



Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council (Tax ID # 42-1749056) General Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday April 13th, 2026

LOCATION: Berryessa Community Center, 3050 Berryessa Road, San José, CA 95132

1. **Call to Order - 7:06 PM** Call to Order by President Linda Locke. 26 attended with no data on remote viewing on Zoom
2. Minutes – Accepted as distributed electronically
3. Treasurer's Report

<u>Acct</u>	<u>Beg Bal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>End Bal</u>
BCAC	\$490.41	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$500.41
D#4 Grant	\$3,089.40	\$0.00	\$465.00	\$2,633.40
SJ Cycle #7	\$55.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55.03
SCC Urgent	\$2,381.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,381.41

4. **Law Enforcement Reports**

- Police Report – Cpt. Zuniga/Rep
- Sheriff Report - Lt. Tyler Fernandes
- CHP Report – Cpt. Justin Bradford.

5. **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Presentation**

Lee Steckmest, CSJ Officer delivered a timely and richly detailed appeal for BCAC Members to seriously consider the implications of a disaster and how each of us could prepare in ways that, while not burdensome, would protect the people and pets in our families. BCAC residents “know” earthquakes, wild fires, and localized flooding – but are we ready. [CERT information is at www.sincert.org](http://www.sincert.org). Lee noted that there are 1,000 trained CERT volunteers in San Jose, and that Mayor Mahan wants 10,000

Among the many recommendations were

- Start now to create Disaster Supply Kits – Some for short duration events, but also “Bub Out Bags” that could support you for 72 hours (no water, electricity, etc.) until professionals like FEMA or San Jose can deploy.
 - Cash in small bills – No ATM's without power
 - Water/Water Purification – You and your pets will need potable water
 - Food – High density protein/calories with long shelf life
 - Medications
 - Identification/Documentation
 - Communications – Portable AM/FM radio
- Develop a plan – When to go, where to go, who to call. There are only 6 arteries to empty 8 million Bay Area residents in the event of a major earthquake - If you are not on the road in 10 minutes after a major earthquake you will not get out.
- Periodically run a drill so that when there is a real disaster you respond smoothly
- Consider enrolling in formal CERT training – it is free and effective

6. **Elected Officials**

- Assembly Member Lee represent by Tim Orozco – cited 4 bills introduced including a provision for excused absences for religious observance and a prohibition on CA state contracting with any organization that supplies Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) because of their violence against protesters.
- Council Member Cohen – Encouraged everyone to attend and enjoy the Berryessa Art Festival
- SCVWD Trustee Santos – Emphasized the need for water conservation...don't get cocky just because we have had a little rain.
- BUSD Superintendent Fuentes – Piedmont Middle School will be one of 400 schools awarded state-level recognition (out of ~9,000 statewide). Promoted the Art Festival as a source of meaningful funding for BUSD school programs.

7. **Announcements** – Board Meeting April 20 @ 6:30 at the BUSD HQ and the Next General Meeting May 11th Candidate Forum.

Submitted by Ty Greaves, Secretary, BCAC