CA OES, CA Multi-Jurisdictional Meth Enforcement Team grant for investigation of meth-related crimes.

Approve/Authorize contract w/CC Community College to pay CCC for off-campus child care for CalWORKs participants enrolled at CC College.

Approve/Authorize contract with John Muir Health, Inc. for CCC's use of a mobile van to provide health services in Central County.

Special Meeting on Legislation

Transfer of Court facilities in CCC from the County to the State, consistent with the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002.

Adopt solid waste receptacle rate structure/collection rate increase of 4.44% for customers in unincorporated areas served by Allied Waste Services.

Report from HSD on challenges facing CCRMC Perinatal Department and strategies being used to enhance quality of care and improve patient flow.

Municipal Climate Action Plan including municipal emission reduction targets, quantifies greenhouse gas reductions, identifies potential reductions from implementation of additional measures; Direct Working Group to work w/CAO & departments to identify/evaluate other measures that could be implemented to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions in CCC.

Approve/Authorize Alhambra Valley Road Guardrail improvements, Martinez.

# County Contacts

Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema	(925) 335-1046
Abandoned Vehicles	(925) 313-2500
Adult Protective Services	(925) 313-2659
Agricultural Department	(925) 646-5250
Airport, Buchanan Field, Keith Freitas	(925) 646-5722
Animal Services Dept., Martinez – Glenn Howell	(925) 335-8300
Animal Services Dept., Pinole	(510) 374-3966
Area Agency on Aging, John Cottrell	(925) 313-1700
Auditor-Controller, Stephen Ybarra	(925) 646-2181
Building Inspection Division, Jason Crapo	(925) 646-2300
Building Application & Permits	(925) 646-1609
CCTV, Patricia Burke	(925) 313-1180
Children's Services – Adoptions	(925) 313-7770
Children's Protective Services – Central County	(925) 646-1680
Children's Protective Services – West County	(510) 374-3324
Clerk-Recorder, Stephen Weir	(925) 335-7899
Code Enforcement, Central County, Tim Honea	(925) 335-1147
West County, Tyrone Ridgle	(925) 335-1147
Lamorinda, Greg Wixom	(925) 299-0116
Community Development Division, Aruna Bhat	(925) 335-1221
Community Services, Pat Stroh	(925) 646-5990
Community Substance Abuse Services	(925) 313-6300
County Employment Information	(925) 335-1701
Contra Costa Health Plan, Milt Camhi	(925) 313-6000
Contra Costa Regional Medical Center	(925) 370-5000
County Administrator, David Twa	(925) 335-1086
County Assessor, Gus Kramer	(925) 313-7400
County Librarian, Ann Cain	(925) 927-3205
Central Library	(925) 646-6434
Library –Crockett Branch	(510) 787-2345
Library –Hercules Branch	(510) 245-2420
Library –Lafayette Branch	(925) 283-3872
Library –Martinez Branch	(925) 646-2898
Library –Moraga Branch	(925) 376-6852
Library –Orinda Branch	(925) 254-2184
Library –Pinole Branch	(510) 758-2741
Library –Rodeo Branch	(510) 799-2606
Library –Walnut Creek Branch	(925) 646-6773
County Road Maintenance, Joe Yee	(925) 313-7000
District Attorney, Robert J. Kochly	(925) 957-2200
Employment & Human Services, Joe Valentine	(925) 313-1500
Environmental Health, Sherm Quinlan	(925) 646-5225
Fire District of Contra Costa, Chief Keith Richter	(925) 930-5500
Crockett-Carquinez Fire Protection Dist.	(510) 787-2717
Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection Dist.	(925) 258-4599
Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection Dist.	(510) 799-4561
First Time Home Buyers	(925) 335-7235
Grand Jury	(925) 646-2345
Hazardous Materials Ombudsman, Michael Kent	(925) 313-6587
Head Start Programs	(925) 646-5540
Health Services, William Walker, MD	(925) 370-5003
Homeless Programs	(800) 808-6444
Household Hazardous Waste	(800) 750-4096
Housing Authority, Joseph Villarreal	(925) 957-8011
In-Home Support Services	(925) 313-1770
Juvenile Hall	(925) 646-4800
LAFCO, Lou Ann Texeira	(925) 646-4090
Law Library	(925) 646-2783
Legal Assistant for the Elderly	(510) 374-3712
Martinez Detention Facility, Inmate Info	(925) 646-4495
Medi-Cal Services Eligibility	(925) 646-2941
Mental Health Services, Donna Wigand	(925) 957-5150
Mosquito Abatement/Vector Control	(925) 685-9301
Office of Emergency Services	(925) 646-4461
Private Industry Council	(925) 646-5239
Probation Department, Lionel Chatman	(925) 313-4023
Public Defender, David Coleman	(925) 335-8000
Public Works, Julie Bueren	(925) 313-2201
Retirement Office	(925) 646-5741
Sheriff-Coroner, Warren Rufp	(925) 335-1500
Superior Court, Clerk of the Court	(925) 646-2951
Superior Court, Jury Services	(925) 646-2002
Superior Court, Richmond	(510) 374-3800
Superior Court, Richmond, Jury Info	(510) 374-3803
Treasurer-Tax Collector, William Pollacek	(925) 646-4122
Veterans Service Office, Phil Munley	(925) 313-1481
West County Detention Facility, Inmate Info	(510) 262-4200

Additional county departmental information can be found on the county website: [www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/](http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/)

## **Board of Supervisors Actions** *(continued)*

Accept as complete contracted work for '08 Slurry Seal Project, Martinez.

Accept completion of acquisition of off-site right of way agreement, Pacheco.

Accept completion of drainage improvements, Pacheco.

Resolution to implement Tactical Employment Team Program, to mitigate negative impact anticipated layoffs will have on CCC's workforce; Authorize deletion/addition of positions in CCC depts; CAO return re: short/long-term budget balancing options, report on assessment activity; Further State reductions/economic impacts will require adjustments to FY 08/09 Budget.

Report dated October '07 regarding survey/analysis of the commute habits and alternatives of CCC employees; Award departments that have exhibited highest utilization of commute alternatives.

Accept completion of improvements/road improvement agreement/declare widening portion of Pacheco Boulevard as a County road, Pacheco.

Amend subdivision agreement, Pacheco.

Approve/Authorize on behalf of CCC, cities, and other homeless service providers, Consolidated Application for the '08 McKinney-Vento Assistance funding, along with the necessary certifications and assurances, to HUDD to provide supportive housing and services to homeless individuals and families.

Approve/Authorize lease for ten-years for ~12,160 sq ft of office space, ~3,575 sq ft of warehouse space at 4585 Pacheco Boulevard, Martinez.

Special Meeting: BOS Operating Procedures & Communications; Committee Procedures & Operating Guidelines; Key Issues for 2009/10; CAO's Priorities and Structural Reorganization Opportunities; CAO's Organizational Structure; Expectations of County Administrative Officer

2009 Reorganization of the Board of Supervisors

Recommendations for BOS appointments to local, regional and statewide boards, committees and commissions for 2009.

Approve/Authorize MOU with CCCSD for residential pharmaceutical disposal.

Report on federal & state review process for Indian gaming casinos in CCC.

Approve/Authorize letters to State Senator/Assembly Members outlining impact on CCC on Freezing Bond Revenue.

31<sup>st</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration and Humanitarian Awards Ceremony

Approve deferred improvement agreement for project, Martinez.

Auditor-Controller report containing property tax-related costs of Assessor, Tax Collector, Auditor and Assessment Appeals Board for 07/08 FY; Fix 3/3/09 for public hearing on determination of property tax admin. costs; notify affected local jurisdictions; prepare/publish required legal notice, make supporting documentation available for public inspection.

Approve/Authorize grant for the County's Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence Initiative from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement for the Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Regional Program.

Direct CDD to review w/CCC Ag Task Force current regs of CCC's designated Ag Core area; determine actions that would incentivize promotion of ag tourism, preserve economic vitality of ag enterprises.

Hearing to rezone 109 Rancho de la Rosa Road, Martinez, from A-4 Ag Preserve District to A-2 General Ag District.

Approve Alhambra Valley Road Pedestrian Bridge project;  
Approve/Authorize Contract Change Order for increased costs, Martinez.

Terminate emergency action originally taken by BOS on 4/10/07, regarding Lower Walnut Creek Interim Protection Measures Project, Pacheco.

Approve/Authorize contract to extend the term for Buchanan Field Airport Runway Safety Area Study, Airport Improvement Program, Pacheco.

Modification to T Hangar, Shade Hangar, Large Hangar Rental Agrmt to delete requirement that tenants carry aircraft physical damage insurance; Amend existing hangar rental agrmts to effect same change to insurance requirement for specified Buchanan Field Airport tenants, Pacheco. Designate 3/17/09 for FY 09/10 budget hearings; 3/24/09 for adoption of FY 09/10 County and Special District Budgets.

*Note: this is a partial list of Board activities. A complete record of Board activities can be found at the County's web page: [www.co.contra-costa.ca.us](http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us)*

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Have you been looking for an opportunity to become more involved in your community? Are you interested in meeting new and interesting people? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then here is your opportunity! Below is a list of available County positions, please take a moment to peruse the list and see if something is of interest to you.

Application forms for **Volunteer Opportunities** are available from Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema's office at **925-335-1046**, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors office at **925-335-1900** or can be downloaded from the District 2 website at [www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/dis2/](http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/dis2/)

### **Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board**

Applicants shall have a professional interest in, or personal commitment to, alleviating problems related to drug abuse and inappropriate alcohol use in their community. Any individual who is a paid employee of or a paid consultant to any agency which contracts with CCC on behalf of its Health Services Department for any drug or alcohol-related programs is prohibited from serving on this Board. Any individual who is a volunteer member of the Board of Directors of any agency which contracts with CCC on behalf of its Health Services Department or any drug or alcohol-related program is discouraged from serving. The Board meets the Fourth Wednesday from 3:45 to 6:15pm.

### **Contra Costa County Library Commission**

This Commission serves to advise and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian as to the needs of the public as well as to develop and recommend proposals for the betterment of the County Library including such efforts as insuring a stable and adequate funding level for the libraries in the County; to provide a link between the community and the Library System; and to establish a forum for the community to express its' views regarding goals and operations of the County Library. The Commission meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7pm.

### **Womens Commission**

The Commission serves to identify major economic, educational and social concerns of women in CCC as well as to reach and inform all women on a variety of issues. Meets in Concord, 3rd Tuesday at 3pm.

### **Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission**

This Commission serves to review and evaluate CCC's mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems; advise the governing body and local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program; review CCC's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the State Mental Health Commission; assess the impact of the realignment of services from the State to the County on services delivered to clients and the local community. Meets in Martinez, 4th Tuesday at 4:30.

**If you believe that you, or someone you know, are the victim of elder abuse, Adult Protective Services operates a 24-hour response telephone line.**

**Call 925-646-2854 or toll free 877-839-4347.**