

## AGENDA: March 16, 2020 MEETING

## 3:00 p.m. at Flamingo Heights Community Center, 55977 Perris St

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Roll Call/Delegate List

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes of February meeting included in agenda packet.

Treasurer's Report: Floy Creveling

- 1. Guest Comments on items not on the agenda
- 2. SB County Fire Battalion Chief Scott Tuttle
- 3. SB County Sheriffs Dept Captain Luke Niles
- 4. Cal Fire -
- 5. California Highway Patrol (CHP) -
- 6. SB County 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor Dawn Rowe Field Representative Mark Lundquist
- 7. State Senator Shannon Grove 16th District Field Representative Dominic Heiden
- 8. Congressman Paul Cook 8<sup>Th</sup> District Field Representative Rick Denison
- 9. SCE's Lugo-Victorville Remedial Scheme Proposal Comments Betty Munson
- 10. Environmental Justice Outreach: Stagecoach Solar Project Lucerne Valley Jim Harvey
- 11. Summer Solstice Fundraiser June 20, 2020
- 12. Committees:
  - 1. Standing: Public Outreach (Betty Munson)
  - 2.Ad Hoc: Scenic Highway 247 (Betty Munson)
- 13. President's Report
- 14. Community Reports List Announcements
- 15. Review Action Items From This Meeting

Next HVCC meeting: Monday, April 20, 3:00 pm

Yucca Mesa Community Center, 3133 Balsa Ave. Yucca Mesa

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

## **MINUTES FEBRUARY 17, 2020 MEETING**

## 3:00 p.m. at the Johnson Valley Community Center

Guests signed in: County 3rd District Supervisor Dawn Rowe; Rick Denison, Field Representative for Congressman Cook; Dominic Heiden, Field Representative for State Senator Shannon Grove; Travis Thogmorton, CalFire; Chuck Bell, Lucerne Valley Economic Development Assn; Steve Bardwell, Sarah Kennington, Pioneertown; Gary Creveling, Mike McBride, Landers; Court Prittie, Linda Walsh, Johnson Valley; Stale Louis-Floki Terranova Nakken, Amy Fauls, R.W. Leon

Flag Salute 3:06 p.m.

Roll Call/Delegate List Absent: Adrienne Bishop, Chris Nichols, Roxanna Shamay

Agenda - approved w/ addition of Rick Denison

Minutes of January meeting - approved

Treasurer's Report: Floy Creveling - approved

- 1. Guest Comments on items not on the agenda none
- 2. SB County Fire unable to attend
- **3. SB County Sheriffs Dept** Cpt Trevis Newport e-mail: compiling stats for activity during King of the Hammers. No major law enforcement events, one minor arrest for public intoxication, some medical-related calls. More details in March.
- 4. Cal Fire Battalion Chief Travis Thogmorton burning allowed, permits being issued for use on AQMD-approved burn days
- 5. Congressman Cook Field Representative Rick Denison discussed King of the Hammers work on different issues, adjoining lands, BLM and fire service. Ask for feedback from locals. Traffic better than in the past, though more people here, with help from law enforcement, CHP, BLM. Made note of the concerns that local wireless communications were nonexistent during several days of the King of the Hammers event. Locals saw interrupted cell phone service, 911, wireless security systems, and online work. Denison, Rowe and others commented on Dave Cole's work and expense alleviating crowd-caused problems for locals. Rowe advised lots of calls to Verizon.
  - -Discussions with Joshua Tree National Park, Joshua Tree road access issues.
  - -Veterans and veterans affairs, great staff to help. Covered in Col Cook's newsletter. Corey, Fred's Tires owner in hospital.
- 5b. California Highway Patrol (CHP) Commander Taylor Cooper e-mailed: Commander as of March 1st to be Eric Lee
- **6. SB County 3rd District Supervisor Dawn Rowe** Rowe reported waiting for a court ruling on a challenge to County methods, caused loss of many 3rd District staff. Four remaining staffers reported to the Chairman until Rowe was allowed to return to work. They now wait from week to week for the docket of Court rulings to see the outcome.
  - -Over 100 calls received about Short-Term Rental ordinance. Inconsistencies in Code Enforcement permit rules give some realtors, homeowners and neighbors cause for complaint.
  - -The draft of the Night Sky Ordinance is not yet released.
  - -Rowe will find answers to questions about difficulties taking recyclables to Landers landfill..
- 7. State Senator Shannon Grove 16th District Field Representative Dominic Heiden described their battle against the state law putting thousands of independent contractors at risk, and Grove's bill introduced to repeal it.
  - -The Governor appointed Grove, the only female veteran Senator, to his military council.
  - -Senator Grove issued a resolution in the State Senate memorializing Dorothy Beasley and expressing sympathy to family and friends, which Heiden read to the meeting and gave to Toby Gramm to take to her husband.
- **8. 2020 Summer Solstice Fest Preparations** Jim Harvey- Date Saturday, June 20, at Homestead Valley Park in Landers. Goal \$2000.00, to purchase audio-visual equipment, screens for two community centers. Possible Landers Open Air Market, Kids' events, Car Show.
- **9. HVCC Meeting Audio and Visual Strategies** plan to add to the four wireless microphones; too much to carry to meetings which rotate among the four community centers. Mike system to be carried by reps for the next meeting.
- 10. Committees:
  - **1. Standing: Public Outreach** (Betty Munson) meeting notices to everyone who has supplied e-mail address. Promo for Help YourNeighbor event March 7.
  - 2. Ad Hoc: Scenic Highway 247 (Betty Munson) Sarah Kennington Caltrans recognizes quality of our draft Visual Assessment, grass roots efforts. Will have details for the Committee after this meeting.
- 11. President's Report already discussed main items

### 12. Community Reports List – Announcements

Johnson Valley, Betty: Corned Beef Dinner, March 7;

Tailgate Swap Meet and Mobile Medical Unit at Community Center, March 21.

Landers - many events from bingo to yoga classes, storytelling Feb 4,, 4:00-5:30, Thrift Store Fridays and Saturdays 10:00-3:00. Adopt-a-Highway. No flea market in March, Landers Oppen Air Market.

Morongo basin Historical Society: March 11 Book Lunch, "Heart Bar Ranch and johnson Valley Neighbors," to be attended bu Stan Coutant and Morgan Reche.

-2nd Annual Newlin & Vernette Landers Day, March 15.

Yucca Mesa - Rick - Potluck every 4th Friday. Polling Place March 3.

Flamingo Heights - Toby - March 3 voting station. 501(c)3 filing. 50th Anniversary pens. Potluck, 2nd Saturday. Fixing floor problems in hall.

## 13. Review Action Items From This Meeting - none

Next HVCC meeting: Monday, March 16, 3:00 pm Flamingo Heights Community Center, 55977 Perris St

Adjourn 4:27 p.m.

Betty Munson, Secretary

# **Homestead Valley Community Council, Inc.**

# **Treasurer's Report**

## For the month of February 2020 to be reported on

# March 16, 2020

# **Checking Account:**

Beginning Balance 02/01/2020
Income\$ 0.00
Expense
Check #0692 written to Jim Harvey for reimbursement of microphones
Ending Balance 02/29/2020 \$ 4,920.52
Total HVCC Assets in Bank \$ 4,920.52
Legend:
CK – Check DC– Debit Card DEP-Deposit EFT– Electronic Funds Transfer

**Floy Creveling** 

Treasurer



# **News Release**

## California Desert District

For Immediate Release: Feb. 28, 2020 CA-CDD-20-12

Contact: Michelle Van Der Linden, 951-697-5217, <u>mvanderlinden@blm.gov</u>

## The BLM seeks public comment on the Lugo-Victorville telecommunications project

**Barstow, Calif.** - The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comment on construction and installation of telecommunications facilities within three Southern California Edison (SCE) rights-of-way, which crosses public lands in California and Nevada. The 30-day public comment period on the Environmental Assessment ends on March 30.

The 500 kV SCE Lugo-Victorville Remedial Action Scheme (SCE LVRAS) project would allow for the installation of roughly 85-miles of new telecommunications fiber optic cable between Pisgah Substation in San Bernardino County, California, and Eldorado Substation in Nevada. The project is needed to reliably interconnect and integrate multiple generation facilities.

The BLM is the lead federal agency with input from the National Park Service as a cooperating federal agency. The BLM prepared the EA, pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, to analyze and describe the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed action. The NPS is reviewing a permit application for the issuance of a special use permit to upgrade transmission lines within the Mojave National Preserve, near Barstow.

The EA and associated documents for the SCE's Lugo-Victorville Remedial Action Scheme project are available for review on ePlanning at https://bit.ly/37kA1db.

The public is encouraged to provide substantive written comments by mail to SCE LVRAS project, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. Comments may also be submitted using the comment function on the BLM's ePlanning site at the link listed above. All comments received will be considered and evaluated prior to issuing a final decision.

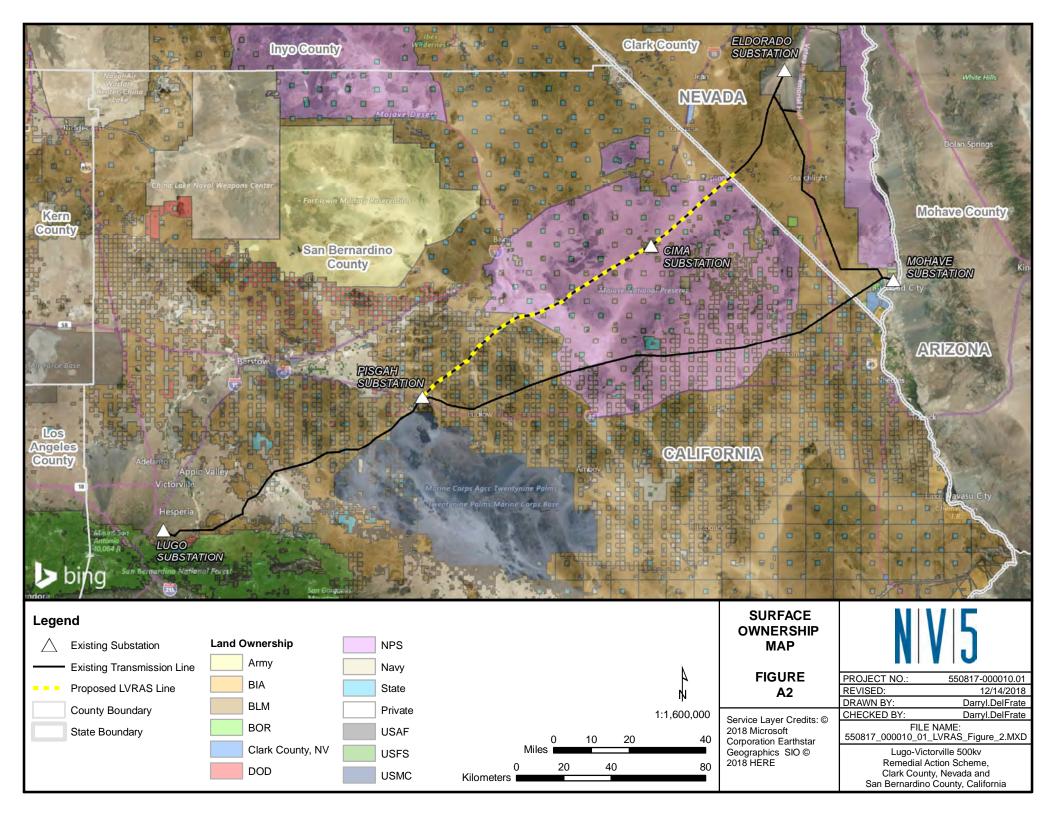
Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal information in a comment, please be aware the entire comment, including the personally identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request personal information be withheld from public review, the BLM cannot guarantee the information will not be released.

For further information, contact BLM Project Manager, Joan Patrovsky at 760-252-6032 or via email at <u>jpatrovs@blm.gov</u>.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In fiscal year 2018, the diverse activities authorized on BLM-managed lands generated \$105 billion in economic output across the country. This economic activity supported 471,000 jobs and contributed substantial revenue to the U.S. Treasury and state governments, mostly through royalties on minerals.

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California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553



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February 19, 2020

File Ref: W 26868

Re: Environmental Justice Outreach: Stagecoach Solar Project, Lucerne Valley, San Bernardino County; proposed 200 Megawatt Solar Energy Facility

To whom it may concern:

The California State Lands Commission is processing an application from Aurora Solar, LLC for a General Lease – Industrial Use on state-owned land the Lucerne Valley in San Bernardino County. This letter is to inform your organization about the proposed lease authorization and seeks your input on the impacts and benefits of this action on the local community.

The proposed project would consist of a 200-megawatt solar energy facility using photovoltaic panels, with battery storage. Please see the attachment for details of the project and a map of the proposed lease area. The Commission is expected to consider the lease approval in the first quarter of 2021.

The Commission adopted a new Environmental Justice Policy on December 3, 2018 (<a href="https://www.slc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/EJPolicy.pdf">https://www.slc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/EJPolicy.pdf</a>). Through implementation of this policy, the Commission envisions a future in which environmental justice communities and tribal communities are no longer disproportionately impacted by pollution or environmental hazards, and all Californians can access and enjoy our beautiful public lands and natural resources. The Policy emphasizes community outreach, inclusive decision-making, transparency, and accountability. Consistent with our Environmental Justice Policy, Commission staff seeks your input on this proposed lease.

If you have questions or would like to discuss or comment on the proposed Stagecoach Solar Project, please contact me by **April 1, 2020** at (916) 574-0900 or via email at Randy.Collins@slc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Randy Collins

Public Land Management Specialist

cc: Eric Gillies, DEPM

Sheri Pemberton, EAD Sarah Mongano, DEPM Afifa Awan, DEPM

# **Stagecoach Solar Project**

## **Summary of Proposed Project**

Aurora Solar LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables, has applied to the California State Lands Commission (Commission) for lease of lands owned by the Commission on which to construct and operate a solar generation project, called the Stagecoach Solar Project. The proposed project would produce up to 200 megawatts (MW) of solar energy using photovoltaic (PV) technology. The proposed project area encompasses nearly 3,600 acres, with PV modules and the following associated solar facility infrastructure to be constructed on approximately 1,750 acres:

- 5-acre 34.5/220 kilovolt (kV) onsite electric substation and a 5,000 square feet operations and maintenance (O&M) building.
- Direct current (DC) underground electricity collection system and a 34.5 kV collection system linking the PV modules to the onsite substation.
- Battery storage facility up to 200 MW and 100 acres in size.
- Solar resource and meteorological measurement stations.
- Newly constructed access roads throughout the interior of the project limits.
- Perimeter fencing and site security systems.
- Septic tank system and leach field serving the O&M building.
- Permanent groundwater wells, or an onsite water tank using water transported from offsite, providing water for the O&M building and to wash the PV panels.

The project also includes construction of a 7.6-mile long 220 kV generation intertie (gen-tie) transmission line to carry the electricity generated by the solar facility to the regional transmission system interconnecting at a proposed 7-acre Southern California Edison Calcite Substation.

## **Project Location**

The proposed project area boundary encompasses 3,570 acres in the central portion of San Bernardino County, about 15 miles south of the City of Barstow and 12 miles northwest of the unincorporated community of Lucerne Valley. The project area boundary is located east of Interstate 15, south of Interstate 40, and approximately 1.5 miles west of State Route 247 (see attached map).

## **Land Ownership**

The proposed PV modules and associated infrastructure would be constructed on approximately 1,750 acres of Commission land. The solar facility boundary encompasses five sections of undeveloped Commission land. The gen-tie line would traverse private and Commission land. Federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management are adjacent to the project area.

## **Environmental Review**

In considering whether to approve the lease application, the Commission will review the proposed project pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. Avangrid Renewables would also obtain required permits from other regulatory agencies.

