



# City of Sonora



## AGENDA

### CITY COUNCIL OPEN SESSION MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers  
94 North Washington Street  
Sonora, CA 95370

October 1, 2018

CALL TO ORDER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5:00 PM

A. ROLL CALL

B. CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. None

E. PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

*The public may address the Council on any item of public interest not otherwise on the agenda that is within the jurisdiction of the City. No action may be taken. Matters to be addressed may be referred to City Staff or placed on a subsequent meeting Agenda. Speakers are limited to a five (5) minute presentation*

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

*Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be voted on in one motion unless a Council member or member of the public has a question or wishes to discuss an item. In that case, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.*

1. Approve the following meeting minutes:

a. City Council Open Session Meeting of September 17, 2018

2. Approval to pay invoices of previously budgeted expenses on October 2, 2018

**CITY OF SONORA ROLL SHEET AND AGENDA POSTING INFORMATION**

Meeting Date 10/1/18

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

At 11:30 a.m on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 2017, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting scheduled for today's date was posted in the display cabinet in front of City Hall for public view.

A Regular Meeting of the City Council for the City of Sonora was held this date in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following persons present:

Council Members:	<del>Jim Caraventa</del> ✓ <del>Connie Williams</del> , Mayor <del>Jim Caraventa</del> , Mayor Pro-Tem  Matt Hawkins ✓ Mark Plummer ✓ <del>George Segarini</del> ✓ Colette Sueh ✓ Connie Williams ✓
City Clerk	Marijane Cassinetto ✓
Administrator:	Tim Miller ✓
Interim City Engineer:	Gerard Fuccillo ✓
Attorney:	Douglas White / <u>Nubia Goldstein</u> / Robin Baral ✓
Public Works:	Tim Miller
Administrative Services Director:	<del>Jennifer Callaway</del> ✓ Christopher Gorsky ✓
Fire Chief:	Aimee New ✓
<del>Archie</del> Police Chief:	Turu VanderWiel ✓
Community Development Director:	Rachelle Kellogg ✓

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SONORA  
September 17, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora was held this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 94 North Washington Street, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Jim Garaventa, Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Hawkins and Councilmember Connie Williams; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetto, City Attorney Douglas White, Administrative Services Director Christopher Gorsky, Fire Chief Aimee New, Police Chief Turu VanderWiel, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg; Absent: Councilmember Colette Such and Councilmember Mark Plummer (present at 5:10 p.m.), Interim Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

There was no Closed Session Meeting.

**REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 1:15 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting scheduled for this date was posted outside City Hall for public view.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

No changes.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Williams, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins, and unanimously carried that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Closed and Regular Session Meetings of September 4, 2018;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on September 18, 2018, in the amount of \$80,390.17 and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$135,915.04, on September 14, 2018, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

that this would be allowed provided any damaged turf be replaced, and a preliminary estimate to replace the turf is \$3,500 for an area of approximately 900 square feet; there is no money available in the Special Programs for this cost. Miller noted that Jackson Street, adjacent to Courthouse Park, has been suggested as an alternative; to accommodate this, the transit buses and stops would need to be relocated to Washington Street in front of the Veterans' Hall and the Park. Coffill Park also remains a possibility, but its drawbacks are lack of visibility and remoteness from the original location.

Mayor Garaventa asked for public comment. Ritchie Grant, a long-time County resident, stated that she favors Courthouse Park. She noted that Greenview Landscaping has offered to replace any damaged turf at no cost to the County or the City; she also suggested a donation box be placed at the site, and that possibly prisoners from the Conservation Center be utilized to lay the new turf. She would like to provide information on the square footage and cost of the turf to Greenview Landscaping. Tracy Hoyle, downtown merchant, equally supported the Courthouse Park and Jackson Street locations stating that Jackson Street is very close to the traditional Courthouse Park location and easily visible. Nancy White representing the Sonora Chamber of Commerce supported using Jackson Street, and she stated that she has talked to Tuolumne County Transportation Commission Executive Director Darin Grossi who indicated that he did not have a problem with temporary placement of the transit bus stops for buses on Washington Street, but that it would be necessary to remove two parking spaces per stop from the Street. White also noted that a recent *MyMotherLode.com* on-line survey indicated that 74% of responders support the Courthouse square location.

Councilmember Williams commented that Santa is for all of Tuolumne County and not just for those living in Sonora, and she is disappointed that the County is not more of a partner in this. Her first choice is Courthouse Park and having Staff talk to the landscaper, and her second choice is Jackson Street. She also indicated that she would like to have Santa present at his workshop after the annual Christmas Parade. Councilmember Hawkins stated that bringing it back to Courthouse Park is best, but if it cannot be done, then Jackson Street is fine. Councilmember Plummer commented that Coffill Park is ideal, but it has bad visibility; he would like it in Courthouse Park. He stated that he is a little uncomfortable relying on the generosity of a few patrons to make it work, and he feels in the long-term making Jackson Street the venue is the best solution. Mayor Garaventa asked that Staff contact Darin Grossi regarding the possibility of moving the transit system to Washington Street; due to the reoccurring cost each year, he said that Jackson Street is a good compromise and reasonable alternative, but also, that it could be placed in Courthouse Park and see what the damage would be. There was Council consensus to direct Staff to discuss the location of Jackson Street with Darin Grossi, and also

Board Meeting, and the Tuolumne County Chamber Government Affairs Council Meeting. **Councilmember Plummer** reported that he attended the TCEDA Special Meeting and would like to see the public trust restored to that Agency. **Mayor Garaventa** reported that he attended the following: Worked with the downtown merchants at the concert at the Black Oak Pavilion, the TCEDA Special Meeting, the Solid Waste Committee Meeting, the Transportation Council Meeting and the Tuolumne County Chamber Governmental Affairs Council Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Regular Session Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. to the to the next Regular Meeting on Monday, October 1, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk      Date

**Minutes  
Subject To  
Council Approval**



## City of Sonora

*"Queen of the Southern Mines"*

94 North Washington Street  
Sonora, California 95370

### City Hall


Administration . . . . .	532-4541
Community Development . . . . .	532-3508
Finance . . . . .	532-4541
Human Resources . . . . .	588-8946
Opera Hall . . . . .	532-7725
Special Programs . . . . .	532-7725
<b>Fire</b> . . . . .	532-7432
<b>Police</b> . . . . .	532-8143
<b>Public Works</b> . . . . .	532-2922
Cemetery . . . . .	532-4492

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 1, 2018

**TO:** Honorable Mayor, City Council members

**FROM:** Timothy A. Miller, City Administrator 

**SUBJECT:** Santa's Workshop

At the last City Council meeting, the consensus of the Council was to place Santa's Workshop in Courthouse Park providing the City could confirm the sod replacement/repair requirements of the County and the local commitment to cover this cost. The Council's preference was to utilize the park this year to assess the extent of any damage and the necessary repairs and evaluate whether this is a financially viable location for future years. If this turns out to not be the case, then the preferred alternative suggested was Jackson Street. The local merchants have also discussed collecting donations to cover some or all of these costs for future years.

Monday night City staff will provide additional information regarding the County requirements and the local funding/repair commitments.



## City of Sonora

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DATE: October 1, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor  
City Council Members

FROM: Sheala Wilkinson  
Special Programs Coordinator

SUBJECT: Christmas Parade

RECOMMENDATION: City Staff recommends to the City Council the following actions:

1. Approve holding the 35th Annual Historic Downtown Sonora Christmas Parade on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
2. Adopt Resolution Number 10-01-2018-A, authorizing the closure of State Route 49 (Washington Street and Stockton Road), along with certain other City Streets and designating "No Parking" locations for the 2018 Christmas Parade.
3. Request the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem to represent the City in the Christmas Parade.
4. Release the three-hour parking restriction from Monday, November 19, 2018 through Monday, January 7, 2019 within the downtown corridor, which includes all streets within Zone A.
5. Accommodate the Trolley stops on the resolution.

### BACKGROUND:

This is the 35<sup>th</sup> year for this very popular City sponsored event. As we did last year, the parade will start at 6:00 p.m. Parking in the downtown will be allowed until 4:00 p.m. instead of 2:00 p.m. parade day. The number of entries range from 65 to 78 and the parade is approximately one hour in duration. The parade begins at Snell Street and continues south on Washington Street ending at Restano Way.

## **Resolution No. 10-01-2018-A**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HIGHWAY 49 AND CERTAIN CITY STREETS AND PARKING LOTS TO ACCOMMODATE THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SONORA CHRISTMAS PARADE AND OTHER RELATED HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sonora: that the following streets and parking lots will be closed Friday, November 23, 2018, as indicated below:

The following street closures shall commence at 4:00 p.m. and continue until 8:30 p.m., or until the parade is finished.

1. School Street between North Washington and Snell Street.

The following parking lot closures shall commence at 4:00 p.m. and continue until 8:30 p.m., or until the parade is finished.

1. The Sonora High School parking lots located on School Street.

The following parking lot closure shall commence at 5:00 p.m. and continue until 8:30 p.m., or until the parade is finished.

1. The Volunteer Fire Museum/Senior Lounge parking lot.
2. The Fountain Parking Lot, across from the Sonora Opera Hall to be used for handicapped parking only
3. Second floor of the Terzich parking lot to be used for handicapped parking and viewing only.

The following street closures shall commence at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 8:30 p.m., or until the parade is finished.

1. N. Washington Street/ SR 49 between Elkin and Stockton Road.
2. S. Washington St. between Stockton Road and Hospital Road.
3. Snell Street between N. Washington Street and Bonanza Road.
4. State Route 49/Stockton Road between S. Washington Street/SR 49 and 70 W. Stockton Street (Cazadoras Restaurant).
5. The following streets between Washington Street/ SR 49 and Stewart Street: Dodge Street, Jackson Street, Bradford Street, Linoberg Street, Theall Street, Church Street, Gold Street, William Street, Lytton Street and Restano Way.
6. The following streets between Washington Street/ SR 49 and Green Street: Dodge Street, Yaney Street, Jackson Street, Bradford Street, Linoberg Street and Church Street.
7. Toby Street between S. Washington Street and McGowan Street.
8. Lytton and Bulwer Streets between S. Washington Street and Olive Street.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Sonora that all of the above is hereby approved, subject to all conditions as required by the California Department of Transportation.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED as a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonora, California, at a regular meeting of said City Council held on October 1, 2018 by the following:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

NOES : \_\_\_\_\_  
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ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: October 1, 2018

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Garaventa, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA  
STAFF REPORT**

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**MEETING DATE:** OCTOBER 1, 2018

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** DOUGLAS L. WHITE, CITY ATTORNEY

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA  
APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S CONFLICT OF  
INTEREST CODE

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City of Sonora ("City") staff recommends the Sonora City Council ("City Council") adopt a Resolution approving the updated Conflict of Interest Code provisions.

**BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to the Political Reform Act, the City adopted a Conflict of Interest Code ("Code"), which consists of standard provisions contained in Section 18730 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, adopted by the Fair Political Practice Commission. The City's Code also designates City officials, officers, employees, and consultants who make or participate in making governmental decisions. Those in designated positions must disclose their financial interests and disqualify themselves from making, or participating in making, governmental decisions affecting those interests.

Under the Political Reform Act, each local government agency must review its Code biennially on even numbered years to update its standard provisions and designated officials list. Changes are required when the City changes staff positions and duties. The proposed Resolution approves changes to the Code, as recommended by staff after a full analysis of the Code.

**DISCUSSION:**

The proposed Resolution updates the current Code to include previously undesignated positions and to provide clarification. The positions added as part of this update include City Clerk and Administrative Services Director. The Finance Director designation was replaced with the Administrative Services Director to reflect the change in title. The positions are added to the Code because the positions are actively involved in governmental decisions, such as City contracting or policy development. Under the proposed Resolution, these positions are required to disclose business interests and property interests located within the City.

Under Government Code section 87200, the City Council, Planning Commission, City Attorney, City Administrator, and City Treasurer must file Statements of Economic Interest. The existing

**RESOLUTION 10-01-2018-B**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA  
CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S CONFLICT  
OF INTEREST CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the state of California requires the City of Sonora ("City") to adopt, promulgate, and amend a Conflict of Interest Code pursuant to the Political Reform Act, Government Code section 87300 *et seq.* (the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Act requires each local agency conduct a review of its Conflict of Interest Code every two (2) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has conducted its biennial review required by the Act and determined that revisions to the City's Conflict of Interest Code are necessary to remain in compliance with said Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City amends its Conflict of Interest Code as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. All the City's previous Conflict of Interest Codes shall be repealed and superseded upon the adoption of this Resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** as a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonora at a regular meeting held on the 1st day of October 2018, by the following vote:

**AYES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**NOES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ABSTAIN:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ABSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed and Dated: October 1, 2018**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Garaventa  
Mayor of the City of Sonora

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marijane Cassinotto  
Sonora City Clerk

**EXHIBIT A**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE  
CITY OF SONORA**

The Political Reform Act, Government Code Section 81000, et seq., requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation, 2 California Code of Regulations, section 18730, which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code. It can be incorporated by reference and may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission after public notice and hearings to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations, section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference and, along with the attached Appendix in which members and employees are designated and disclosure categories are set forth, constitute the conflict of interest code of the CITY OF SONORA.

Designated employees shall file statements of economic interests with the agency who will make the statements available for public inspection and reproduction (Government Code Section 81008). Those city officials required to file Form 700 shall submit their statements to the City Administrator or their designee, who shall be and shall perform the duties of the filing officer for the City. Statements for all other designated employees will be retained by the agency.

## DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

- #1 Investments, business positions, and income from sources located in or doing business in the City.  
Interests in real property located in the City, including property within a 2-mile radius of any property owned or used by the City.
- #2 Investments, business positions, and sources of income of the type which: provide services, supplies, materials, machinery, or equipment of the type utilized by the City.
- #3 Investments, business positions, and sources of income of the type which: engage in land development, construction, or purchase or sales of real property; and interests in real property located in the City, including property located within a 2-mile radius of property owned or used by the City.

### 3. Public Officials

The positions below are subject to Government Code section 87200 and will file a Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests:

Administrative Services Director

City Council (Mayor and Council Members)

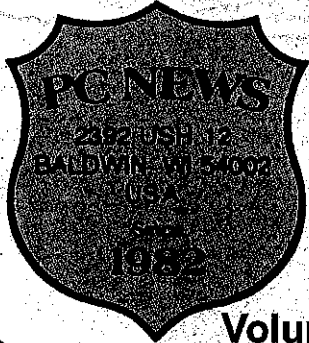
Planning Commission (Commissioners)

Successor Agency to the City of Sonora Redevelopment Agency (Board Members)

City Administrator

City Attorney

City Treasurer



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Mike R. Bondarenko Editor and Publisher Police Collectors News

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# Massachusetts Hosts Third National Show

The National Police Collectors Show was Boston Strong on July 27, 28 and 29 as Massachusetts hosted the world's largest law enforcement collectibles event for the third time. Collectors from as far away as Australia and Japan gathered at the Royal Plaza Trade Center in Marlborough for the hobby's 33rd annual convention.

By Mike R. Bondarenko, Editor

MARLBOROUGH, Mass. - The National Police Collectors Show visited Marlborough, Mass. for the third time on July 27, 28 and 29. Hervey Cote, Joe Morrison, Nick Leary and Tom Damour hosted the hobby's 33rd

annual convention at the Royal Plaza Trade Center, which previously hosted the world's largest law enforcement collectibles event in 1995 and 2000.

Two hundred ninety tables were sold. "I would estimate based on our sales that we had approximately 900 walk-ins over the two days. We had hoped to keep a better track of people walking in, but we were overwhelmed when the doors opened," Cote said.

The show attracted collectors and dealers from throughout the United States and Canada as well as from as far away as Australia (Cameron "Duke" Kirkpatrick) and Japan (Kazunore Shost).

The three-day event opened with setup from 1 pm to 5 pm on Friday. Only tableholders and assistants were allowed in the show hall. Setup was highlighted by non-stop buying, selling and trading.

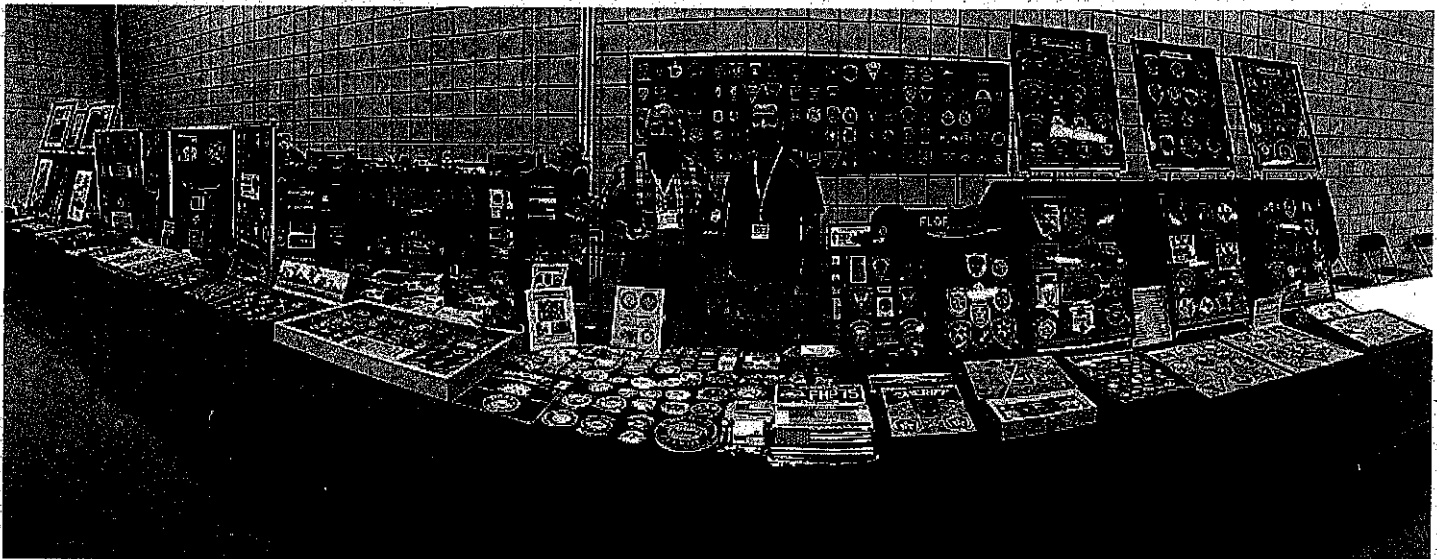
The show was open to the public from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday and 9 am to 3 pm on Sunday. A long line of eager collectors stretched the width of the massive trade center as the show opened on Saturday.

Several collectors enjoyed a private tour of the nearby Massachusetts State Police Museum and Learning Center on Saturday evening. Cote arranged for the tour.

Display contest award winners were honored during a noon Sunday ceremony followed by a meeting to select the 2020 show site.

"Best of Show" went to Jeff Peeler for his Florida Highway Patrol collection.

Jeff Peeler (left) won "Best of Show" honors at the 2018 National Police Collectors Show for his world class Florida Highway Patrol collection. Peeler, who is an auxiliary major with the FHP, collects anything and everything related to his agency and impressed the judges. His son and table assistant, Jason, is shown on the right. *Contributed photograph*





# California Police Historian

The Official Publication of the California Law Enforcement Historical Society

Mike Bondarenko, Editor

## A Wide Spot In The Road

Sonora P.D.

By Michael DeVilbiss, CLEHS Member

YUBA CITY, Calif. – "Thar's gold in them thar hills!"

This was a common announcement during the California Gold Rush in the 1850s and the announcement is still true today. Although gold may still be panned in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the real gold is the men and women of the Sonora Police Department.

Sonora is located in Tuolumne County about 131 miles east of San Francisco and 97 miles southeast of Sacramento (about a three hour drive from each) at the 1825-foot elevation marker.

Sonora is known as one of the gateways to Yosemite National Park, which is 72 miles east of town. Columbia State Historic Park is only five miles north of Sonora.

I was going to the Sonora area anyway to visit my cousin, so I decided to contact Police Chief Turu VanderWiel to see if I could mix my visit with an interview and maybe a ride-along. When I spoke to VanderWiel, he was more than helpful and arranged an interview as well as a ride-along.

Upon arriving at the police station, the chief gave me the ten cent tour, meaning the building is not very large, and it did not take much time to walk through. We wound up in the chief's office where he was very helpful in answering my questions about his department and the city.

It was April 5, 1850 when Frank O'Rourke, David S. McDowell, John Sheldon and L.C. Grinn were appointed as voluntary police officers. Their compensation was to be

provided by those who petitioned for their appointment.

Not long after these appointments, the City Council agreed to have Councilman Restano look into distinctive badges for the night watchman and the special police.

Things have changed so much in Sonora since those days.

Today, the PD has six officers which include the chief, two sergeants and one reserve officer. The department also currently has a female officer in the training phase of her patrol career.

There are currently five dispatchers, two part-time dispatchers, an administrative records supervisor, five community service volunteers, two part-time community service officers and 12 Explorer Scouts.

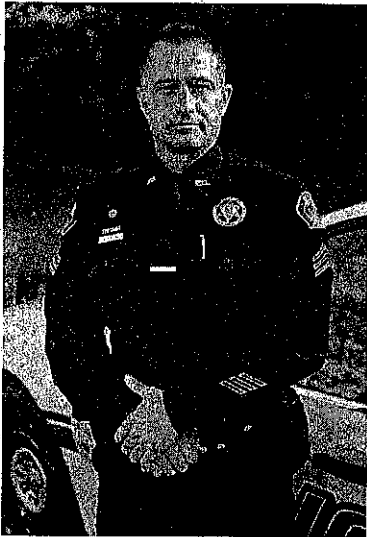
The Explorers are a valuable resource for the department. What better way to learn about law enforcement than help out at numerous functions and events throughout the year?

The PD covers an area of three and a half square miles with a population of about 6200 and a daytime population that swells to somewhere around 25,000.

Each officer has his or her own take home vehicle.

The department has two pool vehicles along with two command vehicles with a total of 21 vehicles available.

One of the sworn officers is assigned as the school resource officer for all the schools in town. He covers one high school, one continuation high school, one elementary school (K-8), one private school and three preschools.



Turu VanderWiel was born and raised in Sonora, Calif. After service with the United States Army and the county sheriff's office, he became a Sonora police officer in 2004. He was promoted to sergeant in 2005 and lieutenant in 2016. He is shown in his sergeant's uniform. *Contributed photograph*



(Top) Police officers in Sonora, Calif. wear a handsome circled star with a six-point star as the center design. The legend reads: "POLICE OFFICER/ ESTABLISHED 1851." (Bottom) The current shoulder patch has a custom seal that highlights the city's gold mining heritage. *Mike DeVilbiss photographs*

The department's annual budget is about \$3.2 million, while the city's budget is about ten million dollars.

There is no canine in the department. If circumstances dictate the use of a dog, the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department has four which they don't mind using when called out by the PD. And the SO is right around the corner for convenience.

Speaking of convenience, the jail is right around the corner from the PD, too, so the run to the jail for a booking is never that long.

The SO will be taking up residency in their new offices and jail right up the hill from their old digs in about September 2019.

Chief VanderWiel informed me there were about 22,000 calls for service in 2017 and about 21,000 case reports. I know computers are available to officers now, but when I even think about writing a report, I can't help but think back to the days I started my career and the numerous bouts with writer's cramp.

When asked to relay any events the city of Sonora holds, the chief told me the biggest is the Mother Lode Round Up, Rodeo and Parade.

The Roundup takes about a month to get all of the events done. It starts with a cowgirl luncheon, then a great steak BBQ with an annual rifle and shotgun raffle. There is also a roping and barrel racing contest and a queen and junior queen pageant. The parade is one of the biggest in California.

Of course, no round up would be complete without a rodeo. Included in the festivities is wrangler's family day; a Mother's Day breakfast and cowboy church.

These events are all within a five-week period in April and May. For more detailed info on the round up, go to MotherLodeRoundUp.Com.

Another big event Sonora is quite proud of is the high school homecoming parade in February.

Sonora, being the county seat, hosts the annual county fair at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. This year the fair was July 5th to the 8th.

When I asked Chief VanderWiel if he could tell me of any famous incidents which had occurred in Sonora or the area, he reminded me of the Ellie Nesler Shooting.

On April 13, 1993, a trial was being held for a man accused of molesting five juveniles at a church camp. One of the children was Nesler's 11-year-old son. As Nesler walked toward the witness stand, she produced a .25 caliber pistol and shot the accused five times and killed him.

After my interview with the chief, I went on a ride-along with Officer Hankins. When Hankins got off his shift two hours later, I rode with Officer Durham. Since the town is only three and a half miles in area, it didn't take long to get familiar with the layout. The downtown area has a few bars and quite a few businesses. For a Friday night, it was pretty calm and quiet.

Another area in town that seems to generate calls for service is the Junction Shopping Center, which includes a Super Walmart, a Safeway Grocery Store, a Starbucks, a cinema complex and numerous other stores.

A thumbnail list of our activities included but were not limited to getting a drunk a ride home, looking for but not finding three juveniles hanging around a school, looking for but not finding a suspicious juvenile jogging in a lane of traffic on Highway 49, taking information on a violation of a restraining order, one traffic stop and what I thought was

the highlight of the night, we reunited two wayward, elusive pit bulls with their owner. I really appreciated the opportunity to ride along with the more than competent officers of the Sonora Police Department.

If you ever find yourself on a tour of the California Gold Country or on your way to Yosemite, you won't be sorry if you make time to stop in Sonora.

One of the highlights of my visit was the Tuolumne County Historical Society Museum at 158 Bradford Street. Docent Bob Rogers was more than helpful in answering my questions and expounding on some of the already provided information. You will be thoroughly amazed at the jail cells in the back of the museum which were built in 1866 and used until 1960.

If you are so inclined, there is the Black Oak Casino a few miles outside of town just off Highway 108. Be advised that Highway 108 further up the mountain will be closed later each winter because of deep snow.

A short trip out of town, five miles north on Highway 49, will put you at the Columbia State Historic Park. The park is a very well-preserved gold rush mining town where you can still pan for gold.

"Thar's gold in them thar hills!"

MICHAEL DE VILBISS (131 Dakota Court, Yuba City CA 05991)

## The History Of The El Monte Police Department

Anyone of an age sufficient to have experienced the event remembers exactly where they were and what they were doing when they first heard of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii that signaled America's entry into World War II.

When the news hit the nation's radios, the first words uttered by the majority of stunned Americans was, Where is Pearl Harbor?

The attack staggered the nation.

To understand the changes in the city and the department during this time, one must appreciate the circumstances surrounding America's entrance into the war.

In December 1941 alone, following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japanese submarines attacked merchant vessels off the California coast nine times, several times within sight of land, once less than four miles off Los Angeles and once less than one mile off San Pedro.

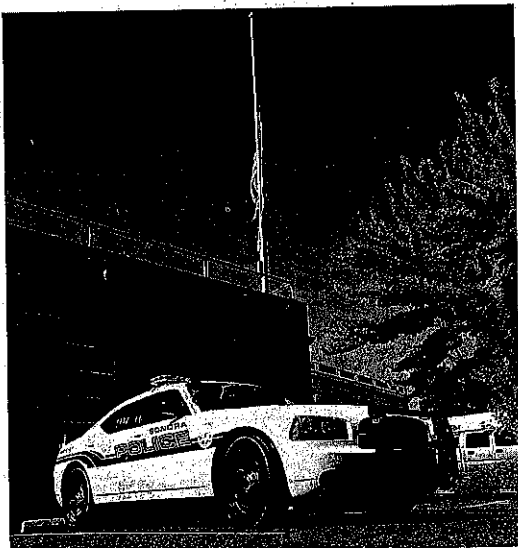
In 1942, a Japanese submarine surfaced just offshore and shelled an oil refinery in Santa Barbara.

This does not include the Japanese shelling and bombing of Oregon (twice), the Germans landing saboteurs on the other side of the country (also twice) and the German mining of New York Harbor, which caused it to be closed to sea traffic for two days.

People in the United States, especially those nearest the coastlines, genuinely believed and wholeheartedly feared an impending invasion. This included people living in El Monte.

Shortly after war was declared, the Police Department bought a case of .30-30 caliber Winchester Model 94 lever action rifles and issued them to officers for use in battling any possible invaders.

Although the threat was real and the department was prepared, no such attack ever



Sonora, Calif. police cars are white with blue and black markings. The department's badge is shown in full color on the front fenders just in front of the doors. Although it is a small department, every officer has a take home vehicle. There are 21 vehicles in all. *Contributed photograph*



El Monte police officers posed for a picture in 1940. This was the entire department at the time. Chief Carl Vonn is seated in the center. He became the city's sixth police chief in May 1940 and saw the department through the uncertainty of World War II. *El Monte PD photograph*



Oct 1 2018

Regular SPM

No Closed Session

- A. Roll Jerry absent
- B. Posting
- C. Agenda Approval - none
- D. Presentations - none
- E. Pub Comment - <sup>Sheela</sup> Oct 20 last day Farmer's Market  
Public Tour of downtown 11:30  
Dr. Mark Miller new Supt of Schools, Sonoma High  
Introduced himself from Jano Alaska -  
said he's happy to be here and looking forward  
to working with the Council's Staff
- F. Consent - Matt/Mark (MSP) Abstain on Mtg minutes  
G. Unf Bus Collette

i. Tim

- County expect all sod in the <sup>quadrant</sup> quarter area  
estimated by County 3 yrs ago at \$3,000
- talked to Greenview Landscaping  
900sqft
- County would contribute \$1,000 towards replacement  
of the sod
- recom. City match
- With contribution of Greenview it would be  
able to be done <sup>almost</sup> w/ downtown donors

No P.C.

Matt - feedback to put in Cthouse Park  
This may be good for Co. City, <sup>and</sup> the community

Connie - pleased to see Co has decided to participate

Tried hard to create something

There was a lot of feedback about Cofill

She continues to feel go back to Courthouse

Mark - Mark try Cthouse for at least one year to see how it all goes

Jim - at least try in Cthouse and see how ~~the~~ it goes

Colette - \$1,000 buys a whole lot of goodwill in food

Connie/Mark

be in Cthouse Park City Court. match of 1/3 to County's 1/3

Tim noted it is w/ the understanding that the merchants cont. 1/3 of the cost

I.

New Bus

Sheela - Res 10-01-2018.A

He will be <sup>riding</sup> on the Antique fire truck at end of Parade, milk and cookies at Hard Rock as he has done for the past few years  
~~Sheela~~ Sheela hoping to have a band at the park

Rachelle - problems setting up Santa's Workshop before Parade due to a number of reasons

Go up as normally does; Santa will be present downtown after the parade

Connie - advertise Santa's presence at  
Hart Rock

Connie/Matt (MSP)

2. Res 10-01-2018-B

Tim - Requirement to review every 2 yrs

Finance Dtr retitled

City Clerk in Disclosure Categories

Matt/Mark (MSP)

J. None

K. None

L. Comm - None

M. P. Chief Vanderweil -

- Fellow Calif Law Enf. Historical Society

Police Collectors News article

a nice article

- Pink articles on uniforms, badge, lapel  
pins to support Breast Cancer Awareness

Week - Those wearing pink shows it  
indicates that person has donated to  
the cause

Mubia - Gov signed many Bills  
will give update w/in the next  
several weeks

Connie

Son Chamber Mixer

9/24 Met w/ Hawkins Access Trail

Code 8

T.C. Chamber Special Event

Merchants

ATCAA Empty Bowl event

T.C. Chamber Govt Affairs Council

Colette also I in place of Jim

Mat - Met w/ Connie as above

~~Colette 8~~ Access Trail Mtg

Jim -

- Chamber Mixer

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Adj 5:32