

**Merced County
McSwain Municipal Advisory Committee
Established 2006
Daron McDaniel, Supervisor District 3
Darren Olguin, Chairman
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Gerald, Solano, Toby Soares,
Roy Torres, Andrew Kersten, Valerie Roden**

**Thursday January 28, 2015
7:00p.m.**

1. **Welcome-Call to order**
2. **Roll Call: Board Members- Darren Olguin, Chairman, Maria Skordos-Moore, Andrew Kersten Roy Torres, Toby Soares, Gerald Solano, Valerie Roden**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Approval of meeting minutes**
6. **Public Opportunity to speak on any matter within the Council's jurisdiction that is not on the agenda, each speaker is allotted five minutes. No Action will be taken on any item introduced during the public opportunity, because the subject or item has not been formally placed on the agenda. If you would like address the council on an time not appearing on this agenda, please pick up a 3x5 card and print name, address, subject or item to be addressed and give to the board prior to speaking. In order that all interested speakers have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the Council will be limited to (5) five minutes of speaking time**

Reports

Merced County Public Works- Dana Hertfelder

Sheriff's Dept-

Sen. Cannella- Louise Farley, Representative

Sen Adam Gray- Ryan Heller, Representative

Sen. Jim Costa- Daniel Martinez

CHP- Moises Onsurez

Fire- Glenda Leonard

Planning- Pam Navares Oksana Newman; To present a 10 minute presentation regarding the County Housing Element Update for Merced County

Old Business

MAC representatives and Public Works Director, Dana Hertfelder met with Caltrans officials to discuss concerns and solutions to improving the intersection. The California Highway Patrol advised the MAC that there have been 11 reported accidents at the intersection over the last five years. With the increase in traffic, growth in McSwain, Gurr Road is becoming a more active route for trucks headed south down Gurr. Updates will be made ASAP.

McSwain signs are under construction.

The MAC has communicated and supported water conservation efforts by residents to reduce water usage.

Communications

From Merced County Planning and Economic Development

We are working on our Housing Element Update for Merced County, and would like to engage the community for input. Briefly, the Housing Element focuses on the number of housing units the County expects to be constructed, conserved, or rehabilitated; or the number of households the County expects will be assisted through the Housing Element programs based on general market conditions during the time frame of the Housing Element.

New Business

Introduce new member to the Council- Valerie Roden.

Zip Code Change. In an effort to build McSwain into its own identity and community the need for our own zip code could provide economic benefits as well as our plan to grow McSwain with balance and forethought. McSwain can be an economic benefit to the county by maintaining high property values, low crime access to major freeways and highways and a great school district By building a community that reflects the the area, we can be assured that we have a voice of our own.

Authorize the McSwain MAC to discuss with Caltrans and Merced County Public Works ideas and solution to improving the safety at the intersection of Gurr Road and State Hwy 140.

The McSwain MAC has been asked participate in a neighborhood watch program, which includes many of the farm watch programs throughout Merced county. Valerie Roden, and Debbie Lee Chapman have stepped forward to help McSwain build a working

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program. The McSwain MAC should become as involved as possible in helping solve the problems of theft and property crimes in McSwain.

Request to begin conversations with PG&E to help clean up right of ways and keep landscape sustainable.

10 Year Community Plan for McSwain.

Begin program to assist Buhach Colony High School Students with completing their community service program.

Maria Skordos- Moore - Water conservation, Newsletter

Committee Member Comments

An opportunity for McSwain MAC members to voice concerns or bring issues before the Council.

Supervisor Daron McDaniel

Agenda Items for future meetings

A. Upcoming Neighborhood Events

Adjournment