

**From:** Elizabeth Giuliaci <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 12:39 PM  
**To:** Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>  
**Subject:** Support For Tracy Animal Shelter

Dear Honorable Tracy City Council Members,

I hope you're doing well. I'm writing as a concerned resident of Tracy to bring attention to an important issue affecting our community—the growing strain on the Tracy Animal Shelter.

The shelter staff and volunteers work tirelessly to care for animals in need, but they are being asked to do more with limited resources. Despite strong support from local rescues and community members, the city shelter remains the backbone of animal care in our area. Without adequate funding, it's becoming increasingly difficult for them to keep up with the demand.

With additional resources, the shelter could increase staffing, improve animal care, and expand outreach efforts to better serve both the animals and the people who rely on their services. Investing in this work would have a lasting, positive impact on our community.

I urge you to consider increasing the shelter's budget so they can continue their vital work. Thank you for your time and for any support you can provide to help ensure the success of our city's animal shelter.

Best regards,  
Elizabeth Giuliaci  
[REDACTED]

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**Instructor:** Gerald (Gerry) Jeffs

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

LinkedIn: [REDACTED]

Website: [\[REDACTED\]](#)

## **Instructor Bio**

Prior to leaving the corporate world, Gerald held a Senior Director position leading a global project management team, with portfolio responsibility over operational, customer, and corporate strategic projects. He is the sole proprietor of Clarity Execution, LLC. where his attention is on training and development, support of local nonprofit organizations, and providing services in support of for-profit organizations. He has led the development of project managers for the last twenty years and has executed over 200 corporate and supply chain programs & projects.

He has an Executive MBA from St. Mary's College of California, a Master's Certification in Project Management from George Washington University, Advanced Project Management Certification from the Stanford Center for Professional Development, and holds Project Management Professional (PMP®) and Agile (DASM®) Certifications.

## **Instructor Engagement**

The class is designed to be a conversation, not a lecture. There will be questions for participants, and participants to the instructor that strengthen the learning experience. After the course is completed, the instructor can be available to teams or individuals through scheduled or more ad hoc meetings. Video conferencing or a phone call can be used for planned and quick connections. Participants are encouraged to connect through LinkedIn and shouldn't hesitate to reach out in the future with questions or requests for templates or content.

## **Course Description**

Projects deliver value, people deliver projects, and project managers facilitate the process of bringing ideas to life. Developing skills and experience to raise the level of complexity a project manager can successfully deliver, begins with building knowledge. This program will start the development of a strong foundation. Projects come in many forms, some with extreme complexity, and others delivered by smaller teams. So, project managers need to experience projects managed in a centralized manner with more predictive outcomes and decentralized adaptive projects requiring the highest degree of flexibility.

## **Course Objectives**

For those new to project management, they will finish the course with the knowledge and skills to lead smaller projects with a low degree of complexity and risk. They will have covered all the basics of the project management discipline, practiced different methods and tools, and built a tool chest ready to apply to their first project management assignment. For seasoned project managers they'll gain professional development units to apply in obtaining or maintaining a certification. For people that engage as stakeholders they'll develop critical thinking skills that focus on projects, build insight into areas to watch for problems, and information that allows them to ask more pointed questions.

## **Course Format**

For professional training the best format is 2 ½ days face-to-face. This requires an environment conducive to training where small teams can work together. In the fast-paced environment we all work in, frequent breaks are added so participants can stay connected when needed. Adjustments can always be made to fit an organization's needs.

## **Software & Tools**

Microsoft Excel, Word, and PowerPoint are all nice to have available during the course but not required. If project management tools like MS Project, Jira, Smartsheet, and others are available, they can be worked into the training.

## Course Outline

The course is broken into sections, each section is expected to last 60-90 minutes. Participants will be broken into teams and all teamwork will be done during class.

### *Sections*

- 1. Introduction to Project Management
- 2. Standard Approach (Predictive) versus Agile (Adaptive)
- 3. Project Initiation
- 4. Project Planning
- 5. Resource Management
- 6. Communications Management
- 7. Scope Management
- 8. Schedule / Time Management
- 9. Cost Management
- 10. Risk Management
- 11. Project Transition to Run-the-Business
- 12. Strategic Implementations
- 13. Project Management Careers & Tool Chest Review

**Honorable Members of the City Council,**

Good evening and thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today. My name is June Yasemsky and I am a volunteer at the Tracy Animal Shelter. I am here to advocate for a vital initiative in our community—the completion of the second phase of the shelter building for our animal services.

Our animal shelter plays an essential role in ensuring the safety, well-being, and care of the animals who come into our city's care. In order to maintain a humane environment, we need to address the urgent need for increased **funding, staffing, and support for the second phase of our shelter.**

The first phase of the shelter was a significant step forward, but we are far from finished. Our current shelter is operating at or beyond capacity; we are seeing an **overwhelming increase** in both the number of animals needing care and the **complexity** of their needs. The demand for services has been growing steadily, and without additional space and resources, the shelter is unable to meet that demand effectively.

The second phase of the shelter is critical for a few key reasons:

**#1. Increased Capacity and Better Conditions:**

The completion of this phase will help provide the space necessary for more animals, which will directly reduce overcrowding. It will ensure each animal has the room and care they need to thrive. This directly impacts the ability to provide quicker adoption rates, reduce euthanasia, and enhance the overall welfare of the animals.

**#2. Increased Staffing and Support:**

In order to maintain a high standard of care, we need more trained staff. This means additional animal care workers, veterinary professionals, and behavioral specialists to properly handle and care for the growing number of animals. Without sufficient staffing, the quality of care will decline; these additional team members will help provide better training and outreach to our community, ensuring long-term success.

**#3. Supporting the Community:**

Animal shelters are not just facilities—they are a critical community resource. By completing this second phase, we are not only helping animals, but we are also supporting families, neighbors, and local rescue organizations. Our shelter plays an essential role in public education about responsible pet ownership, spaying and neutering, and animal welfare laws. By improving this facility, we improve the overall health and safety of our entire community.

I respectfully ask that you consider the long-term benefits of completing the second phase of this shelter building. The funding and staffing necessary to make this happen will ensure that we can continue to provide the highest level of service to both animals and people in our community.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter. I am confident that with your support, we can create a more compassionate and effective animal services shelter that will benefit everyone.

Thank you very much,



June Yasemsky

Friends of the Tracy Animal Shelter Volunteer

**From:** Kelly Moran <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 3:05 PM

**To:** Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

**Subject:** Fwd: Looking for update on a solution for our unhoused cats and dogs in Tracy

Good evening mayor and city council members. We spoke several times at the city council meeting and I haven't heard back from anyone regarding working on a short-term solution of our homeless cats and dogs in Tracy.

Wanted to let you know what I spent in the year 2024 helping the homeless cats in the city of Tracy.

Cat food.....\$1,051

Medications.....416

Spay and neuter.....292

Total Amount.....\$1759

The sum of \$1759 was spent out of my social security check in 2024 to help feed/medicine/spay/neuter the cats in the City of Tracy.

NOTE: The amount does not include gas, wear and tear on my car. The two blown tires and a belt while transporting cats to and from Spay and Neuter Clinic.

I transport the cats to and from the spay clinic, house them until they're healed, release them back into they're colonies and provide food.

I do not get paid for this service.

I would like to see a small tax to homeowners to help pay for spay and neuter of feral/homeless cats. I think if it was a small enough amount that the taxpayers would be okay paying this amount to help fix the cats.

Possibly looking into more funds like in grants etc to help offset the cost of spay and neuter to homeowners not just the feral cats, but to community/pet cats the ones that are not feral.

The city of Tracy gave \$50,000 to Animal Protection League (APL) and so did other communities so that we would have a mobile low-cost spay and neuter clinic to come to our cities and help people spay and neuter their pets/Community cats.

I would really like to see this mobile van up and running and visiting every city within San Joaquin County.

It is very difficult to fix two cats per month at \$50 each under the current restrictions that Animal Protection League(APL) has issued to us trappers; we must drive drive to Stockton by 7:15 am and pick the cats up by 4:45 pm.

I would love to sit down with the city council members and bounce off ideas on how to make it easier for us trappers and faster for us to fix the cats within the city of Tracy.

Let's work together to find a solution.

Thank you,

Kelly Moran

[REDACTED]

## PUBLIC COMMENT

**From:** Marina Rieboldt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 5:17 PM  
**To:** Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>  
**Subject:** Urgent Need for Increased Support for Tracy Animal Shelter

Dear Honorable Tracy City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Tracy to bring attention to an urgent issue impacting our city's animal shelter and the dedicated staff who work tirelessly to care for the animals in need.

Our shelter plays a crucial role in the community, but with growing demands, limited funding is making it increasingly difficult to provide the level of care our animals deserve. While volunteers, rescues, and community support have helped immensely, the shelter remains the backbone of animal welfare in Tracy, often operating on a minimal budget. Without additional resources, our ability to meet these demands is strained.

A significant budget increase would allow the shelter to expand staffing, improve animal care, enhance outreach programs, and ultimately serve both the animals and our community more effectively. I urge you to consider additional funding that will ensure the continued success of our shelter and the well-being of the animals it protects.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to making Tracy a compassionate and responsible community.

Sincerely,

Marina Rieboldt

Tracy, CA

[REDACTED]

**From:** Nicole Moe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 6:38 PM  
**To:** Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>  
**Subject:** Request for Increased Support for Our Animal Shelter and Staff

Honorable Tracy City Council Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm reaching out on behalf of the Tracy Animal Shelter to highlight an important issue that has been increasingly affecting our ability to serve both the animals in our care and our dedicated staff.

While we are incredibly fortunate to have a passionate and hardworking team, the demands placed on our shelter are growing, and unfortunately, our current budget does not adequately meet these needs. The community has shown a great deal of support for our efforts, and many rescues have stepped in to help, but the city shelter remains the backbone of animal care in our area, often operating on a minimal budget.

We all know that in order to create a more significant and lasting impact, we must expand our resources. With a larger budget, we could increase staffing, enhance animal care, improve our outreach programs, and ultimately better serve both the animals and the people who depend on us.

I'm asking for your support in advocating for a budget increase that will allow our team to continue the vital work they're doing and make a meaningful difference in the lives of the animals and the community we serve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for any support you can provide in ensuring the future success of our shelter.

Warm regards,

Nicole Moe

Tracy CA

Advocating for the Tracy Animal Shelter

## PUBLIC COMMENT

**From:** Gardner, Nancy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 5:10 PM  
**To:** Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>  
**Subject:** Request for Increased Support for Our Animal Shelter and Staff

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With Warm regards,

*Nancy Gardner  
Concerned Citizen and Fourth Grade Teacher  
Tracy Animal Shelter*

Public Comment  
Items of the Audience

**From:** [Pallavi Dubey](#)  
**To:** Dan Arriola; Steve Abercrombie; Mateo Bedolla; Dan Evans; Dotty Nygard; Tracy City Council; CAO; Web - City Clerk; Public Works Website Email; [REDACTED]; randall.bradley-sjcfire; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: CONCERNS - New Installation of High-Voltage Overhead Transmission Lines in Tracy Hills  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 2:22:38 PM  
**Attachments:** [image.png](#)  
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Hello,

Can we please get an update on this ? Can anybody confirm that the work has been stopped ?

Thanks,  
Pallavi

On Thu, Jan 30, 2025 at 3:42 PM Pallavi Dubey <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
Hello All,

Can we please get an update on this ? We saw PG&E working on the other side of the water canal. We hope they are not continuing on this side.

Integral Development,

Can you please update on this?

Thanks,  
Pallavi

On Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 8:54 AM Pallavi Dubey [REDACTED] wrote:  
Hi Representatives,

Can you please let us know what is the update on this ? I know there is talk going on between the city, PG&E and the developer but what is the immediate plan?

Thanks,  
Pallavi

On Tue, Jan 21, 2025 at 6:22 PM Pallavi Dubey [REDACTED] wrote:  
Respected Representatives,

We are residents from various communities within the Tracy Hills Phase 1 development, on Corral Hollow Road, Tracy. The Tracy Hills Phase 1 development consists of more than 10 neighboring communities, including Parklin and Greenwood. More than 1600

families currently reside in the Tracy Hills Phase 1 development and new homes are actively being built. Considering an average of four members per family, we have more than 6000 individuals residing in these communities, many of them toddlers, children, and older adults.

Issue: New Installation of High-Voltage Overhead Transmission Lines.

On Saturday, January 18, 2025, residents of the Parklin community were awakened by electrical work being performed by PG&E crew near the Emergency Vehicle Access road, which is currently closed and does not provide any access.

- Residents were surprised and concerned by this work given that 80-100 foot electrical poles were being erected behind their homes with the first installation completed.
- It is important to note that they were not informed of these installations and that the PG&E work being performed was approximately 5-10 feet from existing homes in the Parklin community. See Figure 1.



Figure 1. The first electrical pole was installed behind the Parklin community on January 18, 2025. Poles are 80-100 feet tall and approximately 5-10 feet from existing homes.

Residents inquired about this installation and PG&E crew confirmed that these are high transmission power lines that would power the Phase 2 development of Tracy Hills, which is across the I-580 highway.

We learned the following additional information from the PG&E crew:

1. The power lines are high transmission lines.

2. Approximately 7 poles will be erected, many of which are 5-10 feet from the boundary walls of the existing homes.
3. the poles are 80-100 feet tall.
4. The voltage being transmitted is 12000 volts (twelve thousand volts is (VERY HIGH)).
5. These are permanent installations.
6. These lines will power the Tracy Hills Phase 2 development.
7. The developer (Integral Communities) is responsible to bear the cost of the installation.
8. PG&E highly recommends an underground installation for these power lines.
9. The developer opted to have above ground poles erected (likely to save money).
10. It is important to note that as per the current established standards, all Tracy Hills power lines are underground.
11. **This above ground installation is not in line with current standards, unexpected by current residents, and will be a health and fire hazard for the community.**

It is important to note that the homes in the Parklin community have already been sold; however, there are homes across the development in the Greenwood community that are currently being built and need to be sold. Having above ground poles on the Greenwood side may impact the saleability of the newly built homes so all connections on that side are underground. Because the homes are already sold in Parklin community, the developer may have opted to have high-voltage overhead power transmission lines installed to save costs. Doing so is a complete disregard to safety given the high fire hazard. See Figure 2 for more details.



Figure 2. The poles were erected on the Parklin Community side. The poles were erected on the CLOSED Emergency Access Road, which has dry grass and is prone to fire. Greenwood homes are under construction and the power lines are underground.

We would also like to note that PG&E highly recommends underground transmission, so adding new installations which are overhead, when it is possible to make this underground, contradicts all established current standards, and lacks common sense. Specifically on January 8, 2025, PG&E CEO, Patti Poppe noted:

*“Undergrounding reduces wildfire risk 98%, so the more lines we bury, the safer you are, the more reliable our power is, and the less we have to spend cutting vegetation away from our lines.”*

<https://www.pge.com/en/newsroom/currents/customer-service/pg-e-s-progress-on-the-things-you-care-about-the-most-.html>

There are numerous major concerns of this installation, which we would like to bring to the council's attention :

1. Fire Hazard Risks
  1. This community is already in a high fire risk zone and severe winds (>50mph gusts) are prevalent throughout the year.
  2. In May 2024, we experienced the Corral Fire and are concerned that having these above ground high power transmission poles will increase chances for another dangerous situation to occur **WITHIN** our community.
  3. As per the PG&E's own admission, high-voltage overhead lines pose an increased fire risk
2. Health Risks.
  1. Residents have increased potential for exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMFs), which research suggests is linked to an increased risk of childhood leukemia.
  2. We want to ensure that the children in our community are safe and we are concerned these lines will increase health issues.
3. Lack of Transparency & Resident Notification
  1. Residents were not informed or consulted before these drastic changes occurred.
4. Contradiction of Community Planning Standards
  1. Tracy Hills was designed with underground utilities to maintain safety and aesthetics.
  2. Installing these above-ground high-voltage transmission lines contradicts the original development plan and is not what residents signed up for.

This new installation is a major concern for all residents. This is a densely populated area, and any fire can be a devastating incident, and puts lives at risk. See Figures 3-6 for additional information.



**Figure 3** . The road we see here is Tracy Hills Drive. The pole currently installed (the first one) is on the right hand side of this picture. Across the road (Tracy Hills Drive), all the cabling is underground, as per the PG&E crew.



**Figure 4.** Planned location for addition poles marked with red flags



**Figure 5.** Crews installing pole, very close to homes



**Figure 6.** This is such dry land, and PG&E agreed to overhead high power transmission. How and why this happened is a concern.

## We request the city to : stop and investigate.

- **Stop work** on the installation.
- **Order and conduct** a thorough investigation into the process, including any approvals, that allowed this installation.
- **Represent the residents of Tracy Hills**, and liaise with various departments, including PG&E, SJC Fire, Integral Communities (Developer for Tracy Hills),

Lennar Corporation (Builders of many of the old and new communities, including Parklin and Tracy Hills Ph 2), to resolve the issue.

The community has been touted as a master planned community, by the developers, but if we look deeper, this is far from reality, with a large number of serious infrastructural issues. Many of these have been highlighted time and again at this council. Here are some of those :

- Single Entry/Exit, with 3 miles of winding single lane road for a 3-mile long community, with fire-prone area.
- No surrounding walls, while being adjacent to the I-580, leading to extreme noise and exposing residents to the dangers of the highway. This seems to have been done to keep the community aesthetically pleasing from the highway, with utter disregard to the residents safety. This is against all established norms.
- A school, smaller than required to support the needs of the community with many kids having to attend far away schools, sometimes, 6 miles and beyond.
- Poor landscaping that includes dry plants, which raises fire risk. Within the last year, one of the community parks was devastated by a major fire. Also, as the weeds are not trimmed, these are leading to snakes and reptile infestations.

We would like the Council to fulfill its duties to the residents of this city, and to Tracy Hills residents, to help resolve these issues. In addition, the Council needs to obtain clear infrastructural commitments from any developers, before approving their developments.

**We need to hold the developers accountable for their commitments, and the City should monitor the progress on those commitments.**

It should also be investigated how a touted “Master Planned Community” has been approved without basic common sense infrastructure.

Many of these issues have been the result of callous attitude and greed of the developer, improper planning by the City engineers and management, and an utter lack and disregard by the council to resolve the issues.

**We urge the city to act promptly in ensuring safety, transparency and adherence to the original community planning standards.**

Please confirm receipt of this email and provide a timely remediation.

Sincerely,  
Concerned residents of Tracy Hills  
Pallavi Dubey  
[REDACTED]

**From:** ROD LITTLE <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 5:11 PM  
**To:** Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>  
**Subject:** Support Tracy Animal Shelter

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Warm regards,

Renee Little  
Tracy Animal Shelter  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Sarah W <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 6:45 PM  
**To:** Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>; Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>  
**Subject:** Tracy Animal Shelter

Good evening Tracy City Council,

I am writing in urging you to take action to complete Phase 2 of the Tracy Animal Shelter Expansion plan. This is a vital and important cause that really does serve our community in so many ways like their Youth Ambassadors program, Shelter-Neuter- Return TNR program to fix feral cats in the city and stop the cycle of more and more feral cats in our city, and more.

In just 2024, the shelter performed 151 volunteer Dog Day Out field trips for the shelter dogs and with the help of Tracy Dog Girls Rescue for an accompanying shelter dog walking program, another 2,350 walks were completed since July 2024. The shelter has a low cost spay and neuter program for residents for German Shepherds, Pitbulls, and Huskies. It costs residents \$20 and prevents untold numbers of unwanted, future homeless pets. This grant funded program is already half used up at 20 spay and neuters out of the funded 40. It is a daily need from the public city funded low cost spay and neuter programs for all Tracy citizens. I volunteer at the animal shelter almost every day and not one has gone by without multiple people begging staff for spay and neuter assistance. Our shelter has been full most of the last year and is full today. We can't rescue our way out of the overpopulation epidemic, but we can "fix it" with more spay and neuter funding.

We need more funding and staffing to maintain current programs that benefit the community like the Youth Ambassadors programs and the Orphan Kitten Neonatal Care Kits that the animal shelter does. Expanding the shelter will be life-changing and Phase 1 has taken way too long. Tracy needs help now. We need help and I hope you will join this fight for award winning care for our shelter pets. Tracy Animal Shelter does amazing things with what little funding and being so short staffed that they are facing. Now, it's our turn to help them make a difference, one furry friend at a time.

Thank you,

Sarah Wood

## Public Comment Items of the Audience

**From:** Therese Arnaudo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 11:04 AM  
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Warm regards,

Therese Arnaudo  
Citizen

# Puppy Mills: Facts and Figures

October 2024

10,000	Estimated number of puppy mills in the U.S. (both licensed and unlicensed) <sup>1</sup>
500,000	Estimated number of dogs kept for breeding in puppy mills (both licensed and unlicensed)
2,131	Number of USDA Class A and B licensed facilities that breed dogs for the pet trade
121,478	Estimated number of dogs kept solely for breeding purposes in USDA licensed facilities
78,961	Estimated number of female dogs kept for breeding at USDA licensed facilities
9.4	Estimated number of puppies per breeding female per year
742,233	Estimated number of puppies produced by USDA licensed facilities each year
2.2 million	Estimated number of puppies sold annually who originated from puppy mills – USDA licensed and non-USDA licensed (not all breeders require a USDA license) <sup>2</sup> .
25%	Estimated percentage of dogs in animal shelters who are purebred 
1.5 million	Estimated number of dogs and cats euthanized by shelters every year in the U.S. <i>+ increasing</i>
531	Number of puppy-selling pet stores in the US
\$500,000	Estimated cost of a puppy mill bust involving 250 animals.

<sup>1</sup> Not all puppy mills are required to be USDA licensed; in fact, the majority of puppy mills are not USDA licensed.

<sup>2</sup> We estimate that for every 1 USDA licensed facility, there are 2 unlicensed facilities.



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**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**JANUARY 2025**

01/02/25 – Introduction Meeting with New Interim City Attorney

01/03/25 – **San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Meeting**

- Full agenda: <https://www.sjrrc.com/event/sjrrc-board-meeting-january-3-2024-800-am/>

**Highlights:**

- Administration of Oath to New SJRRC Commissioners
- Appointment to San Joaquin JPA Governing Board (Stockton Mayor Christina Fugazi & [Alternate] Ripon Councilmember Leo Zuber)
- Informational Items on SJRRC, San Joaquin JPA Governing Board, Station and Facilities Development Committee, Valley Rail Program, Zero Emissions Strategy, & Marketing Program

01/06/25 – Swearing-In Ceremony for San Joaquin Board of Supervisors

01/06/25 – Staff Meeting for Korean Delegation Preparation

01/07/25 – **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

- Full agenda: <https://www.cityoftracy.org/government/city-council/council-meeting-agendas>
- Video recording: <https://www.cityoftracy.org/government/city-council/council-meeting-videos>

**Highlights:**

- Item 5A: Policy Discussion re: City Council Vacancies
- Item 5B: Councilmember Mateo Bedolla Appointed to City Council Vacancy
- Item 5C: City Council Committee Assignments

01/08/25 – Staff Meeting for City Council Strategic Planning Workshop

01/09/25 – Dedication of “El Capitan” Supercomputer for National Nuclear Security at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

01/13/25 – Korean Delegation visit to the City of Tracy with the Chairmen Council of the National, Provincial, and Municipal Assemblies from South Korea



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01/13/25 – “Survival Through Song”: An Evening with Saul Dreier (Founder of the Holocaust Survivor Band) with Chabad of Tracy Jewish Center

01/16/25 – Flight to D.C. for U.S. Conference of Mayors

01/17/25 – Day 1: U.S. Conference of Mayors

01/18/25 – Day 2: U.S. Conference of Mayors

01/19/25 – Day 3: U.S. Conference of Mayors

01/19/25 – Flight Home from U.S. Conference of Mayors

01/20/25 – MLK Jr. Breakfast with T.U.S.D. Black Student Unions

01/20/25 – MLK Jr. Ceremony with Indivisible Tracy

**01/21/25 – TRACY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

- Full agenda: <https://www.cityoftracy.org/government/city-council/council-meeting-agendas>
- Video recording: <https://www.cityoftracy.org/government/city-council/council-meeting-videos>

Highlights:

- TPD Police Promotional Swearing-In Ceremony
- Proclamation: Human Trafficking Prevention Month
- Item 3A: Naming of New Tracy Hills Parks
  - Daniel Ray Schack Park & Sam Matthews Park
- Item 3B: Policy Discussion re: Mobile Food Vendors
- Mayor Arriola’s Report:
  - Recognition of Los Angeles Fires & Thank you to SSJCFA
  - Proclamation of MLK Jr. Day
  - Report on U.S. Conference of Mayors

**01/23/25 – San Joaquin Council of Governments Meeting**

- Full agenda: <https://www.sjcog.org/AgendaCenter/Board-of-Directors-1>
- Video recording: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qg\\_7\\_N6NUlM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qg_7_N6NUlM)

Highlights:

- Approve SJCOCG Chair (Lathrop Mayor Paul Akinjo) and Vice Chair (Stockton Mayor Christina Fugazi)



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- Draft Measure K Strategic Plan
- 2025 One.Voice Project Submission List
- Mayor Arriola's Report
  - Thank you to SJCOG for supporting City of Tracy in advocating for \$41 million grant for Corral Hollow project
- Executive Director's Report
  - New federal executive orders may affect SJCOG \$15 million grant for electric vehicle infrastructure

01/25/25 – Tracy African American Association (TAAA) Installation of Officers Ceremony

01/25/25 – Day 1: Equality California Board Retreat

01/26/25 – Day 2: Equality California Board Retreat

01/28/25 – 175th Anniversary of San Joaquin County Proclamation with Board of Supervisors

01/28/25 – Meet & Greet with California State Treasurer Fiona Ma

01/29/25 – Emergency National Call with DMA on Immigration and Federal Funding Freeze

01/29/25 – District Attorney Recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month

01/29/25 – Tour of ACE Rail Maintenance Facility with SJRRC Staff

01/29/25 – SSJCFA Badge Pinning and Award Ceremony

01/30/25 – Swearing-In Ceremony for Judge Peter Devencenzi

01/30/25 – Staff Meeting for State of the City Preparation

01/31/25 – Tracy Chamber 2025 Community Awards Gala with Tracy Chamber of Commerce

01/31/25 – Tracy Firefighters 2025 Crab Feed with Tracy Firefighters Association