



## **Contra Costa County Library**

### **El Sobrante Library Update**

#### **El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council, April 10, 2019**

Supervisor John Gioia and County Librarian Melinda Cervantes facilitated a community discussion on availability of the library meeting room in the restored library. Community members discussed various ideas for after-hours access to the meeting room.

#### Library meeting room discussion – recorded comments

- Open more evenings (add Tuesday pm)
- Open more days
- “quasi-independent” meeting room available after hours
- Restroom in “new” staff area
- 1 or 2 entrances for fire code (49 people)
- Restroom in community building
- Security code access (zoned – separate from rest of library)
- Community building meeting space capacity
- Community building - ~20 with chairs; ~10 with tables
- Community building security and restrooms
- Community building security when in use
- Friends material – restroom access
- Community building – 3<sup>rd</sup> entrance for restroom
- Set policy with Friends and Historical Society for screening
- Operable wall from staff room to meeting room
- Ability to block restroom v. staff room
- Catastrophic to community (meeting rooms)
- Open staff/restroom to community use
- Staff – move door; add security to back exit
- Fire code issues?
- Meetings – 9 to 9:30 and later
- Spawners, East Bay Radio Club, Greener El Sobrante – meeting days and times
- Library open more hours v change to design (cost benefit)
- Open 2 nights to 9pm
- Liability if library available after hours
- Data – community groups and when they use building meeting rooms

- Meetings done at 9pm?
- Future use of plaza
- 49+ attendees – what is egress?
- 49+ - use of public restrooms
- 3 ways – solve for the long-term
  - Partition meeting room to staff restroom
  - Extend library hours
  - Independent structure in parking lot or another Porta Potty
- County funding or cuts? Impact on long-term
- High quality Porta Potty w/ vandalism reduction
- Community building wifi
- Next steps
  - Study and report out next MAC
  - Survey groups
- Use increases safety
- Make staff restroom at front; change back restroom to public restroom
- Exhibits and artwork display