



PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 18, 2025

TYPE: Public Meeting

LOCATION: Oak Knoll Clubhouse. 7PM-8:30PM

LRCC ATTENDEES:

Jay Ocana - Chair
John Gresko – Vice Chair
~~Brandon Willnecker – Secretary~~
Matt MacDougall - Treasurer
~~Tafa Jefferson – Councilmember~~

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER

III. REVIEW MINUTES - Verbally approved

IV. TREASURY REPORT – Verbally approved

V. EXTERNAL REPORTS

- 1) CHP UPDATE – Officer Kinsey advised e-bike riders to wear helmets and highlighted a recent serious accident involving a resident who was not wearing one.
- 2) OCSD UPDATE – Captain Mitry
 - a. Increase in shoplifting incidents at Ulta Beauty.
 - b. Rise in pickpocketing from purses.
 - c. Increase in non-gang-related vandalism in local restaurant bathrooms.
 - d. Residential break-ins have risen since January.
 - i. Thieves are highly skilled and utilize advanced technology to block police scanners and surveil homes.

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- ii. Residents are advised to keep doors locked, particularly back doors, as these are the primary entry points.
- iii. Thieves primarily target jewelry, cash, and small valuables.
- iv. Safes should be bolted securely to floors and walls, preferably in rooms other than the master bedroom.

3) Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Update:

- **Division Chief Maule** provided an overview of fire readiness and preparedness efforts:
 - Station #58, located on Antonio Parkway in Ladera Ranch, serves as the local division office.
 - The station houses residential and wildfire trucks, as well as a dozer.
 - Air operations in the vicinity include Black Hawk and Chinook helicopters, which have significant water-carrying capacity.
- **Fire Inspector Edwin Urbina** discussed fire prevention services available to residents:
 - Free home and neighborhood fire risk assessments.
 - Community meetings to provide fire prevention tips.
 - Residents can visit www.ocfa.org/RSHG or call **714-573-6103** to schedule an inspection or consultation.

4) Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) Update:

- **Nicole Stanfield** presented an overview of SMWD's operations:
 - The district maintains:
 - 1,700 miles of underground water pipes.
 - 250 facilities.
 - 9,000 fire hydrants, including 1,082 in Ladera Ranch.
 - Discussed reservoirs and fire preparedness initiatives.
 - SMWD's water efficiency teams are available to assist homeowners.
 - **Annual 2025 Water Festival:**
 - **Date:** Saturday, June 7, 2025
 - **Time:** 10:00 AM
 - **Location:** 26111 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA

5) CUSD (AREA 2) Townhall – Trustee Lisa Zollinger and Judy Bullockus

- a. Townhall discussion on local education matters,

VI. ADJOURNED 8:25 pm



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