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AGENDA JULY 20, 2015

Meeting of the Homestead Valley Community Council

3:00 p.m. at the Flamingo Heights Community Center
55977 Perris Road

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Delegate List

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes of May Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Betty Munson

1. Guest Comments on items not on the agenda

2. Election of Officers

3. SB County Fire Dept - Chief Rick Denison

4. SB County Sheriffs Dept - Sgt. Rick Millard

5. Jim Schooler Representative from State Senator Jean Fuller

6. Marine Training Scheduled for Shared Use Area

7. Caltrans Public Meeting & Dollar General turn lane

Please comment on both the meeting and the redesigned turnout

8. Renewable Energy Projects Questionable poll reporting majority of voters favor DRECP

9. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs

10. Committees:

Fund Raising/Events-no activity planned

Advisory-no meeting of association presidents needed

Public Outreach (Betty Munson)

Community Services/Improvements/Cooperation (Rick Sayers)

Scenic 247 (Betty Munson)

11. President's Report -

12. Action Items - Community Reports List - Announcements

12. Adjourn - next meeting Monday, August 17, 3:00 p.m.

Location: Yucca Mesa? 3133 Balsa Ave just off Aberdeen Rd.

HVCC DELEGATES / COMMITTEE LIST

January 2015

INTERIM OFFICERS

President: Joanna Wright

Vice President: Rick Sayers

Secretary/ Treasurer: Betty Munson

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Members appointed by the 4 HVCC Organizations, residing in the community they represent.

Up to 3 voting members from each community, plus alternate to vote in case of an absence.

Adrienne Bishop	Landers	364-2345	
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Larry Parrott	FHCA	333-1196	roselarp@exede.net
Rick Sayers	YMIA	574-6598	rick@ricksayers.com
Joanna Wright	JVIA	364-2207	henryspiano@aol.com

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Committee members not required to be members of the Council

Audit:

Marine Base Expansion: Chairperson: Amy Granat
Betty Munson, Michele Myers, Jim Harvey

STANDING COMMITTEES

Fund Raising/Events: activity postponed till further notice

Scenic 247 Committee Chairperson: Betty Munson

Advisory Committee Presidents of the 4 HVCC Community Associations

Community Outreach Chairperson: Betty Munson
Jim Hanley, Rick Sayers

Community Services / Improvements / Cooperation Chairperson: Rick Sayers
Jim Hanley

MINUTES JUNE 15, 2015
Meeting of the Homestead Valley Community Council
3:00 p.m. at the Johnson Valley Community Center
50567A Quailbush Rd at Larrea Rd

Open with flag salute 3:03

-Roll Call/Delegate List Beverly Burkitt, Jim Harvey, Michael Krantz, Larry Parrott absent. List approved

Guests: Richard Selby, chair LV-JV MAC; Chuck Bell, president LVEDA; Lorrie Steely, Mojave Communities Coalition Collaborative; Kim Abramson, Vic Johnston, John Jones, Johnson Valley; Mike Lipsitz. Landers; Rick Millard, SB County Sheriffs; Dan Filter, SB County Fire Dept.; Roxane Shamay, Citizens on Patrol; Dennis Staley, Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency; Gary and Floy Cleveling

-Agenda approved

-Minutes of May Meeting approved

-Treasurer's Report: Betty Munson approved

1. Guest Comments on items not on the agenda None

2. Election of Officers Tabled until By-Laws review and more delegates added.
President requested each member to recruit delegates to Council

3. SB County Fire Dept - Dan Filter, designated Chief Div. 1 3 calls in last month for medical aid. Wildland Refresher Training as wildfire season approaches. Fire Department cutting back on non-emergency water use, test without water runoff.

4. SB County Sheriffs Dept - Sgt. Rick Millard stats for May
MB001 Johnson Valley: 13 calls for service, 4 reports, 2 arrests
MB002 Landers, Flamingo Heights, Yucca Mesa, also Wonder Valley: 299 calls for service, 43 reports, 8 arrests.
Audience questions answered: For information about setting up Neighborhood Watch, call Sheriffs Services Specialist, 760-366-4175. There is a jail at the Joshua Tree station. Discussed effects of reducing the status of some crimes from felonies to misdemeanors; first-time misdemeanor offender will be fingerprinted, photographed, released, but at least is on record.

5. Caltrans Public Meeting June 16, tomorrow at Flamingo Heights Community Center after potluck dinner.
Discussion Dollar General turnout lane. Caltrans representative Terri Kazinga.

6. Renewable Energy Projects Chuck Bell, Richard Selby and Lorrie Steely all participated in the successful opposition to the Bowman Solar project in Landers. They were invited to speak about the Lone Valley Solar installation on Camp Rock Road in Lucerne Valley, and the Solar One project application to be built on a site directly to the east across the road.

Chuck related their experience with the first applicants for the Lone Valley site (formerly two sites, Agincourt and Marathon). This application was in before the County Solar Moratorium or ordinance were written. Chuck and Richard consulted with planners, pointed out many problems including terrain, slope and drainage, close neighbors, water usage for dust control. Site plan was revised, but then the property was sold. New owner used original defective plan. Construction began in spring with non-local union workers, huge dust clouds were created by grading surface soil and rocks, far more water used than projected, traffic and noise disturbance. Huge cost overruns caused by striking hidden boulders when installing panel supports, and by citations from Code Enforcement and Air Quality Management District. Property tax will only be assessed on the fencing, not the solar installation, a loss to the County and to Lucerne Valley.

Even though three County Supervisors visited the area and agreed the Lone Valley site was inappropriate, Chuck was advised that an appeal would be a waste of money, it was already a done deal.

Richard reviewed the flooding potential of the Lone Valley location, impeding natural percolation of water from the mountains into the Cushenbury watershed, endangering downstream residents, roads and the highway as runoff flows to Lucerne Dry Lake. He said all this discussion with County and company was occurring during election time, no MAC or Field Rep, so he presented objections as representative of small water company in the area.

All negative impacts of Lone Valley apply to the Solar One 20 MW PV project site, also in the Cushenbury watershed.

Lorrie reported on public comments at the Solar One scoping meeting, including the invasion of rodents into the houses of nearby residents followed by snakes after the disruption of habitat caused by Lone Valley Solar. Both she and Chuck will forward the scoping comments by MC3 and LVEDA respectively, Council agreed to send a letter to Land Use Services, endorsing LVEDA points, deadline today.

Lucerne Valley has repeatedly offered an alternative site, acceptable to the community, a large area called Tamarisk Flats near the Dry Lake, suitable for PV solar, level, stable clay-containing soil, naturally screened from view, crossed by existing SCE power lines, unsuitable for any other use.

7. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs

-Morongo Basin MAC- no report

-LV-JV MAC Richard Selby reported action item, MAC recommendations to Supervisor concerning Solar One project.

Also a presentation on the Big Bear Zoo, the Desert Solar project for the parking lot and roof of the Lucerne Valley Market and hardware. Former Visalia swimming pool property will be redesigned as a County park.

9. Committees:

Fund Raising/Events-no events planned

Advisory - no issue requiring meeting of association presidents

Public Outreach (Betty Munson) placed radio, newspaper announcements of meeting; HVCC Calendar updates; poster for Homestead Valley Park July 3 fireworks.

Community Services/Improvements/Cooperation (Rick Sayers) Ignacio Nuñez, Code Enforcement said cleanup bin availability will be known July 1. YMIA tentative date Oct 3, JVIA date requested Oct 10.

Scenic 247 (Betty Munson) no progress reported from the County

9. President's Report - no report

10. Action Items and Community Reports List

-HVCC Comment endorsing LVEDA comment on Solar One. Comments due by June 15. H

-Email July 3 Homestead Valley Park Poster to communities

Announcements:

-Flamingo Heights Potluck Dinner tomorrow 6pm, \$6 donation, \$1 with a dish. Caltrans meeting after, about 6:45.

-Yucca Mesa Ham radio Field Day, June 26-28, catered food. Potluck Friday, June 26, speaker on astronomy. June 29, soapmaking class. CERT emergency supplies container to be sited on Community Center property.

-Landers, painting interior of Belfield Hall almost finished, no plans for restaurant, former space used for Thrift Store is available, preferably for fundraising purposes. CERT container also to be sited here.

-July 3rd Homestead Valley Park Celebration and Fireworks, free admission, music by California Celts, beer garden, vendors, face painting, bounce house. Marine Corps Color Guard and equipment display.

-Johnson Valley July 4 Two-Buck Chuckwagon - games at 4:00, hot dogs & hamburgers plus special dessert bar; Beer, wine 2.00 each, ice cold drinks, 1.00 Early start 4:00; dinner at 5:00.

July 5, Johnson Valley Baptist Church, speaker and musician Steve Cook, pastor of Wayside Chapel, at service beginning 10:30, free lunch at noon, bbq hot dogs and hamburgers.

Household Hazardous Waste cleanup at Lucerne Valley, Saturday, June 20.

11. Adjourned 4:40

Next meeting 3rd Monday, July 20, 3:00 p.m. at Flamingo Heights Community Center.

Betty Munson, secretary
760-364-2646

**HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 20, 2015**

HVCC Checking Account

BEGINNING BALANCE – 6/1/15	\$2,591.28
INCOME	0.00
EXPENSES:	0.00
ENDING BALANCE CHECKING – 6/30/15	\$2,591.28

HVCC Savings Account

BEGINNING BALANCE – 6/1/15	\$4,139.07
INCOME	0.00
INTEREST DEP.....	0.03
ENDING BALANCE – 6/30/15.....	\$4,139.10

Total HVCC Assets\$6,730.38

CASH IN BANK:

US BANK – CHECKING	\$2,591.28
US BANK – SAVINGS	4,139.10
TOTAL CASH IN BANK ACCOUNTS	\$6,730.38

LEGEND:

CK - CHECK

DC - DEBIT CARD

DEP - DEPOSIT

EFT – ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

BETTY MUNSON
TREASURER

On Thu, Jul 9, 2015 at 10:52 AM, Symons, Katrina <ksymons@blm.gov> wrote:

The Marine Corps recently notified BLM of their plans to utilize the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area for military training from August 1-30, 2016, and of the associated temporary closure. BLM is working with the Marines to address issues associated with this military training/closure, and to keep the public informed.

BACKGROUND: On December 26, 2013 the National Defense Authorization Act of 2014 (NDAA) was signed into law, authorizing the Marine Corps to occupy the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area (SUA) for two 30-day periods annually during which time the area would be closed to the public. See attached Johnson Valley Subregion map.

The Marines have established a project website to obtain additional information. The project website is

<http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G5CommunityPlansPAO/JohnsonValley.aspx>

The Marines have also developed a mobile app for Johnson Valley OHV Recreation Area to alert the user to the SUA temporary closures for military training and when the user approaches/crosses into an area permanently closed to public access. I've attached the instructions for obtaining this free app.

If you have questions regarding the August 1-30, 2016 temporary closure of the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area, contact me (contact information is below) or the Marines at 760-830-3737; smbplmsjohnsonvalley@usmc.mil.

Respectfully, Katrina

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