



August 15, 2022 Minutes
3:00 p.m. at Yucca Mesa Community Center, 3133 Balsa Ave.

- Flag Salute
- Jim Harvey introduces the Homestead Valley Community Council. Website: homesteadvalleycc.com
- Kim Abramson did the Roll Call - Adrienne Bishop, Justin Merino, Betty Munson and Chris Nichols absent.
- Floy Creveling makes a motion to adopt the Agenda with corrections. Roxanne Shamy seconds. 6 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report given by Floy Creveling. Beginning balance \$12,253.47. Ending balance \$12,209.70. Rick Sayers makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jim Hanley seconds. 6 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

1. Guest Comments - Steve Bardwell from Morongo Basin Conservation Association speaks about survey by the county regarding short term rentals. Dennis Lewis speaks about his solar issue in Johnson Valley. September 24, 2022 from 8 am - 12 pm, Giant Rock clean-up for National Public Ranch Day.

2. 29 Palms MCAGCC - no.

3. SB County Fire Dept - Battalion Chief Vioria speaks. There were 108 calls in the Morongo Basin for the month of July. They were mostly medical calls. Fires are low end of spectrum, 300 lightening strikes. County fire has partnered with Copper Mountain College for internships for the county fire department. If you know anyone interested in a career in public safety, let us know. Do not burn weeds. A camp can have a small fire. Fires can't be higher than 2' x 2'. Calfire website for the area: sbcfire.org

4. SB County Sheriffs Dept - Lieutenant Wiebeld introduces Captain Warrick, from Yucaipa. Email address: rwarrick@sbcasd.org. August 25, 2022 from 10 am - 2 pm is a job fair at Copper Mountain College's Bell Center. 25 employers will be there. Public Defender there to help expunge your felony record.

5. SB County 3rd District - Supervisor Dawn Rowe speaks.

Job Fair is August 25, 2022 from 10am to 2pm at CMC's Bell Center

Job Fair, Veteran services, Record Clearing Services, Issuance of Birth/Death/Marriage

Certs. About this event: Please join us as San Bernardino County's Workforce

Development, Public Defender, Veteran Affairs, Assessor-Recorder-Clerk, and more than

25 hiring employers partner to bring new job opportunities, record clearing services,

veteran services, and access to birth and death certificates all in one location.

Local, state, and federal employers looking to hire will be on-site (See list below).

Event registration is open to all general public.

Businesses interested in participating, please contact Mike Holtz at (760) 524-7746 for venter registration information.

To register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/morongo-basin-job-and-resource-fair-tickets-333644679217?fbclid=IwAR1O2vIVIAZokMCYnQc4_j3RULhEw_ugL0cts-q2LWQo5fLsH4Cg2zDCIxs

EMPLOYERS and RESOURCE PARTNERS registered to attend:

- California Highway Patrol
- Childcare Careers
- City of Twentynine Palms
- Desert Arc
- Desert Beacon, Inc.
- Desert Regional Tourism Agency
- Inland Regional Center
- Marine Corps Community Services
- Mayfield College
- Morongo Basin Healthcare District
- Morongo Basin Transit Authority
- Morongo Unified School District, Career Technical Education
- National Community Renaissance
- National Park Service, Joshua Tree National Park
- San Bernardino County, Human Resources
- San Bernardino County, Fire Department
- San Bernardino County, Sheriff's Department
- Servpro
- Student Transportation of America
- Tenet, Hi-Desert Medical Center
- Town of Yucca Valley
- Twentynine Palms Band of Mission Indians
- UPS - United Parcel Service
- Valley Community Chapel Preschool & Daycare
- Yucca Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation

Operation Hammer Strike:

During the final weeks of July, investigators from the Sheriff's Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET) served 36 search warrants in Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, Morongo Valley, Lucerne Valley, Highland, and other locations around the county. These warrants resulted in the arrest of 31 suspects, as well as the seizure of 35,965 marijuana plants, 8,384 pounds of processed marijuana, and over \$96,000.00 in cash.

During this same time frame, investigators eradicated over 200 greenhouses found at these locations, mitigated three THC extraction labs, and two electrical bypasses. Twelve guns, a stolen vehicle, and a stolen handgun were among the items that were also found at several of these locations.

San Bernardino International Airport (SBD)

Breeze Airways initiated passenger service at San Bernardino International Airport (SBD) on Thursday, August 4. The company joins a long list of aviation companies ready to invest in the future of SBD and the Inland Empire by offering daily flights to San Francisco and Provo, Utah. This new travel option gives consumers an affordable alternative to reach the Bay Area with flights priced as low as \$39 and parking fees capped at \$5 per day.

STR Applications Received

Year	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Total
2021	191	207	201	229	215	385	405	1,833*
2022	283	236	227	236	242	341	198	1,763*

*These totals do not necessarily reflect the number of permits issued.

Route 66 Closures

Some sections of the National Trails Highway (AKA Route 66) remain closed due to damage that was sustained during recent storm activity. The route between Chambless and Amboy remains open. Otherwise, the following closures are in effect:

- Both Directions closure on National Trails Hwy. San Bernardino County has closed National Trails Hwy from Amboy Rd to Main St. (off I-40 in Ludlow) due to bridge repairs. Hoping to reopen by October.
- Both directions on National Trails Hwy. closed between Chambless and multiple bridges. This closure continues to the point where Nat. Trails Highway rejoins I-40 at Mountain Springs Summit.

- Both directions closure on Essex Rd. Essex Rd is closed due to damage to bridges on National Trails Hwy.
- Both directions closure on Goffs Rd. Goffs Rd is closed due to damage to multiple bridges on National Trails Hwy.

County Public Works has not given an estimate on when repairs will be completed and these roads will be reopened. Travelers to Amboy and Chambless can use Kelbaker Road in Saltus as an alternate route.

6. State Assemblyman Thurston Smith - Field Representative Miriam Munoz speaks.

Good Week for Team Smitty

AB 1998 – Needles Center Out-of-State Students

This bill seeks to allow nearby Arizona students to access Palo Verde College and the Needles Center and be exempt from nonresident tuition. Additionally, this would authorize the Palo Verde Community College District to receive state apportionment for those students that would enroll in the college and center. The bill would authorize Palo Verde to waive the fees and collect apportionment contingent upon agreements with complimentary Arizona community colleges.

Status: passed out of Senate Appropriations 7-0 today.

AB 2105 – Veteran Contractor’s License Fee Reduction

Requires the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) to grant a 50 percent fee reduction for an initial license to an applicant who has served as an active duty member of the California National Guard or the United States Armed Forces and was honorably discharged.

Status: Both votes were unanimous. The bill now heads to the Governor.

AB 2152 – Needles OHV Trail Pilot Program

This bill will extend the existing Inyo County pilot program to the similarly situated City of Needles. This will allow the city to link existing off-highway motor vehicle trails and trailheads on federal Bureau of Land Management or United States Forest Service lands, and to link off-highway motor vehicle recreational-use areas with necessary service and lodging facilities, thereby creating a unified system of trails for OHVs and contributing substantially to the local economy.

Status: passed off the Senate floor unanimously and now heads to the Governor’s desk.

Controversial bills we are tracking:

AB 1797 (Weber) Requires health care providers, schools, childcare facilities, family childcare homes, and county human services agencies to disclose immunization information to local health departments. **Passed Senate Appropriations 5-2 today.**

AB 2098 (Low) Declares the dissemination of misinformation or disinformation to a patient by a physician and surgeon related to the COVID-19 virus to be unprofessional conduct. **Passed Senate Appropriations 5-2 today.**

7. State Senator Shannon Grove - Representative Dominic Heiden speaks.

SB 1183 – Imagination Library of California passed out of the Appropriations Committee 8/11, it will next be taken up on the Assembly floor soon.

SB 1319 – related to oil imports from countries with gross environmental and human rights violations unfortunately was held on suspense and will no longer be moving forward this year.

1195 – CalVet Homes Satellite Clinics passed off the Assembly floor 8/11 with a 76-0 vote and will be sent to the Governor to await his signature/veto, we will know either way in the next week or two.

SR 101 – Gold Star Mothers’ and Families’ Day – was introduced a couple of weeks ago. This is a repeat of similar resolutions Senator Grove has introduced in previous years. It is currently on the Senate Floor.

8. Congressman Jay Obernolte - Congressman Jay Obernolte introduces himself, Representative Hayden Bartz and Chief of Staff Lorissa. The congressman says inflation is 40 years high and their debating in Congress. Emerge from pandemic demand vaccine development, aid to medical workers and America rescue plan. 4 trillion dollars has been dumped the last 18 months into the economy. Business have raised prices because their costs have gone up. Many guest comments.

9. RoBott Land Company - Flamingo Heights 640 - Nancy Ferguson introduces herself and Steve Botthof. Nancy explains Flamingo Heights 640. Pictures are shown on screen. (See attached). Many guest questions. Nancy says, "all questions will be answered and given to Jim Harvey who will post on HVCC website". Jim Harvey ended meeting.

10. HVCC 2021/2022 Fiscal Year-end Audit -

11. Committees:

1. *Standing*: Public Outreach - Jim Harvey puts our agenda on the HVCC website 3 days before the meeting.
2. Ad Hoc: Scenic Highway 247 -

12. President's Report -

13. Community Reports List – Announcements –

Next HVCC meeting: Monday, September 19, 2022 at 3:00 pm Landers Belfield Hall,
58380 Reche Rd. Landers

Adjourn at 6:30 pm.