



AGENDA: June 21, 2021 MEETING

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

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Flag Salute

Moment of Silence For SBCSD Sergeant Dominic Vaca

Roll Call/Delegate List

Approve Agenda

Minutes of May meeting not yet available. Will be on July agenda.

Treasurer's Report: Floy Creveling

HVCC Officer Elections / Oath of Office

- 1. SB County Fire – Chief Tuttle**
- 2. SB County Sheriffs Dept –**
- 3. 29 Palms MCAGCC – Kimberly Pope**
- 4. SB County 3rd District Supervisor Dawn Rowe**
- 5. State Senator Shannon Grove – Representative Dominic Heiden**
- 6. HVCC Support For MB MAC Resolution MB-MAC022 Honoring SBCSD Sergeant Dominic Vaca**
- 7. HVCC Letter To Mojave Water Agency Supporting Resolution 1101-21**
- 8. Cancelled Solstice Fest Expenses**
- 9. Committees:**
 1. *Standing:* Public Outreach (Betty Munson)
 2. *Ad Hoc:* Scenic Highway 247 (Betty Munson)
- 10. President's Report**
- 11. Community Reports List – Announcements**
- 12. Review Action Items From This Meeting**

Next HVCC meeting: Monday, July 19, 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.*

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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

Homestead Valley Community Council, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

For the month of May 2021

Checking Account:

Beginning Balance 05/01/2021.....	\$ 12,250.86
Income.....	\$ 18.82
DEP - Donations through PayPal (2@\$10.00) minus \$1.18 PayPal fees (2@\$0.59) = \$18.82	
Expense.....	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance 05/31/2021.....	\$12,269.68

Total HVCC Assets in Bank 05/31/2021..... \$12,269.68

Legend:

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

Floy Creveling

Treasurer

Morongo Basin Municipal Advisory Council
To Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe
at the Regular Meeting
Monday June 14, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Resolution No. MB-MAC022

**RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT DOMINIC VACA, MORONGO BASIN STATION,
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, On Monday, May 31, 2021, Deputies from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Morongo Basin Station, attempted to stop a motorcycle and a pursuit ensued. The driver ultimately fled on foot into the desert at the termination of the pursuit. While searching for the suspect, Sergeant Dominic Vaca was shot by the suspect. He was transported to Desert Regional Medical Center, where he succumbed to his injuries; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Vaca was 43 years old and a 17 year veteran who leaves behind a wife and two daughters ages 11 years and 4 months; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, Sergeant Vaca was a Detective assigned to the Morongo Basin Station where he investigated numerous crimes which had a lasting impression on the community of the Morongo Basin. He would later be promoted to the rank of Sergeant where he continued his service to the community.

WHEREAS, Sergeant Vaca paid the ultimate price protecting the community of the Morongo Basin; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Morongo Basin, Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) on behalf of its members, recognizes the significant contributions of Sergeant Vaca over the course of his distinguished career and mourns his death.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Morongo Basin Municipal Advisory Council at the regular meeting held this 14th day of June 2021 by the following vote:

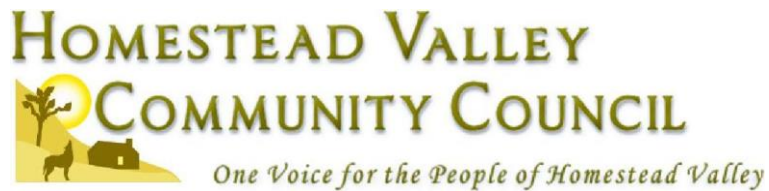
AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

By: _____



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<http://www.hvccsite.org>

June 18, 2021

To:

Mojave Water Agency
Attn: General Manager Kathy Cortner
And Members of the Board of Directors
13846 Conference Center Drive
Apple Valley, CA 92307-4377
(760) 946-7000

**Subject: Homestead Valley Community Council Supports Draft MWA
Resolution 1101-21 on June 24 9:30 AM MWA Meeting Agenda**

Dear General Manager Kathy Cortner and Board of Directors,

The Homestead Valley Community Council (HVCC) was formed in 1996 to address all matters of mutual interest affecting the Morongo Basin unincorporated communities of Yucca Mesa, Flamingo Heights, Landers, and Johnson Valley. We are comprised of delegates appointed through the community associations of each of these member communities. We are in Mojave Water Agency District Division 2 – Director Jim Ventura.

We are writing to express our full support for your draft resolution 1101-21 calling for state action regarding illegal marijuana cultivation, to be considered by the Board of Directors at the June 24th board meeting. The Executive Summary and Background/Analysis contained in the staff recommendations document is well researched and very accurately explains how this horrific proliferation started with Prop 64, and how it can be remedied through legislative intervention at the state level.

HVCC and Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association (LVEDA) have been working on this matter for over a year now, asking for intervention of Prop 64 through amendment by the state legislature since we began our grassroots campaign to help end the explosion of illicit cannabis growing in our communities. It is no coincidence that this problem began with the downgrading of penalties and fines for growing and distributing illegally from felony to minor misdemeanor status, whether it is over law enforcement seizing 6 plants or 6,000 plants. Prop 64 has failed on its Purpose and Intent promise to end illicit marijuana activity. It has instead expanded it to an unimaginable level.

Recently the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution calling for state legislative intervention on Prop 64. It was the first resolution by a California county to do so. Similarly, MWA Resolution 1101-21 accurately identifies the problems with Prop 64, the changes it made to HSC section 11358, and how the legislature can amend it by returning the penalty and fine language back to felony level.

HVCC supports Resolution 1101-21 and we hope the MWA board approves it at the June 24th meeting. It would be the first of its kind coming from a state agency like MWA that we are aware of, and will demonstrate leadership and the willingness to act when facing a problem of the magnitude this scourge brings as it negatively impacts the communities you serve. Please consider this letter as correspondence/comment to the June 24th Board Meeting agenda item for Resolution 1101-21.

Sincerely,

James Harvey

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Harvey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized 'J' and 'H'.

President, Homestead Valley Community Council
(On behalf of HVCC)

RESOLUTION NO. 1101-21

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MOJAVE WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REQUESTING IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITH REGARD TO
ILLEGAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT SAFE AFFORDABLE
DRINKING WATER FOR ALL**

WHEREAS, In November 2016, California voters approved Proposition 64, known as "The Adult Use of Marijuana Act;"

WHEREAS, Among the many changes to state laws included in Proposition 64 is a provision which reduced illegal cannabis cultivation from a felony to a misdemeanor offense except in certain specific circumstances listed in Section 8.2(d), codified at section 11358 of the Health & Safety Code;

WHEREAS, Since the adoption of Proposition 64, an alternative illegal market exists to circumvent the legal process of cultivating and selling marijuana. Illegal grows avoid the normal regulatory process established by Proposition 64 and local ordinances designed to balance public safety and the economy. Irreversible environmental damage occurs every day at illegal grows using illegal pesticides and waterway diversion. Non-permitted water wells exist to ensure continued growth of illegal marijuana. Misdemeanor punishment alone is not a deterrent to any of these practices and fails to protect those who follow Proposition 64 from unfair labor practices.

WHEREAS, Since adoption of Proposition 64, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department experienced a 224 percent increase in the seizure of illegal marijuana plants, a 620 percent increase in confiscated firearms that were discovered while executing search warrants at illegal cannabis farms, and a 463 percent increase in recovered illicit cannabis concentrate products;

WHEREAS, Commercial cannabis cultivation is prohibited in all unincorporated areas of the County of San Bernardino;

WHEREAS, Section 10 of "The Adult Use of Marijuana Act" specifies that amendments to provisions contained in Proposition 64 may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the California State Legislature;

WHEREAS, A core mission of the Mojave Water Agency is to help protect the groundwater basins in the region;

WHEREAS, Increased use of water by illegal grow operations in rural areas, comprised mostly of disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities, is occurring without regard to payment for the water supply to replenish the basins;

WHEREAS, Chemicals, such as carbofuran, have been found at illegal grow sites in these same areas that can harm the water quality;

WHEREAS, Impacts to water quality and quantity as a result of these illegal grow operations may impair these disadvantaged communities and small water systems access to clean and affordable drinking water;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Mojave Water Agency Board strongly encourages introduction of legislation in the California State Legislature to increase the severity of

criminal penalties for illegal commercial cannabis cultivation by making this offense a felony.

ADOPTED this 24th day of June 2021.

Jim Ventura, President

Mike Page, Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 20 - _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
REQUESTING IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITH REGARD TO
ILLEGAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION**

On Tuesday, June 8, 2021, on motion of Supervisor _____, duly seconded by Supervisor _____ and carried, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California.

WHEREAS, In November 2016, California voters approved Proposition 64, known as “The Adult Use of Marijuana Act;”

WHEREAS, Among the many changes to state laws included in Proposition 64 is a provision which reduced illegal cannabis cultivation from a felony to a misdemeanor offense except in certain specific circumstances listed in Section 8.2(d), codified at section 11358 of the Health & Safety Code;

WHEREAS, Since the adoption of Proposition 64, an alternative illegal market exists to circumvent the legal process of cultivating and selling marijuana. Illegal grows avoid the normal regulatory process established by Proposition 64 and local ordinances designed to balance public safety and the economy. Irreversible environmental damage occurs every day at illegal grows using illegal pesticides and waterway diversion. Non-permitted water wells exist to ensure continued growth of illegal marijuana. Misdemeanor punishment alone is not a deterrent to any of these practices and fails to protect those who follow Proposition 64 from unfair labor practices.

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WHEREAS, Commercial cannabis cultivation is prohibited in all unincorporated areas of the County of San Bernardino;

WHEREAS, Section 10 of “The Adult Use of Marijuana Act” specifies that amendments to provisions contained in Proposition 64 may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the California State Legislature;

WHEREAS, A core mission of the Board of Supervisors is to help protect the people of San Bernardino County.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino strongly encourages introduction of legislation in the California State Legislature to increase the severity of criminal penalties for illegal commercial cannabis cultivation by making this offense a felony.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS:

NOES: SUPERVISORS:

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS:

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) ss.

I, **LYNNA MONELL**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the record of the action taken by the Board of Supervisors, by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board at its meeting of June 8, 2021.

LYNNA MONELL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy