



April 18, 2022 Minutes
3:00 p.m. at Yucca Mesa Community Center

- Flag Salute
- Kim Abramson did the Roll Call - Betty Munson and Rick Sayers absent.
- Chris Nichols makes a motion to accept the minutes. Jim Hanley seconds. 7 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report given by Floy Creveling. Beginning balance \$12,269.25. Ending balance \$12,278.47. Rick Sayers makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jim Hanley seconds. 7 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed. (See attached).

1. Guest Comments – Justin Merino from the Red Cross speaks. Floy Creveling and I installed two dozen fire alarms in mobile homes in 29 Palms in partnership with SBCFD. The Red Cross needs volunteers to install fire alarms. The Red Cross offers bed shakers for hard of hearing residents. The next Red Cross meeting is April 27, 2022 at 6 pm at Covington Park Community Center in Morongo Valley. Come learn about what opportunities exists for volunteering, guest speaker and a mock scenario of a home fire disaster services call.

2. 29 Palms MCAGCC – Kimberly Pope says the next Marine closure in Johnson Valley is April 29 - May 9, 2022. The date was April 26, but the date got moved back.

3. SB County Fire Dept – Assistant Chief Tuttle introduced Fire Chief Dan Munsey and Battalion Chief Donny Vilorio. Assistant Chief Tuttle gives March stats: Johnson Valley 9 calls, Flamingo Heights and Landers 34 calls and Yucca Mesa 43 calls. No major fires or collisions. Please change the battery in the smoke detectors. Clear out vegetation and watch out for snakes. April 30, 2022 from 9 am to 1 pm is Help yourself/Help your neighbor. The Active Explorer Program is from age 14 - 20 years old.

4. SB County Sheriffs Dept - Captain Niles speaks. Many guests ask questions. Captain Niles answers questions.

5. SB County 3rd District – Dawn Rowe reads statistics:

- **739** - Total Sear Warrants
- **866** – Suspects Arrested

- **956,701** – Cannabis Plants Seized
- **126,741.7** pounds – Processed marijuana
- **60,108** Grams – Concentrated Cannabis
- **97.8** pounds – Psilocybin Mushrooms
- **160** grams – Methamphetamine
- **262** – Firearms Seized
- **\$2,920,960.00** – Estimated Cash Seized
- **5,011** – Greenhouse Eradications
- **36** – Mitigated Electrical Bypass (Severe Fire Hazard)
- **21** – THC Extraction Lab
- Total Wholesale Product Value of Cannabis Seized This Operation = **\$665,601,420.00**
 - This is low ball wholesale value

Dawn says over the past two years, SBC has seen a marked increase in the number of Short-Term Rental properties. A similar challenge has arrived in the form of alternative shelters. The concept of ALTs is to offer a vacation rental option for those interested in staying in non-traditional housing. These ALTs are not clearly defined and can include tents, tiny houses, sheds, teepees, and even modified shipping containers.

Unless permitted by the County through the Department of Land Use Services, ALT operations represent an illegal and non-conforming usage of private property. These sites often pose health risks to communities, as most are not equipped to handle basic sanitation needs related to garbage and sewage disposal.

While the County has focused on producing effective, balanced policies to rein in and reform the STR market, non-traditional ALTS have become increasingly problematic and largely unregulated.

The County has always had permits available for development that is considered non-conforming.

County residents have overwhelmingly expressed opposition to ALTS and do not want these operations in their residential neighborhoods.

While I respect the rights of all property owners, current law provides a reasonable path forward for landowners who want to offer a non-traditional commercial experience for visitors in areas zoned rural living. I strongly encourage compliance with this policy as the County implements appropriate enforcement measures, beginning in early May.

Residents who believe they have seen an illegal ALT operation are encouraged to report the violation to County Code Enforcement by filing out a General Complaint on the County Code Enforcement's website. You can also call in complaints at (909) 884-4056 or (760) 995-8140, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.

6. State Assembly 33rd District - Representative Miriam Munoz No Report.

7. State Senator Shannon Grove - Field Representative Dominic Heiden reads selected bills introduced by Senator Grove: SB 1042 failed to pass Public Safety Committee, reconsideration granted, SB 1073 passed Governance and Finance Committee, on to Military and Veterans Affairs, SB 1156 referred to Governance and Finance Committee, will likely be heard early May, SB 1195 set for a hearing in Military and Veterans Affairs Committee on 4/26, SB 1319 passed Natural Resources and Water Committee, on to Environmental Quality, SB 1356, set for a hearing in Transportation Committee on 4/26, SB 1484 referred to Governance and Finance Committee, will likely be heard early May. Dominic says a number of concerning COVID-19 bills have been pulled by their authors and are no longer moving forward. These include AB 1993 (mandatory vaccinations for workers) and SB 871 (mandatory vaccinations for children). For those tracking, SB 1479 (COVID-19 testing in schools) passed Health Committee with Senator Grove voting against. Abortion - the past few years the legislature has introduced 3 or 4 bills related to abortion. With the successes that pro-life advocates have had in other states and hopefully with the Supreme Court, California legislators have introduced 13 abortion bills this year. Gov. Newsom has talked about paying for women to travel to California, putting them up, paying for their abortion, and getting them home. Already the Governor signed SB 245 making all abortions free to women.

CDCR - CA statute permits a maximum 15% reduction in sentences for violent felons. CDCR was offering up to 20% off prior to COVID and since COVID has been offering up to 33% off. They are now proposing to make that COVID policy permanent, thereby allowing more violent criminals to go free without having served their debt to society. Just a week and a half ago we saw 6 people shot and 12 injured a block from the State Capitol. One of the individuals arrested in connection to the shooting, Smiley Martin, has a lengthy criminal record and was released just weeks after serving a fraction of his 10-year sentence.

8. Congressman Jay Obernolte - Representative Hayden Bartz No Report.

9. You are Not Alone (YANA) Presentation - Candy Lopez speaks. Candy explains what YANA is. She calls in the morning 365 days a year. She calls while on vacation and if the person is in the hospital. She calls individuals and speaks approximately 5 minutes a call. Candy's mom started the program. Captain Niles speaks about YANA. (See attached for flyer). Contact the Sheriff's department first to get involved with YANA.

10. Measure Z - June 2022 Ballot Measure to Repeal FP-5 (Fire Protection Service Zone 5) - Tom Murphy presents Measure Z on June 2022 ballot, a measure to repeal FP-5. Guests ask questions. Tom answers the questions. (See attached).

11. Flamingo Heights Resort "Glamping" Proposal HVCC Comments and Action Packet - Jim Harvey reads proposal. (See attached). Many guests ask questions. Digna makes a motion to approve the Flamingo Heights Resort "Glamping" letter. Roxanne Shamay seconds. 7 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

12. HVCC 2022/23 Officers Nomination Committee - Digna Cassens, Chris Nichols and Jim Harvey will propose the HVCC 2022/23 officers nominating committee.

13. Committees:

1. *Standing:* Public Outreach -
2. *Ad Hoc:* Scenic Highway 247 - Carol Watkins has retired.

14. President's Report - Jim Harvey said the Morongo Basin Historical Society will be put on the May agenda.

15. Community Reports List – Announcements – Kim Abramson says Johnson Valley Improvement Association will be having its Chicken dinner on April 2, 2022 at 5 pm for \$8 per person. Breakfast is from 7 am to 10 am every Saturday morning. Friday is Pinochle Club from 12pm to 4 pm. Cinco de Mayo dinner is May 7, 2022 from 3pm - \$10/person and it comes with a margarita. Floy Creveling says the 2nd Saturday is the craft faire at the Landers Association. The Adopt a Highway is the 3rd Saturday at Mile Marker 10-12. Quilting Club is the 1st and 3rd Tuesday. The Morongo Basin Historical Society is having an event in Pioneertown called Remembering the Landers earthquake from 1 - 4 pm. Quilting Club is the 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 10 am - 2 pm. The Thrift Store is open every Saturday from 10 am - 3 pm. Roxanna Shamay says HELP is putting on 'The Hometown Hometown' May 21, 2022 from 12 pm - 12 am at the Homestead Valley Park in Landers. There will be 3 Western bands and a special guest. There will be food, beer and silent auction. More at the next meeting. The 3rd Saturday is the board meeting. Every month they pick up trash. Roxanna Shamay said June 5, 2022 is the tire pick up. Chris Nichols says Yucca Mesa Improvement Association is still renting out their building for weddings, bar/bat mitzvah's, baby showers, etc. Yucca Mesa is doing a gentleman self-defense course on Wednesdays at 3 pm for \$30/2 hours. Flamingo Heights is having it's septic tank done May 25, 2022. Digna Cassens says that Flamingo Heights Community Association is open for voting in June and November.

15. Review Action Items From This Meeting - Jim Harvey

Next HVCC meeting: Monday, May 16, 2022 at 3:00 pm Landers Belfield Hall, 58380 Reche Rd.

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