



District 2 Highlights

West County Edition

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Serving: Crockett, Hercules, Pinole, Port Costa, Rodeo, Tara Hills, Tormey

Illegal Dumpers: Everybody Pays

There are increasing reports of small independent haulers being paid to haul trash to the landfill only to have them dump the trash illegally. In almost all cases throughout the county, only the garbage company which has contracted with the City or County in your area is authorized to collect and haul away your trash. Contact your garbage company to inquire about free pick-ups or clean-up days in your area as well as optional collection services available for a fee, such as the collection of bulky items.

The costs to local government and industry associated with continuous clearing of illegally dumped waste are significant. In recent years Contra Costa County has spent up to one million dollars per year on the cleanup, hauling, and disposal associated with cleanups. Unfortunately, everyone pays for illegal dumping. Without adequate revenue, the funding available to clean up the debris and to establish and maintain effective illegal dumping prevention programs is limited. These costs may be passed along to residents in the form of higher service fees or property taxes.

Illegally dumped waste contributes to neighborhood blight as well as attracts more illegal dumping and other criminal activities. In many cases, illegal dumpers are breaking other laws relating to vehicle and business licensing/insurance. Although the sites used for illegal dumping vary, it frequently occurs on vacant lots, along rural roads and on other public lands. Railways are also targeted due to their accessibility and poor lighting.

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Deborah Drake, center, with her family, receives her award.

Women Taking the Lead in West County

Contra Costa College and the West Contra Costa Branch of the American Association of University Women held its 9th Annual National Women's History Month Awards. The Knox Center for the Performing Arts was filled with supporters, friends and families of the nine West County awardees who, as this year's theme highlights, are "Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet." From the unincorporated area of West County, District 2 Supervisor Uilkema selected Deborah Roberts-Drake of Rodeo. Deborah was honored as Outstanding Children's Advocate for her significant contributions to the well-being of the youth in her community. She has done work for the County's Head Start program and the Contra Costa Asthma Coalition. She is Chair of the Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council, president of the Bayo Vista Residents Council, and a member of the ConocoPhillips Rodeo Refinery Community Advisory Panel representing her neighborhood. Deborah is a car seat safety technician and serves with the Contra Costa Seat Safety Coalition. She has four sons and takes delight in being called the "neighborhood mom."

The other West County honorees were Jovanka Beckles, Marena Brown, Janet Ceja-Orozco, Wendi Gosliner, Monica Kortz, Valerie Mae Paola, Dorothy Wakefield of Pinole, and Connie Van Putten of Hercules.

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Here's what you can do to help reduce illegal dumping:

- To save money and resources, reuse and recycle as many items as possible. This will reduce the amount of waste you might have to pay for disposal.
- Visit www.cccrecycle.org/options or call the County's Recycling Hotline at **800-750-4096** to get information about:
 - local options to recycle a wide range of materials,
 - facilities that accept household hazardous wastes such as cleansers, pesticides, paint, batteries, and fluorescent bulbs, and
 - services provided for the contracted waste disposal company in your community.
- If you need to dispose of non-hazardous waste that can't be reused/recycled and won't fit in your garbage can, you should either haul the material to a permitted disposal site yourself or call your garbage company to schedule a special pick-up. You can find a listing of landfills and transfer stations available to you by using the website or Hotline listed above.

Garbage service is mandatory for all occupied residences located within the unincorporated areas, unless an exemption has been granted by the County Health Officer. Additionally, many of the cities have made garbage service mandatory. To report a residence that does not have garbage service or to request an application for an exemption, call the County Health Services Department – Environmental Health Division at **925-646-5225**.

For information about reporting illegal dumping, visit www.cccrecycle.org/illegal-dumping or call 1-800-NODUMPING.



Wanda Bypass Opened in Crockett

In March, the long awaited Wanda Bypass was opened in Crockett. The new bypass provides an alternate route for truck traffic going to the C&H Sugar plant. In the past, trucks going to the sugar mill traveled down Pomona past both schools and the Community Park and Pool, and could make 300 trips a day causing traffic, noise and safety issues for the town.

The Wanda Bypass project started many years ago with a combined effort of the community, County staff and Caltrans. In 1997, Supervisor Uilkema established the Carquinez Bridge Crockett Advisory Committee (CBCAC) to address local construction impacts on the community caused by the bridge replacement project and the seismic retrofit of the 1958 Bridge. The CBCAC worked on many issues, but the bypass was always at the forefront. After many months of studies, tests, and community input, the Wanda Bypass was opened to incoming truck traffic. In the future, C&H will be directing all trucks to use the bypass.



Rodeo Creek Clean-Up Day

In April Heidi Petty, Rodeo Creek Watershed Coordinator led a crew of Rodeo residents on a creek clean-up detail.

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Hercules Celebrates Outstanding Citizens

The Hercules Chamber of Commerce held its annual Awards dinner to honor outstanding members of the Hercules community. Robert Polacchi was chosen as Citizen of the Year for his involvement in the Public Library, the Historical Society, Rotary, and for his dedication to the youth as advisor to the Hercules Middle and High School's service-oriented Interact Club. Business of the Year honors went to the North Shore Dental clinic and its partners, Dr. Betty Fong and Dr. Yvonne Chu-Hyland. The clinic is known for its service to seniors through its mobile practice.

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Over 20 volunteers came out with gloves and plastic bags in hand to remove trash, shopping carts and old tires from lower Rodeo Creek.

The Contra Costa Resource Conservation District sponsored the second Earth Day Creek Clean-Up. The CCRCD is currently helping to establish the Friends of Rodeo Creek Watershed. This volunteer group will begin working to implement the plans laid out in the Rodeo Creek Watershed Vision Plan. If you are interested in helping with events or being a member of the Friends of Rodeo Creek Watershed, contact Heidi at **925-672-6522** ext 115 or visit www.ccrd.org.



Rodeo History Brought to Life

The Rodeo Library presented an evening with author Jennifer Dowling Posedel. Jennifer is the author of the “Images of America” book on Rodeo and is the town’s unofficial historian.

The event was held before a packed house at Lefty Gomez Recreation Center. Jennifer’s talk included a slideshow with historical photos. Many of the old photos have never been published or shared with the public before. Along with a lesson in Rodeo’s history, she told many interesting stories of what life was like in early Rodeo.

This event was part of the Contra Costa County Library’s 2009 Reading Festival – celebrating Reading, Libraries and Community. You can get information on upcoming events at the Contra Costa County Library website at www.ccclib.org.



Christine Imazumi and Janna Lee



Susan Pricco

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This year there were two award recipients for Youth of the Year. One is the musically gifted Janna Lee with 4.417 GPA who ranks #3 in her graduating class, and still finds time to raise puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind. The other is Christine Imazumi, an athlete and outstanding student with a GPA of 4.258. She serves as Co-Editor-in Chief with Janna Lee in their school newspaper, Titan Template. Susan Pricco received Special Recognition for her passion to improve the quality of education for all Hercules children, as well as her many community affiliations.



Fall Prevention Program Brought to Hercules

Hercules seniors got the scoop on avoiding falls when Supervisor Uilkema brought the Fall Prevention Program of Contra Costa County to the luncheon meeting at the Hercules Senior Center.

Supervisor Uilkema sees a critical need for seniors to learn how to avoid injuries from falls. She presented Gennifer Mountain, the manager of this valuable county program designed to reduce the preventable injuries, loss of independence and deaths associated with falls by seniors.

More than 1/3 of adults 65 and older fall each year. Of those who fall, 20% to 30% suffer moderate to severe injuries such as bruises, hip fractures, or head traumas.

Falls have complex causes and preventing them requires a comprehensive, systematic solution, including physical activity for older adults, personal and home risk assessments and medical provider education. Gennifer provided attendees with handouts and demonstrations on the causes of falls and how to prevent them. If you would like to receive this information, call the Fall Prevention Program of Contra Costa County at **925-937-8311** or contact the Supervisor’s office at **925-335-1046**.

Board of Supervisors Actions

February '09 - May '09

Conference with Labor Negotiators.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Fire Chief, CCC FPD.

Proclaim 2/24/09 nat'l "Spay Day USA 09" observe/recognize responsible pet ownership and kindness to animals by encouraging pets be spayed or neutered.

Presentation on the results of the 08 CCC Combined Charities Campaign.

Report on the Environmental Health Program describing actions taken to address problems and opportunities for improvement identified in IO discussions re: inspections and follow-up processes.

Report re: mid-year status of 08/09 Budget, Dept Head Summit, State Budget, and Economic Stimulus Package; Direct suspension of transfers to Workers' Comp. Internal Services Fund for May and June.

Consider whether to join litigation filed by Sacramento County, challenging the State's deferral of mandated payments for social service programs.

Approve/Authorize closure of a portion of Parker Avenue on 3/14/09 from 9-10am for Opening Day Parade, Rodeo.

Recognize Drs Medical Center Regional Cancer Center for being named San Pablo Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year.

Declare vacant Seat on the Crockett-Carquinez FPD's FAC; Direct COB to post vacancy, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Declare vacant a seat on the CCC Mental Health Commission; Direct the COB to post vacancy, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Re-Appoint Connie Batchelder, Mary Tabor, Suzanne Board, Josephine Orozco to CSA R-10 CAC, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Re-Appoint Dr. Maureen Powers to WestCAT, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Adopt Resolution re: compensation/benefits for County Elected and Appointed Dept Heads, Mgmt, Exempt, and Unrepresented Employees to reflect changes

Approve/Authorize notice of Grant Award from CA Health Care Safety Net Institute to pay for the Safe and Efficient Electronic Prescribing Practices for the underserved and Uninsured in California Public Hospital Clinics Project

Approve/Authorize an agreement with State Dept of Mental Health to pay for specific Prevention and Early Intervention Planning Estimate; sign an agrmt for the following Projects: 1) Suicide Prevention; 2) Student Mental Health Initiative; and 3) Stigma and Discrimination Reduction.

Refer to IO July 09 meeting updating the January 06 CC Emergency Operations Plan for review, update, and recommendations, by Supervisor Uilkema.

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

Proposed implementation of property-tax cost recovery provisions; adoption of report filed 1/20/09 of 07/08 FY property tax-related costs of the Assessor, Tax Collector, Auditor, Assessment Appeals Board, including proposed charges against each local jurisdiction excepting school entities, for their proportionate share of such administrative costs.

Recognize the retirement of Lemuel N. Hunt from CCC Public Works Dept.

Consider the transfer of appropriations from Contingency Reserve to Conflict Defense; approve/authorize contract amendment with the CCC Bar Assoc. to continue to provide mandated criminal conflict defense and other legal service.

Hearing on FY 09/10 Recommended County and Special District Budgets.

Approve/Authorize grant for boating safety enforce./abandoned vessel removal.

Approve/Authorize contract amendment w/YMCA of the East Bay-West Contra Costa Branch to provide Supporting Father Involvement Program services.

Approve/Authorize contract w/CA Dept of Food & Agriculture to pay the County to provide trapping services for the detection of the Light Brown Apple Moth.

Adopt 09-10 Proposed Budget Schedules for Countywide Funds/Special Dist.

Authorize the Tax Collector to accept partial payments of defaulted taxes as provided in Revenue & Taxation Code section 4143.

Consider the transfer of court facilities in CCC from the County to the State of CA, consistent with the Trial Court Facilities Act of '02; adopt related findings under CEQA.

Continued Hearing on FY 09-10 Recommended County/Special District Budgets, elimination of and/or reduction in level of medical services provided by CCC, on the following issues only: funding for U.C. Coop Extension Program, Library, Arts Commission, provision of health care for undocumented adult aliens; Authorize program changes in HSD; Adoption of FY 09-10 County and Special District Budgets and related actions.

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) 335-1108
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) 335-1128
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) 370-5020
Head Start Programs	(925) 646-5540
Health Services, William Walker, MD	(925) 370-5003
Homeless Programs	(925) 313-6736
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) 313-2202
Retirement Office	(925) 646-5741
Sheriff-Coroner, Warren Rupf	(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/

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Board of Supervisors Actions *(continued)*

Direct the DCD and Office of County Counsel to evaluate the 2nd Unit Ordinance to facilitate establishment of 2nd units in CCC.

Declare vacancy on the Alcohol & Other Drugs Advisory Board, due to resignation, direct the COB to post vacancy, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Re-Appoint Henry Triglia and Fred Maria to the Crockett-Carquinez FPD's FAC, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Support AB1625: a bill that would: 1) re-enact CA's existing Kin-GAP Program to align it with new federal requirements and 2) provide transitional support to qualifying foster youth until age 21.

Authorize Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program by designating developers and implementing activities to purchase, rehabilitate and sell vacant foreclosed properties, execution of project docs and related actions.

County Response to Grand Jury Report "Aquatic Junkyards Exist In CCC." Sixteenth Annual Cesar Chavez Commemorative Celebration

Approve the '08 Tara Hills Drive Curb Ramp Project; Approve/Authorize extra work directly related to project, Pinole.

Authorize deletion of certain positions in affected County departments.

Increase fees imposed on recording of certain real estate instruments from \$2 to \$3 and imposing a fee of \$3 on additional real estate instruments.

Recognize the new Green Businesses certified in the past year.

Resolution regarding "Human Services in a Time of Economic Crisis."

Accept as complete work for '08 Tara Hills Drive Curb Ramp Project, Pinole.

Approve/Authorize full closure of a portion of Pacific Avenue on 5/3/09 from 5am-7pm. for anniversary fiesta, Rodeo.

Amend Better Government Ordinance to exempt MACs whose membership is the same as elected members of a CSD; 4/28/09 for adoption.

Approve/Authorize Crockett-Carquinez FPD apply for/accept Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for equipment purchases.

Refer to the Finance Committee a review of County employee's cost saving suggestions and evaluation of the organizational structure of CCC.

Approve/Authorize contract to provide market and financial evaluation of a proposed waterfront development in Rodeo.

Proclaim May 3-9, 2009 as 95th Annual "Be Kind to Animals Week" in CCC.

Proclaim May '09 "Motorcycle Awareness Month."

Response to Grand Jury Report "The Lost Generation The Elderly Citizens of CCC"; Direct COB to forward to the Superior Court on 5/4/09.

Receive an update from the County Librarian on discussions with cities relating to library funding for Fiscal Year 2009/10 and library hour reductions

Report from HS Director, William Walker, M.D., on CCC's preparations for Swine Flu and other pandemic influenza.

Approve '09 Slurry Seal & Cape Seal Surface Treatment Proj; Authorize advertisement of project; Adopt CEQA findings, San Pablo, Tara Hills, Pinole.

Amend the Better Government Ordinance to exempt MACs whose membership composition is the same as the elected members of a CSD.

Support AB 286: extends until 2018 existing provisions that allow counties to impose a \$1 vehicle registration fee to be used to enhance capacity of local police/prosecutors to deter, investigate, and prosecute vehicle theft crimes.

Support AB 89: imposes additional excise tax on distribution of cigarettes, requires revenues collected be deposited in Tobacco Excise Tax Account, would be allocated for certain education, health, and child-related purposes.

Approve/Authorize application/acceptance of grant from Rodeo MAC for Rodeo Library services.

Approve/Authorize grant from Target for '09 CCC Library Reading Festival.

Authorize General Plan Amendment Study for the Rodeo Marina, Rodeo.

Authorize General Plan Amendment study for Pomona St parcel in Crockett.

Recommendations of Fish & Wildlife Committee re: awarding 13 grants from the Fish & Wildlife Propagation Fund to support projects benefiting fish and wildlife resources.

Proclaim May 09 as "Foster Care Month in Contra Costa County."

Hearing on itemized costs of abatement for 1222 Rose St., Crockett.

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

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!

County Service Area R-10 CAC

Applicants must be from Rodeo. This Committee serves to advise and make recommendations to Supervisor Uilkema and the administrative departments of the county regarding the desires of the Community of Rodeo in the area of local parks, recreation facilities and youth programs. Meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm at Lefty Gomez Recreation Center. Term is two years.

Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council

Applicants must be from Rodeo. This Council serves to advise the BOS on land use and planning matters affecting the Rodeo Community, represents the Rodeo Community before the County Planning Commission Zoning Administrator, and the Board of Supervisors on such land use, planning and zoning matters. The Council may also request related County assistance concerning the foregoing planning matters. The duties of the former Rodeo Redevelopment Project Area Committee have also been transferred to the Rodeo MAC. Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Rodeo Senior Center.

Montalvin Manor Redevelopment Advisory Committee

Applicants should be business or property owner or their representative from Tara Hills Shopping Center. This committee serves to advise the RDA and the Board of Supervisors on issues related to redevelopment in the Montalvin area and unincorporated San Pablo.

Contra Costa County Library 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. Meets monthly on the 4th Thursday 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.

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 the County 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 the County on behalf of its Health Services Department or any drug or alcohol-related program is discouraged from serving. Meets the 4th Wednesday from 3:45-6:15pm.

Crockett-Carquinez Fire Protection District FAC

Serves to review and evaluate mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems; advise the governing body and local mental health director; review performance outcome data and communicate findings to the State Mental Health Commission; assess impact of realignment of services delivered to clients and the local community. Meets in Martinez, 4th Tuesday at 4:30.

Application forms 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/