



The Creston Advisory Body

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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

- 1) **Call to Order – Flag Salute:** The Call to Order and Flag Salute for the November Creston Advisory Body (CAB) Meeting was conducted at 7:00 p.m. at the Creston Community Center.

Members Present: Sheila LYONS, Michael AARONS, Kurt ALMOND, Roy BARBA, Matt LYNGE and Thomas EDEL.

Alternate Member(s) Present – Seated & Voting: Jim WORTNER

Members Absent: Don CLARK

Community Members Present: Reference CAB Attendee Sign-In Sheet Dated; November 20, 2024, Included as Attachment A

- 2) **Meeting Recorder/Preparer of Minutes:** Thomas EDEL.
Note: A Video/Audio verbatim copy of the of the meeting was also recorded via Zoom.
- 3) **Previous Meeting Minutes:** A motion to Approve the Minutes from the August 2024 Meeting was made by Roy BARBA and Seconded by Matt LYNGE. Six (6) Members voted to Approve and Accept the August 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Note: Thomas EDEL was absent from the August Meeting and Abstained from the Vote.

A motion to Approve the Minutes from the October 2024 Meeting was made by Michael AARONS and Seconded by Kurt ALMOND. Six (6) Members voted to Approve and Accept the October 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Note: Thomas EDEL was absent from the October Meeting and Abstained from the Vote.

- 4) **Limited Public and/or CAB Member Comments on Items Not on the Agenda:**

There were no comments made by the Public nor CAB Members under this agenda item.

5) Public Safety:

SLO Co. Sheriff's Office – Creston Resident Deputy – A Representative from the SLO Co. Sheriffs Office was not present at the Meeting.

SLO Co. - CAL Fire Station 50 – SLO County / CAL FIRE Station 50 Captain Jesse RYAN and Engineer Adrian BRISENO were present at the meeting. Engineer BRISENO provided the following statistics on Calls for Service during the period OCT 16 – NOV 20, 2024:

Vegetation Fires – 6
Traffic Collisions – 5
Medical – 14
Vehicle Fires – 3
Public Assist: -1
Structure Fires - 1

California Highway Patrol (CHP) Templeton Area Office: A Representative from the CA Highway Patrol was not present at the meeting.

6) **Fifth (5th) District Supervisor Report:** A Representative from Supervisor ARNOLD's Office was not present at the meeting.

7) Planning Department Update and Project Referrals:

- a) Cannabis Project Update: Jim WORTNER provided the "Creston Advisory Body Creston Cannabis Update for Wednesday November 20, 2024", which is included as Attachment B (2 pages). Note: Mike Rookus, a trustee/heir to SLO-Cann project property says 5x family members are opposed, only 1x (applicant) in favor.
- b) SLO County Planning & Building Department Liaison Planner Dominic DAL PORTO provided that the SLO County Planning Commission was scheduled to address the Creston Verizon Cell Tower Project on December 12, 2024. It was discussed that the Landowner rejected the alternative tower site locations proposed by the CAB. Sheila LYONS discussed the efforts being undertaken to have the Creston Community Center property approved as a viable site location for the tower. Dominic DAL PORTO added that he will be the Planner making the Presentation on the Tower to the Planning Commission. Members of the CAB encouraged DAL PORTO that the CAB had voted against the currently proposed location and strongly preferred the Creston Community Center as its recommended location. It was noted that two (2) Members (ALMOND and EDEL) did not wish to see any new cellular towers constructed in Creston, at any location.

- c) Sunburst Certificate of Compliance (N-SUB2024-00065) : Planner Dominic DAL PORTO indicated that the request for the Certificate of Compliance as requested by Blanca GARCIA would not be recognized (as a legal lot) as the parcel is located in the Ground Water Basin. Deed history questionable due to chain of title being conveyed with another lot.
 - d) Riley MUP (N-DRC2024-00043): Project currently on “Info Hold” Per Dominic DAL PORTO. To be reviewed in JANUARY. Essentially a grading permit for grading that has already been done.
- 8) **Unfinished Business:** The CAB requested liaison Planner Dominic DAL PORTO to follow-up per Sheila LYONS’ request about how Creston VRL was established, and what having a VRL really means. Unauthorized Grading and Construction on the Stanger Property at Little Farm Rd., and the possibility of future construction relating to the sale of property Camp 8 Rd.
- 9) **New Business:** The CAB expressed an interest in having a representative from 3ce attend the January Meeting to discuss issues associated with the PG&E changeover. Sheila LYONS has been in contact with 3CE representative Jeff Railsback, who will come to Jan. 15, 2025 CAB meeting.
- 10) **Report on the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee** – Neither Murray POWELL nor Greg GREWALL were present to discuss the current status of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.
- 11) **Committee Reports:**
- a) By-Laws: Nothing to Report
 - b) Elections: Nothing to Report
 - c) Public Information: Removal of storage trailer located on CCC property still pending.
- 12) **Treasurers Report:** CAB Treasurer, Roy BARBA, reported that a \$1300 check was deposited bringing the Account Balance to \$2,701.80
- 13) **Additional Limited Public Comment Period: The CAB noted numerous concerns associated with Creston area voting locations due to the re-districting issues.**
- 14) **Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** The CAB will be Dark in December. The next CAB meeting will be held on January 15, 2025.
- 15) **Meeting Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the CAB Meeting was made by Thomas EDEL at 8:17 p.m. Jim WORTNER seconded the Motion. All Members unanimously approved the motion.



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Meeting Attendee Sign-In Sheet

Date: November 20, 2024

Name (Printed)	Address	Phone	E-Mail
ROBERTA BARBA	Creston		
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**Creston Advisory Body Creston Cannabis Update
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HEADLINE NEWS...

DRC2020-00037/SLOCANN, LLC has been issued a "Withdrawal Notice" letter.

DRC2020-00037/SLOCANN, LLC at 10125 Creston Road has been issued a Withdrawal Notice by the San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building (Planning Department). We need to wait to consider this project officially "Withdrawn" for a few more weeks to allow for a 30-day reply by the applicant.

DRC2019-00059/Webster Road Associates LLC at 6565 Webster Road

"Accepted for Processing" - 33% complete. \$1,150.94 in fees are due - an increased Planning Department fee balance since August. These fees indicate on-going actions within the Planning Department.

Background... This is a 58,000+ square foot indoor cannabis cultivation, manufacturing and transportation/distribution project (Think WalMart sized foot print.) It is proposed to be located 1,200 feet from the Creston K-8 School playing field and 400 feet from the Creston Village line.

Current update... Active and still advancing project. All questions/requested documentation by the Planning Department from the August Withdrawal Notice were satisfactorily completed. Last public information documents posted on the CSS Portal were dated September 19, 2024. This included...

- Response to the withdrawal letter
- Water and energy demand
- Updated planning set and drawings of the project
- Odor control equipment

Here is the new Planning Department CSS Portal link... Use this new link on the Planning Department website: [Public Information](#). Search on DRC2019-00059. Then, click on the yellow highlighted link labeled DRC2019-00059. Click on Attachments and then Click on Sort by Creation Date to view these PDF filed documents.

The Planning Department still needs to verify all of the applicant supplied information, assumptions and calculations for the MND report.

Next steps... MND Report published by the Planning Department in Q1/2025 for public review and comment. Moves to Planning Commission Hearing in later Q1/2025 to early Q2/2025 followed by likely Board of Supervisors Appeal and SLO County Superior Court action.

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"Accepted for Processing" - 33% complete. \$0 fees due.

Background... This project has recently been issued another "Withdrawal Notice" by the Planning Department. It is an outdoor cannabis grow and nursery - for Phase 1 of 3 phases. It is located off of Creston Road across from B&E Vineyards.

Current Update... Applicant has not approved the costs of an outside Planning Department consultant to complete the MND report. Applicant had ~30 days to approve this action or receive another withdrawal notice letter from the Planning Department.

According to the Planning Department lead email update: "... SLOCANN (DRC2020-00037) is currently pending withdrawal – a withdrawal notice has been previously issued."

Next steps... We need to wait to consider this project officially cancelled until the Planning Department classifies this project as "Withdrawn" on the CSS Portal.

Sources: *Respective Planning Department project lead(s) and the Planning Department's CSS Portal as of November 19, 2024.*