

# PIRU NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

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## COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY July 16, 2025

### VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT: KEN WISEMAN  
TREASURER: JUDY DALEY-LOVETT  
MEMBER AT LARGE: ANDREA ARREDONDO

VICE PRESIDENT: IRENE RUIZ  
SECRETARY: MEGHAN SHEETZ

MEETING LOCATION: **Train Depot Gazebo – Center St.**

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#### GENERAL MEETING: BEGINS - 7:00pm

- CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – BOARD ROLL CALL
  - Present: Ken, Irene, Andrea
  - Absent: Judy & Meghan
- MEETING MINUTES June Minutes – Meghan via email
  - Irene motion to approve, Andrea Second. All Ayes.
- TREASURY REPORT: June Treasury Report – Judy via email
  - Balance: \$66,704.65
  - Irene motion to approve, Andrea Second. All Ayes.

#### LIGHTS & SIRENS:

- LOCAL FIRE REPORT – Captain Weston
- CHP REPORT – Officer Ayers
  - CHP has begun enforcement of vehicle code violations in Piru. (RVs, boats, & expired tags parked in front of homes.) No parking on top of the sidewalk.
  - PNC has posted a notice regarding the enforcement of vehicle code violations. Flyers are posted at the Post Office and the community kiosk.
- SHERIFF REPORT – Officer Miranda
  - The Piru shooting at Sanchez Market is still under investigation. Any one with information should contact the Sheriff Department tip line: 805-524-0970.
  - Sheriff Non-Emergency Line: 805-654-9511.
  - **Resident:** anyone cited for fireworks?
    - No
- CERT or Firewise - Irene or Michael Lopez
  - CERT no update
  - Firewise Vegetation Thinning Park Street Project
    - **KEN, PLEASE ADD UPDATE.**

#### GUESTS: United Water Conservation District (UWCD)

- Presenting: **Maryam Bral** – Assistant General Manager, **Tony Huynh** – Risk and Safety Manager, **Bernard Riedel** – Senior Park Ranger, **Adrian Quiroz** - Engineer
- **UWCD Updates Summary**
  - Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project
    - Outlet Works Replacement
      - I. Construction to begin in July of 2027
      - II. May increase traffic through the town of Piru.
      - III. UWCD plans to attend PNC meetings monthly during construction

- IV. Construction completion anticipated in 2030
    - Spillway Improvement
      - I. Construction anticipated to being in 2030.
      - II. Construction anticipated to be completed in 2034
- Review of Dam Failure Inundation Maps
  - Water would arrive in Piru in about 30 minutes after dam failure
  - Water would peak approximately one hour after dam failure
  - Residences closest to Piru Creek would be more at risk of severe flooding
  - Piru School is generally safe as a refuge zone
  - UWCD not responsible for evacuation. VC OES responsible for evacuations.
- Piru Siren Upgrades
  - UWCD in process of upgrading siren at spreading grounds. Goal is to shorten duration of siren tests from 15 minutes to 5 minutes.
  - UWCD also plans to upgrade siren at Fire Station sometime by end of the year.
  - This effort is in coordination with VCOES
- Lake Piru Recreation Updates
  - Lake Piru now offers boat rentals. More information found here: [Boating - Lake Piru](#)

#### **LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATES:**

- Filming Update –Ken/Kat Jauch
  - No Update

#### **Events:**

- June 16 thru June 25 – Firewise Vegetation Thinning Park Street Project
- June 21st – Community Clean-up
  - E.J. Harrison hosted the event. Mailed postcards to residents' PO Box. Some people were turned away due to no postcard. Goodwill did not show. **PNC will discuss the future of community clean-ups with the County.**
- Home Hardening – Thursday June 26th 5:30 – 6:30 at Corazon de Piru – Fire Safe Council
  - Success!

#### **Old BUSINESS:**

- Fire Mitigation and Creek access clearing – Ken/Mike Lopez
- Status on having generators in town at School, Community Center, and Senior Center
- Main Street Improvements – Parking signage – removal of the turning lane to the Citrus Plant. -Piru Area Plan Update
  - Amendment process – David Ward, Planning Director - His team anticipates submitting the amendment to Planning Commission in the September time frame and then on to the Board of Supervisors by the end of the year
- Discussion on parking concerns in the community - Sidewalk Safety Grant from 2022. From Anitha Balan, Public Works

- We have started the design of the Piru Pedestrian improvement project. The project will be federally funded.
  - 30% Plans, Specification & Estimate (PS&E) Expected to be completed by Oct. '25
  - 90% PS&E - Feb. '26 (RT will present to the project to the PNC)
  - 100% PS&E – April '26
  - Will need additional ROW needed and utility relocations.
  - Environmental work (for federal funding) is scheduled to be completed by – June 2026.
  - Construction Start – July 2027
- **Event Leadership**
    - Be a Coordinator for one or more of our events: Halloween, Viva Piru, Senior Dinner, Mansion Tour, Christmas Parade, Youth Summer Event, Bicycle Rodeo, Lake event, lots of other opportunities to host events!!!!

**New BUSINESS:**

- Keep your eyes out for postings of upcoming brush and tree limb clearing – looking for several volunteers. Updates
- VCTC Trail plan from Oxnard to Piru - Ken
- FEMA flood designation – support from Congresswoman Julia Brownley
- What are some of the bigger projects needed for the community? PNC has identified:
  - Need for generators
  - Need for Splash pad for our youth
  - Continued wildfire preparation
  - Open wooded area in front of Piru Creek

**PUBLIC COMMENT - WE WILL ALWAYS HOLD 30 MIN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**3 MINUTES PER COMMENT PLEASE**

**NEXT PNC MEETING – August 20, 2025 – Train Depot Gazebo– Center St.**

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR VALUABLE TIME WITH THE PNC AND OUR COMMUNITY!**