

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING AGENDA

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
and the

Firebaugh Las Deltas Unified School District

Vol. No. 19/12-09

Location of Meeting: Firebaugh High School Library Media Center
1976 Morris Kyle Drive, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: December 9, 2019/ 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:

School Board of Trustees: President Fernando Campa
Board Member Ronnie Parker
Board Member Eliseo Gamino
Board Member Abel Serrano
Board Member Gilbert Coelho

City Council Members: Mayor Marcia Sablan
Mayor Pro Tem Elsa Lopez
Council Member Freddy Valdez
Council Member Brady Jenkins
Council Member Felipe Pérez

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. GRANT FUNDS – Aquatic Center, Resource Officer**
- 2. PARKS & RECREATION**
- 3. KIDS SCHOOL SAFETY & SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL**
- 4. HIGH SCHOOL DROP OFF AREA TRAFFIC FLOW**

- 5. HOUSING & APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT UPDATE
- 6. IMPACT FEES UPDATE
- 7. LOCATION FOR FUTURE POTENTIAL SCHOOL SITE
- 8. PESTICIDE USE ON PUBLIC PROPERTIES
- 9. TREES AT LAKE JOALLEN & ALMOND ORCHARD
- 10. KIDS & VAPING
- 11. POLICE DEPARTMENT & SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP
- 12. KINDERGARTEN TO COLLEGE BANK ACCOUNTS PROGRAM
- 13. ACTION ITEMS – SCHOOL BUSINESS
 - A. Recommendation to approve the First Interim Report for the Period Ending October 31, 2019 and the District Certification of the Interim Report (Fiscal Year 2019-2020)
 - B. Recommendation to approve the Out-of-State trip request from Firebaugh High School Volleyball Coach/Athletic Director Kacey Jones to attend the American Volleyball Coaches Association in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania December 16-20, 2019

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Lodging Costs:	\$600.00	(ASB Athletics)
Travels Cost:	\$600.00	(K. Jones)
Substitute Costs:	<u>\$580.00</u>	(District)
Total Estimated Cost:	\$2839.00	
- 14. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- 16. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Certification of posting the Agenda
I declare under penalty of perjury that I am employed by the City of Firebaugh and that I posted this agenda on the bulletin boards at City Hall, December 6, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. by Rita Lozano, Deputy City Clerk.

Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District
and the
City of Firebaugh/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Firebaugh

Board of Trustees ~ **SPECIAL JOINT** ~ Board Meeting

December 09, 2019
6:00 PM

Firebaugh High School Library Media Center
1976 Morris Kyle Drive
Firebaugh, CA 93622

- 1. OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL / QUORUM ESTABLISHED**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 5. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - 5.a. Grant Funds - Update on Joint Applications**
 - *Aquatic Center*
 - *Resource Officer*
 - 5.b. Parks and Recreation**
 - 5.c. Kids School Safety & Safe Routes to School**
 - 5.d. High School Drop Off Area Traffic Flow**
 - 5.e. Housing and Apartment Development Update**
 - 5.f. Impact Fees Update**
 - 5.g. Location for Future Potential School Site**
 - 5.h. Pesticide Use on Public Properties**
 - 5.i. Trees at Lake Joallen & Almond Orchard**
 - 5.j. Kids & Vaping**
 - 5.k. Police Department and School Partnership**
 - 5.l. Kindergarten to College Bank Accounts Program**

6. ACTION ITEMS

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Total Estimated Cost:	\$2,839.00	

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Board on any non-agenda item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction the Board. The public also has an opportunity to comment on agenda items at this time.

Individual speakers shall be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the president may increase or decrease the time allowed for public presentation, depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard. The president may take a poll of speakers for or against a particular issue and may ask that additional person speak only if they have something new to add.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. COMMUNITY AND STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS

10. BOARD/COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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TEAMING UP AGAINST TOXINS

Cal students and groundskeepers see beyond the spotlessly green fields

BY RACHEL TRACHTEN

Monsanto probably didn't see trouble brewing on a campus beach volleyball court. In the spring of 2017, UC Berkeley junior Mackenzie Feldman heard her coach tell the players not to chase the ball in bare feet if it went off the court. The reason? Ranger. The herbicide, made by Monsanto, had just been sprayed nearby.

Feldman was immediately alarmed. A part-native Hawaiian who was born and raised on O'ahu, she is all too familiar with the toxic chemicals—made by corporations like Monsanto, Pioneer, and Syngenta—known to be in heavy use on the islands. Hawai'i, she says, is “ground zero for big ag,” which many believe is related to the state's high rate of birth defects and the emergence of cancer clusters in some communities.

Feldman's outrage struck a chord with her teammate, then-freshman Bridget Gustafson, who hails from Illinois, another big-ag state. She says it was Feldman's urgency in questioning the spraying that initially got her attention. Over time, she says, “I realized it was a human rights issue; the cost is the health and safety of the people spraying, the rest of the student body, and whoever else is using the campus.”

The two teammates set up a meeting with Casey Cox, Cal's supervisor of athletics fields and turf. They arrived armed with 20 pages of research on glyphosate, the active ingredient in Monsanto's herbicides Roundup and Ranger, which was declared a probable carcinogen by the World Health Organization in 2015. (Monsanto was acquired by pharmaceutical giant Bayer in 2018.)





At the university's 2018 Sustainability Summit, Mackenzie Feldman (left) shows off the Herbicide-Free Cal logo with UC Berkeley Chancellor Carol Christ, Bridget Gustafson, and Theron Klos, operations manager for landscape services. Since that time, Feldman has graduated and is leading an Herbicide-Free UC campaign, with progress already well under way at UC Davis.

To the students' surprise, the resistance they got from Cox was purely practical. He agreed with their goal but just didn't have the labor to hand pick all the weeds. Perhaps the volleyball team could help out? "It was easy," says Feldman, who convinced all 19 team members to participate. Cal's student government also stepped up to help write policy and create an Herbicide-Free Cal campaign logo.

GOING TO THE SOURCE

Following her experience on the volleyball court, Feldman penned an op-ed about herbicides on campus for the student-run newspaper, *The Daily Californian*. She'd been learning more about the issue through an environmental biology class taught by Professor Ignacio Chapela. She'd also connected with Professor Philip Stark and his colleagues at Berkeley Open Source Food (BOSF), which had started a petition to reduce herbicide use on campus. BOSF promotes foraging from the nutritionally rich food resource offered by wild and feral edible plants, pointing to the great advantages of reducing both water use and the toxic herbicides we would otherwise be using to kill plants deemed to be weeds.

Feldman's next step made all the difference. "What really helped," she says, "was going to the source and asking Theron Klos [Cal's operations manager for landscape services] to reduce herbicide use." Klos has subsequently become an integral part of the transition away from herbicides.

"The students are spectacular," he says. "I appreciate their drive and energy to go herbicide free." Gustafson describes the overall approach as "a collaborative model" in which students are available to help with weeding, sheet mulching, and other tasks. At five workdays held to date, Feldman and Gustafson recruited volunteers from campus service organizations. In addition, the beach volleyball team has taken responsibility for weeding the area around their court.

In March 2017, Klos attended a seminar on organic turf management where he met Susan JunFish, director of the Contra Costa nonprofit Parents for a Safer Environment. JunFish had also gotten to know Feldman and helped secure a \$10,000 grant to bring the nonprofit Beyond Pesticides (BP) to campus. In June 2018, BP horticulture expert Chip Osborne conducted soil analyses and worked with Klos to develop an herbicide-free protocol for eliminating weeds on the two largest green spaces, Memorial Glade and Faculty Glade, as well as along the northern slope near the East Asian Library. BP promotes an organic approach that suppresses weed growth by creating healthier soil through sheet mulching, aeration, native turfgrasses, proper watering, and landscape design.

Klos now has administrative support for these projects from Chancellor Carol Christ, Vice Chancellor Marc Fisher, Associate Vice Chancellor Sally McGarrahan, and Associate Director Felix de Leon. The support includes funding for seed, materials, compost, and some staff time. "We want to make sure it works and see how costly it is and whether we can really sustain it," says Klos. Three years down

Opposite: Mackenzie Feldman (left) and Bridget Gustafson (center) helped to break ground and sheet mulch at a student event organized by Hannah Haugenes (right) to create a toxin-free herbal garden on campus.

the road, he adds, they'll reassess and decide whether to incorporate Osborne's method into other lawns.

BATTLING MONSANTO IN COURT

Herbicide-Free Cal held a public campus event in November 2018. It featured Dewayne Lee Johnson, the 46-year-old former groundskeeper for the Benicia Unified School District who was the first person to successfully sue Monsanto. A San Francisco jury agreed with Johnson's claim that his advanced lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system, was caused by exposure to glyphosate. The jury also unanimously found that the corporation had failed to warn Johnson and other consumers of the carcinogenic risks of using the product. His award of \$289 million was reduced by the judge to \$78 million. Since this case, a second plaintiff has been awarded over \$80 million in a similar lawsuit.

Before introducing the panel for the campus event, Feldman described how she and Johnson had become friends when she and her mother attended his trial. Fighting tears, she told a packed room that she recalls feeling overwhelmed by emotion at the trial as the opposition gave its closing remarks. Right then and there, she wrote Johnson a letter stating her admiration for his efforts and describing her work on the Herbicide-Free Cal campaign. Feldman gave the letter to one of Johnson's lawyers, who passed it on.

Also on the panel at the campus event, Cal professor of integrative biology Tyrone Hayes spoke about his research on the agricultural herbicide atrazine. He described its harmful effects on frogs and recounted the steps manufacturer Syngenta has taken to intimidate him and discredit his work. Another panelist was Diane Williams, an educator at Planting Justice, who described her successful battle with the Oakland Unified School District to end the spraying of Roundup on school property.

MY MOM WAS YELLING AT THE MONSANTO GUY

Feldman's activism connects back to her family: She describes attending a "so-called farmers' market" on O'ahu with her mother in the summer of 2015 after Maui County voters had narrowly supported a ban on GMOs. Monsanto was running TV commercials saying the ban would cause a loss of jobs. At this market, representatives from Monsanto, Dow, and DuPont claimed that Roundup was safer than apple cider vinegar. "We got kicked out because my mom was yelling at the Monsanto guy," Feldman recalls.

Feldman graduated from Cal in 2018 and recently launched Herbicide-Free UC with the goal of banning herbicides at all the UC schools. The national nonprofit Food & Water Watch has signed on as Feldman's fiscal sponsor, and she recently hired two Fellows each at UC Davis, UC Riverside, and UCLA. In addition, Feldman continues to collaborate with Gustafson, who is now



On this visit to the North Berkeley Farmers' Market, Mackenzie Feldman ran into several people she had met through her work advocating for elimination of harmful chemical inputs on farms, campuses, and community spaces. Here she updates farmer Eddie Diaz of San Benito County farm Golden Rule Organics on her progress with the campus initiative.

leading the campaign at UC Berkeley. In her spare time, Feldman is writing a cookbook with her mom. (See pages 32–34.)

AN HERBICIDE-FREE GARDEN

In January 2019, students held a groundbreaking and sheet mulching event to create an herbicide-free herbal garden just outside campus eatery Brown's California Café. Cal senior Hannah Haugen of the group Housing & Dining Sustainability Advocates wrote a successful grant to establish the garden, which will supply fresh culinary and medicinal herbs to the campus food pantry, the larger campus community, and possibly to the café kitchen. Haugen coordinated the project with Theron Klos, whose grounds crew provided equipment and will install drip irrigation. In addition to preparing the ground for planting, Haugen says, the event was an opportunity to talk with other students about "a larger transition on our campus toward organic urban gardening." Feldman and Gustafson joined about 15 other enthusiastic students who together spent several hours digging out the lawn and layering the dirt with cardboard, compost, and mulch.

Gustafson is thinking ahead about the possibility of incorporating her work on Herbicide-Free Cal into her career. She's studying molecular environmental biology and says she may even do research on pesticide toxicology when she graduates. "So many of the pesticides sprayed contain carcinogens," she says. "It seems like such an unnecessary risk, and the value of human life is so much greater than the need to have a spotless green field." ☺

herbicidefreeuc.com and facebook.com/herbicidefreecal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

SPEED SESSIONS

2:45 - 4:00 p.m. Room 102 A-C

Kindergarten to College: \$50 Million Could be Yours (2:45 - 3:05 p.m.)

Low-income families in San Francisco have saved more than \$4 million for college through the Kindergarten to College (K2C) program. K2C is the first universal and automatic college savings account in the country and was inspired by research that shows that if a child grows up with a college savings account in his or her own name, that child is up to seven times more likely to go to college compared to a child without an account. Governor Newsom has put funding in the state budget to replicate this program statewide. Learn how your city could be next.

SPEAKER | José Cisneros, Treasurer, City and County of San Francisco

The Santa Rosa Story: Housing Crisis to Housing Opportunity (3:10 - 3:30 p.m.)

When faced with a housing crisis made worse by a disaster that destroys 5 percent of your housing stock, what do you do? This session will take the audience through the Santa Rosa Story and how they handled the loss of 5 percent of their housing stock (moving over half into the rebuild process in less than a year), and at the same time worked to address the mounting housing crisis by implementing numerous housing policies, process improvements, fee reductions, use of city property, and regional partnerships in place to spur new housing construction in the downtown near transit. Does it take a disaster to do this? No.

SPEAKER | David Guhin, Assistant City Manager, Santa Rosa

Preserving Community Identity

(3:35 - 3:55 p.m.)

Issues like homelessness, affordable housing and renewable energy—important subjects that demand urgent attention—dominate our attention. We sometimes forget what characteristics truly define our communities. In our efforts to solve the big problems, we must not treat all communities as interchangeable but celebrate their differences. This session focuses on how to embrace one's unique community identity even when collaborating with other local jurisdictions on regional or statewide issues. Norco survives by being different—carving out a low-density equestrian lifestyle with a Western-themed physical environment—while addressing 21st century issues facing the Golden State.

SPEAKER | Kevin Bash, Council Member, Norco

City Attorneys' General Session

2:45 - 4:00 p.m. Room 104 BC

MODERATOR: Celia Brewer, City Attorney, Carlsbad

Municipal Tort and Civil Rights Litigation Update

SPEAKER | Timothy T. Coates, Managing Partner, Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland LLP

Is Your City's Website ADA Compliant? What You Should Know!

SPEAKERS | Stephanie Gutierrez, Associate Attorney, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP
Traci Park, Partner, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP