



February 21, 2022 Minutes
3:00 p.m. at Johnson Valley Improvement Association
50567A Quailbush Rd.

- Flag Salute
- Kim Abramson did the Roll Call - Adrienne Bishop, Digna Cassens, Toby Gramm, Jim Hanley and Betty Munson absent. Jim Harvey removes Toby Gramm as a HVCC council member.
- Chris Nichols makes a motion to adopt the Agenda. Rick Sayers seconds. 6 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.
- Kim Abramson will amend the January Minutes. Chris Nichols seconds. 6 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report given by Floy Creveling. Beginning balance \$12,394.92. Ending balance \$12,368.22. Roxanna Shamay makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Rick Sayers seconds. 6 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed. (See attached).

1. Guest Comments – Justin Merino introduces himself and thanks Floy Creveling for joining the Disaster Action Team for the American Red Cross. They have gone out on 6 calls so far. Justin says the American Red Cross will be holding the "Sound the Alarm" event in Yucca Valley on March 19, 2022. Justin says they have partnered with SB CoFD and Morongo Valley FD to see installations of smoke alarms by county firefighters. This March 23, 2022 at 6 pm, they will hold a Community Volunteer meeting to kick off their partnerships with HELP as well welcome the general public to learn about what opportunities exist in the Basin. This event will be held at Yucca Mesa Community Center.

2. 29 Palms MCAGCC – none.

3. SB County Fire Dept – Chief Evan speaks. He says for the month of January ME42 ran: 6 traffic collisions, 33 medical aids, 3 fires - one structure and two fire type unknowns, 1 law enforcement assist and 4 move ups. For the month of January MA42 ran: 40 medical aids, 5 inter facility transfers - desert oasis healthcare, HDMC and 5 move ups. Chief Evan said they are pleased to announce they have 3 new probationary firefighters in the basin. As well as 2 newly promoted Captains. In addition you help us keep you safe by registering your phone numbers in the telephone emergency notification system (TENS) to receive messages by phone and text. On March 12, 2022 from 9am - 2 pm at the AutoZone in Yucca Valley there is a free used oil filter exchange event. Always a good time to use the good weather to maintain your properties for wildland season that will be here before we know it. If you have any questions you can always contact our department and utilize our residential assessment program where a fire engine crew will visit your property and offer advise.

4. Cal Fire – Jim Harvey reads Battalion Travis Lemm's email. (See attached).

5. SB County Sheriffs Dept - Captain Niles introduces Brandon Wiebeld. Captain Niles reads the Operation Hammer Strike Past Week Stats: 16 Total Search Warrants, 43 Suspects Arrested, 46,577 Cannabis Plants Seized, 2,703 pounds Processed Marijuana, 9 Firearms Seized, \$6,000.00 Estimated Cash Seized, 119 Greenhouse Eradications and Total Wholesale Product Value of Cannabis Seized This Operation = \$28,590,650.00. This is a low ball wholesale value. Captain Niles reads the Operation Hammer Strike Year-to-Date Stats: 549 Total Search Warrants, 654 Suspects Arrested, 618,850 Cannabis Plants Seized, 105,543 pounds Processed Marijuana, 8 grams Methamphetamine, 191 Firearms Seized, \$2,060,049.00 Estimated Cash Seized, 3,989 Greenhouse Eradications, 12 Mitigated Electrical Bypass (Severe Fire Hazard), 13 THC Extraction Lab, Total Wholesale Product Value of Cannabis Seized This Operation = \$446,541,420.00. This is a low ball wholesale value.

5. State Assemblyman Thurston “Smitty” Smith – Jim Harvey reads field representative Dillon Levosky's written report. (See attached).

6. SB County 3rd District Supervisor Dawn Rowe – Representative Steve Reyes says Code Enforcement conducted their first abatement operation in Lucerne Valley on February 16, 2022. There are four additional properties which "self abated". Meaning the owners removed their own trash and debris. Code Enforcement Recap Specific to illegal marijuana grows: Total Open Cases: 801, Notice of Violations Completed: 583 and Citation Amount Total: \$560,300.

7. Assemblyman Thurston Smith - Representative Dillon Lesovsky reads the Assemblyman's 2022 Bill Package: AB 1874, AB 2105, AB 2333, AB 1725 and Sacramento Update: AB 1993 (Oppose), AB 1599 (Support). (See attached).

8. State Senator Shannon Grove - Field Representative Dominic Heiden says SB 245 (Gonzalez) would shift copays for abortion from women to insurance companies and providers, SB 866 (Wiener) would allow children ages 12-17 to receive the COVID-19 vaccine without parental consent, SB 871 (Pan) would add the COVID-19 vaccine to the list of mandatory school vaccines, SB 1073 (Grove) would create a property tax exemption for veterans proportional to their level of disability. Currently only 100% disabled veterans are eligible. SB 1195 (Grove) would move towards allowing the VA to take advantage of underutilized space in CalVET facilities to increase medical services for veterans.

9. EDF Renewables, Possible windmills in Johnson Valley? - Jim Harvey reads Jeffrey Childer's email dated February 17, 2002. (See attached).

10. Discuss Changing the HVCC Third Monday Meeting Cycle - Jim Harvey discusses changing the day of the HVCC meeting. We decided to leave it the same.

11. Committees:

1. *Standing*: Public Outreach
2. *Ad Hoc*: Scenic Highway 247

Jim Harvey will get with Karen Watkins of SB County Land Use Services regarding Scenic Hwy project.

12. President's Report - Chris Nichols makes a motion to approve expenditures not to exceed \$250. Rick Sayers seconds. 6 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

13. Community Reports List – Announcements – Kim Abramson says Johnson Valley Improvement Association will be having its Lasagna dinner on March 5, 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. 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. Rick Sayers says Yucca Mesa Improvement Association is still renting out their building for weddings, bar/bat mitzvah's, baby showers, etc. Mesa Fest is September 24, 2022. YMIA got a \$5,000 donation. Wednesday at 6 pm is a Red Cross and HELP meeting.

14. Review Action Items From This Meeting

Next HVCC meeting: Monday, March 21, 2022 at 3:00 pm

Landers Belfield Hall, 58380 Reche Rd. Landers

Adjourn