

Winchester-Homeland Municipal Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 9, 2025

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

Call to Order: Call to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of allegiance.

Swear-in alternate member: Skipped.

Councilmember Roll Call:

Chair Jimmy Sheldrake, Vice Chair Grant Becklund, Secretary James Horecka, Kate Alder, & Kathryn Holmes.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda by GB; seconded by JH. Unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes from August 14, 2025:

Motion to approve minutes by KA; seconded by GB. Unanimous.

Representative Reports:

- A. Riverside County Third District Supervisorial District. Melissa Morfin:
 - Our MAC meetings are now being held on ‘even’ months. That will include December this year.
 - Supervisor Chuck Washington's "State of the Third District 2025 Address" will be held October 30th, at the Murrieta Hot Springs Resort (starting at 7:45 AM),
- B. Riverside Sheriff's Office, Perris Station. Captain Lamb:
 - Stats: August only): Calls: Winchester 372; Homeland 376. By comparison, Perris Station had 6,700 calls.
- C. California Highway Patrol. Officer Ricardo Palomera, Public Information Officer
 - Captain Howard will retire effective the middle of next month.
 - Stats for third quarter: 18 DUI, 90 crashes. 1 fatal crash in our area. 1,397 calls. Follow on social media.
 - Q: How is recruitment doing? A: There are three academy classes running. Met goal of getting 1,000 officers, though some officers have been lost due to attrition.
- D. Fire Station 34. Captain Joshua Lent:
 - 151 calls: 84 medical, 28 traffic collisions, 29 false alarms, 4 residential fires.
 - The remodel of the fire station is about a month out. HazMat will relocate to Moreno Valley temporarily. Staff will live in a temporary trailer for ~9 months during construction. Their engine got a ‘jaws of life’ tool.
 - The lot was purchased for a new fire station off Washington. Schedule not known. This will be of help.
 - C (Cowdery): Thanks for your support of Winchester Days!
 - C (Sheldrake): Fires move very fast! Clear space around a house is important.
- E. Riverside County Code Enforcement. Jim Palmer, Supervisor District 3:
 - Winchester has 134 open cases. In past 90 days, they closed 37 cases and opened 59 new cases.
 - Homeland area has 306 open cases. In past 90 days, closed 49 cases and opened 76 new cases.
 - Q (A. Domenigoni): Are the open cases based on calls? A: Yes, mostly. A few open if egregious violations.
- F. EMWD. Phil Paule, elected Director.
 - October 16th EMWD celebrates 75 years! History: The city of LA was growing. Early cities formed MET; mission: A canal from Colorado to Los Angeles, with a tunnel under the San Jacinto Mountains. Opened in the late 1930s. Then farmers noticed ground water drying up. Legal challenges ensued. EMWD was formed in 1950; served the farmers. Why ‘Eastern’? Because it was the most eastern. Nearly a million people. Recently Rainbow and Fallbrook joined EMWD.
 - Q (A. Domenigoni): Was Eastern formed before Western? A: Yes.
 - Soboba; left out of settlement. Finally settled about a decade ago.
 - C (Cowdery): Circa 1960, locals petitioned EMWD to bring water to Winchester.
- G. City of Menifee. No representative present.

H. City of Hemet. No representative present.

I. Land Use Committee. Cindy Domenigoni:

- A few projects were seen in recent meetings, including:
- Drill Tech. A company planning to come to Winchester. On Grand Avenue; zoned for proposed use. Headquarters, offices, etc. They are in the Plot Plan process with County Planning. Looks promising.
- Holland Ranch project. 716 acres. Currently light Ag zone, 5-acre minimum. In not conforming to General Plan, nor the 1207 Plan. 3,416 homes proposed. There are significant concerns.
- Next meeting will be October 22nd.
- Other items: Matthews Ranch; Grand Avenue. Car Max is still in process.

New Business Item A:

Valley Wide Parks and Recreation District

- Joe Walsh and Greg Worthington delivered a PowerPoint presentation covering 11 parks under construction:
 - Pleasant Valley Park (1.6 ac.); Willow Glen Park (5 ac.); Country View Park (5 ac.); Eagle Vista Park (5 ac.); North Sky Park (.76 ac.); Prairie Park (.25 ac.); Outlook Park (1.3 ac.); The Woods Park (5 ac.); Canterwood Park (9.2 ac.); Amarillo Park (3.8 ac.).
 - There is much development underway, with several parks in planning!
 - Q: Any dog parks? A: Yes; French Valley, Winchester, Menifee. No new ones underway at present.
 - Q: Any new water parks? A: No. Q: Any new BMX? A: No.
 - Q (Phil Paule): Will the landscaping be irrigated with recycled water? A: Yes, all but one.
 - Q (A. Domenigoni): Does Valley Wide build any parks? A: Typically not. Developers build the new parks, to Valley Wide's specifications. Valley Wide then inspects them, and from there accepts them.
 - C (Cowdery): The first park in Winchester was in 1988. It was expanded and improved in 1999.
 - Q (A. Domenigoni): What are the feelings on pump tracks? A: Not much information; likely small # of users?
 - C (Cowdery): We have two soccer fields. Apply with Valley Wide to become a coach.
 - C (Sheldrake): Once, Valley Wide didn't want to take on small parks; now Valley Wide has small parks. R: Developers have to meet the numbers. Sometimes doing so results in pocket parks. Often paid for by a CFD or developer of the community.
 - Q (A. Domenigoni): What is the status of Rose Delgado Park? A: Still in the planning phase.
 - Q: Water Park? A: Valley Wide has a fine pool facility at Diamond Valley Lake (east end).
 - C (Cindy Domenigoni): We are very appreciative of our long relationship. Thank you, Valley Wide!

Public Comments:

- Andy Domenigoni expressed thanks for all for making this year's Winchester Days another big success!

Councilmember Reports and Comments:

- Kate Alder agreed that Winchester Days was a great event.
- Winchester-Homeland Municipal Advisory Council Secretary James Horecka announced that this meeting marks 15 years since our MAC was founded. He counted 132 meetings to date. Thanks to all who participate!

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- None.

Adjourn Meeting:

- The next WH-MAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2025, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.
- The WH-MAC adjourned at 7:19 PM (GB, KA; U).