



AGENDA: February 21, 2022 MEETING

3:00 p.m. at Johnson Valley Community Center, 50567-A Quailbush Rd.

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Flag Salute

Roll Call/Delegate List

Approve Agenda

Minutes of January 17, 2022 Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Floy Creveling

1. Guest Comments

2. 29 Palms MCAGCC – Kimberly Pope

3. SB County Fire – Chief Scott Tuttle

4. CAL Fire - Battalion Chief Alison Hesterly

5. SB County Sheriffs Dept – Capt. Lucas Niles

6. SB County 3rd District – Supervisor Dawn Rowe and Representative Steve Reyes

7. Assemblyman Thurston Smith – Representative Dillon Lesovsky

8. State Senator Shannon Grove – Representative Dominic Heiden

9. EDF Renewables. Possible windmills in Johnson Valley? – Jim Harvey

10. Discuss Changing the HVCC Third Monday Meeting Cycle – Jim Harvey

11. Committees:

1. *Standing:* Public Outreach (Betty Munson)

2. *Ad Hoc:* Scenic Highway 247 (Betty Munson)

12. President's Report

13. Community Reports List – Announcements

14. Review Action Items From This Meeting

Next HVCC meeting: Monday, March 21st, 3:00 pm

Flamingo Heights Community Center, 55977 Perris St

Adjourn

HVCC DELEGATES / COMMITTEE LIST

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.

Kim Abramson	JVIA alternate
Adrienne Bishop	Landers
Digna Cassens	Flamingo Heights
Floy Creveling	Landers
Toby Gramm	FHCA
Jim Hanley	JVIA
Jim Harvey	JVIA
Judy Laffoon	Landers Alternate
Betty Munson	JVIA
Chris Nichols	YMIA
Rick Sayers	YMIA
Roxanna Shamay	Landers

OFFICERS

President: Jim Harvey
Vice President: Rick Sayers
Secretary: Betty Munson
Treasurer: Floy Creveling

STANDING COMMITTEE

Community Outreach: Chairperson: Betty Munson
Jim Hanley, Rick Sayers

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Scenic 247 Committee: Chairperson: Betty Munson
Phillip Brown, Barbara Harris, Jim Harvey, Sarah Kennington, Sara Fairchild, Chuck Bell

Committee members not required to be members of the Council



January 17, 2022 Minutes
3:00 p.m. at Landers Belfield Hall
58380 Reche Rd.

- Flag Salute
- Kim Abramson did the Roll Call - Betty Munson and Toby Gramm absent.
- Jim Hanley makes a motion to adopt the Agenda. Floy Creveling seconds. 8 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.
- Roxanna Shamay makes a motion to approve the November and December Minutes. Adrienne Bishop seconds. 8 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report given by Floy Creveling. Beginning balance \$13,380.84. Ending balance \$12,394.92. Chris Nichols makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Rick Sayers seconds. 8 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed. (See attached).

1. Guest Comments – none.

2. 29 Palms MCAGCC – none.

3. SB County Fire Dept – Dan Munsey speaks. Giving praise to Mike McClintock.

4. Cal Fire – There were 42 calls this month. To have a fire, one must be 18 years of age or older. It can be a 2 x 3 camp fire permitted/changed to non permit. The wind have to be less than 10 miles per hour. There were 10 fire calls in HVCC district. Chad Mayes got a \$11-12 million dollar grant for a new fire station in Yucca Valley.

5. State Assemblyman Thurston "Smitty" Smith – Jim Harvey reads field representative Dillon Levosky's written report.

6. State Senator Shannon Grove - Jim Harvey reads field representative Dominic Heiden's written report.

7. SB County 3rd District Supervisor Dawn Rowe – Dawn Rowe says: 1. **Illegal dumping** is a priority for my office. With the help of both County Code Enforcement and the inmate team and Burrtec, over 2 tons in Wonder Valley and 3.3 tons in Yucca Valley were recently cleaned up. 2. **Renewable Energy Project** Brought to my attention that there may be a large, significant wind energy project coming to Johnson Valley on either state or BLM land. Supposedly, it may be sited in a Development Focus Area under the DRECP. I am trying to find out more and will

report back. 3. **Vacation Rental Ordinance Update: County to Amend Short Term Rental Ordinance** The County of San Bernardino is set to amend the current Short Term Rental (STR) program. The Planning Commission is tentatively set to consider the amendments on February 3, 2022. We encourage you to present your thoughts and recommendations to the County for their consideration.

8. San Bernardino County Illegal Cannabis Farm Abatement Ordinance Update – Cannabis Abatement Ordinance This is the best two ways to notify the sheriff's department are by calling Sheriff's Gangs/Narcotics Division or email. Jim Harvey starts the Operation Hammer Strike Community Briefing Video dated December 21, 2021 <https://youtube.com/watch?v=TiRNOHqu21>

9. Redistricting Finished. Now what? - Redistricting New square miles in my district: just under 10,000 square miles. My old district was 3,797 square miles, new one is 9,616 square miles.

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12. Community Reports List – Announcements – Kim Abramson says Johnson Valley Improvement Association will be having its Baked Potato dinner on February 5, 2022 at 5 pm for \$5 per person. Breakfast is from 7 am to 10 am every Saturday morning. Friday is Pinochle Club from 12pm to 4 pm. Floy Creveling says the 2nd Saturday is the craft faire at the Landers Association. Rick Sayers says Yucca Mesa Improvement Association is still here. Building can be rented for weddings, bar/bat mitzvah's, baby showers, etc. Digna Cassens says Jason Hanson is looking into another grant for Flamingo Heights Community Association. The building is still not open.

13. Review Action Items From This Meeting Jim Harvey says he will be working with Dan Munsey and the Red Brennan Group.

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Johnson Valley Improvement Association, 50567 A Quailbush Rd. Johnson Valley

Adjourn

Homestead Valley Community Council, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

For the month of January 2022

Checking Account:

Beginning Statement Balance 01/01/2022..... \$12,394.92

Income..... \$ 9.22

EFT PayPal donation of \$9.22 (\$10.00 - \$0.78 fees = \$9.22)

Expense..... \$ 35.92

CK#703 for \$35.92 - reimbursement to Jim Harvey for presenters' holiday acknowledgements

Ending Statement Balance 01/31/2022..... \$12,368.22

Total HVCC Assets in Bank 01/31/2022..... \$12,368.22*

***The actual checkbook balance is currently \$12,377.53**

There has been a PayPal donation of \$9.31 (\$10.00 – 0.69) since the 01/31/22 bank statement

Legend:

CK – Check DC– Debit Card DEP-Deposit EFT– Electronic Funds Transfer

Floy Creveling

Treasurer

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Lemm, Travis@CALFIRE** <Travis.Lemm@fire.ca.gov>
Date: Fri, Feb 18, 2022 at 1:53 PM
Subject: Re: HVCC MEETING IN JOHNSON VALLEY MONDAY
To: Betty M <ranchotaj@gmail.com>
Cc: Hesterly, Alison@CALFIRE <Alison.Hesterly@fire.ca.gov>

Hi Betty,

Both Alison and I are in Bishop due to the fire up here so we will not make it Monday.

A few updates for CALFIRE-

Very dry conditions exist in all areas.

Wintertime staffing has been busy with multiple fires in the state, Emerald fire in Orange County, Colorado fire in Big Sur, Airport fire in Bishop.

We are expecting to staff engines and stations earlier than normal due to the current conditions.

A new Division Chief has been hired at the CALFIRE Fenner Canyon Camp. His name is Joe Pidgeon. He has over 30 years of experience with CALFIRE. He will oversee the camp and the CALFIRE Desert Battalion.

We hope to make it to the next meeting.

Thanks

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CALFIRE BDU
Battalion 3512
Desert Battalion
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THURSTON "SMITTY" SMITH

33RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

HVCC Feb 2022



2022 Bill Package

- **AB 1874** – bill that would change the \$500 dollar cap for unlicensed contractor work to apply to the labor cost rather than the cost of labor and materials. Materials have gone up nearly 20% nationally. This aims to help the small folks like handymen.
- **AB 2105** – this bill would reduce the Contractor State License Board fees by 50 percent for an honorably discharged veteran applying for their initial licenses.
- **AB 2333** – this bill allows for additional penalties if a crime specifically targets a victim as a peace officer. Under the hate crime statute, this penalty can result in one to three years in prison added to an offender's sentence. According to the National Fraternal Order of Police Statistics, ambush style attacks on law enforcement officers were up 91% last year. In fact, there was a San Bernardino County sheriff's deputy who was ambushed after a deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop.
- **AB 1725** – Amends Proposition 64 to make the illegal cultivation of marijuana from a misdemeanor to a felony. Bill has been referred to the public safety committee and the business and professions committee.

Sacramento Update

- **AB 1993** (Oppose) – this bill introduced by Asm. Buffy Wicks would create a new government framework for California employers to be responsible for vaccination programs in their workplaces. It would require each person who is an employee or independent contractor to show proof to the employer and they must be vaccinated by COVID-19.
- **AB 1599** (Support)– this bill repeals Prop 47 and Asm. Smith is a coauthor of it. It has been referred to the public safety committee. Prop 47 implemented three broad changes to felony sentencing laws and created a lot of the issues we have with smash and grabs throughout CA.

From: Childers, Jeffery K <jchilders@blm.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:35 PM
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Wind Farm Testing

The authorization is for 3 towers in specific locations within the JV DFA and is the installation only includes the MET towers and the access roads. None of the towers have been installed yet so I don't have specific locations.

Jeffery K. Childers, MPA
Acting Field Manager
Barstow Field Office

From: Childers, Jeffery K <jchilders@blm.gov<<mailto:jchilders@blm.gov>>>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:26 PM
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Wind Farm Testing

Chuck,

The BLM authorized the temporary installation of 3 meteorological test towers to EDF renewables located on BLM managed lands within the Johnson Valley Development Focus Area as designated in the DRECP. The authorization is for 3 years and can be renewed for another 3 years. There is no development proposal to our knowledge at this time.

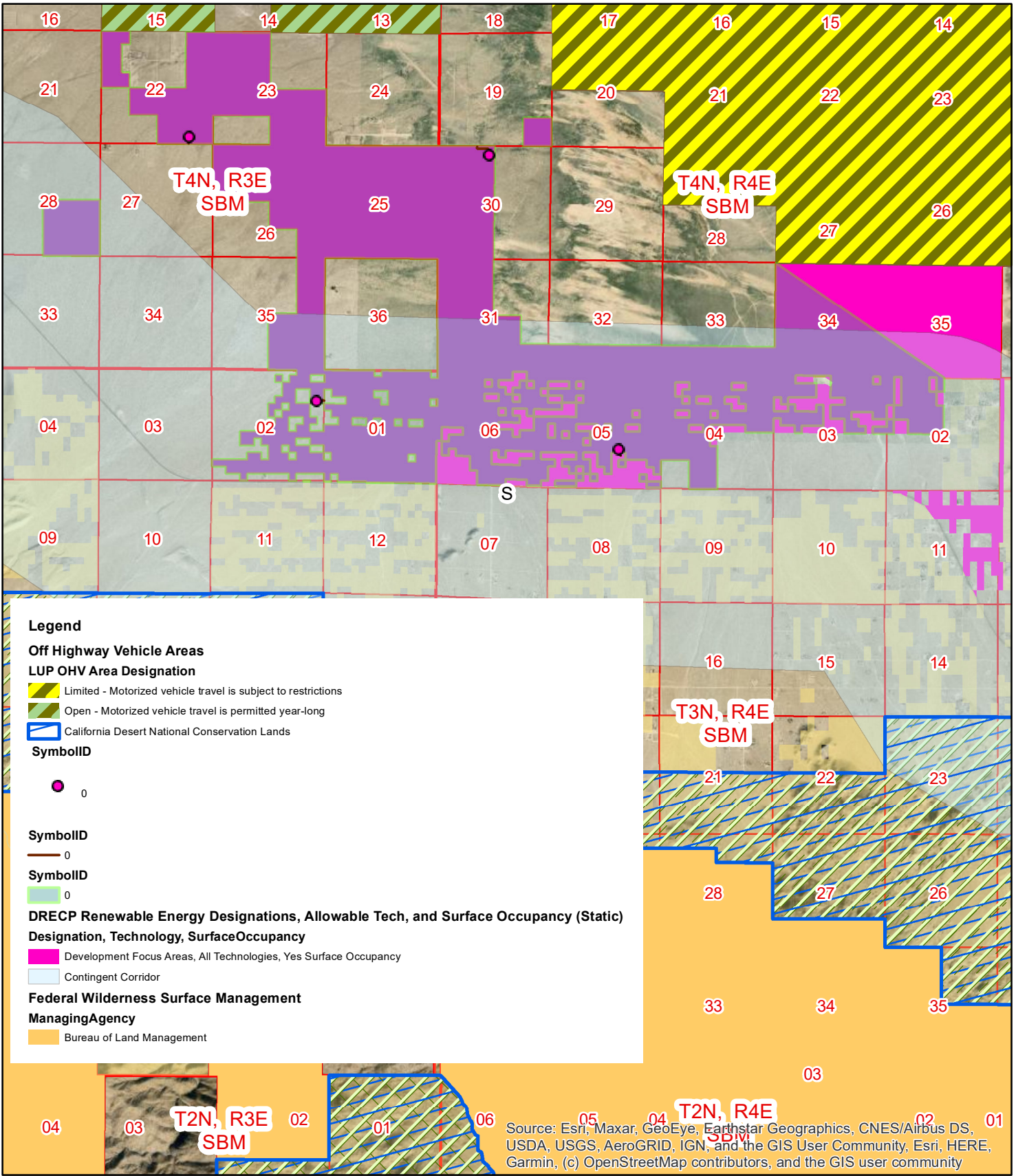
Jeffery K. Childers, MPA
Acting Field Manager
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- Tracking Number: DOI-BLM-2022-002233
- Requester Name: Mr. James J Harvey
- Date Submitted: 02/17/2022
- Request Status: Submitted
- Description: I am writing on behalf of Homestead Valley Community Council. It has come to our attention through email contact with your Barstow, CA field office (email attached) that a company named EDF Renewables has applied for and received authorization to temporarily install 3 meteorological test towers and build access roads to them. We are told the authorized area is in a DRECP Development Focus Area (DFA) in Johnson Valley CA, about 50 miles southeast of Barstow CA. We are formally making this FOIA request for the application, filed by EDF Renewables or any affiliate thereof, to seek authority to install meteorological test towers and access roads within the Johnson Valley Development Focus Area as designated in the DRECP. We are also formally requesting the BLM response documents related to the approval of the application, and any other documents related to this BLM authorization with maps and/or GPS data or other data indicating the proposed location of the meteorological test towers and access roads, either general or specific.

We appreciate your assistance in fulfilling this FOIA.

Sincerely,
James Harvey
President, Homestead Valley Community Council
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Johnson Valley Met Towers



Johnson Valley Wind Testing
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Development Focused Area
10/29/2021

