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AGENDA MARCH 20, 2017 MEETING

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

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Delegate List

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes of FEBRUARY meeting included in agenda packet.

Treasurer's Report: Betty Munson

- 1. Guest Comments** on items not on the agenda
- 2. Election of Officers** We have an unequal number of delegates from each organization. Each Council member please encourage more representation
- 3. SB County Fire Dept** - Chief Mike Snow
- 4. SB County Sheriffs Dept** - Capt Jeff Joling
- 5. CalFire** - Chief Tony Jones
- 6. Jim Schooler** - Field Representative from State Senator Jean Fuller
- 7. Review, Updates on Topics Discussed with Supervisor Ramos Feb 20**
Scenic 247, Community Plan, Hauled Water Ban, Solar Moratorium,
- 8. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs**
- 9. Committees:**
 - Fund Raising/Events (Joanna Wright)
 - Advisory-no meeting necessary
 - Public Outreach (Betty Munson)
 - Community Services/Improvements/Co-operation (Rick Sayers)
 - Scenic 247 (Betty Munson)
- 10. President's Report**
- 11. Action Items - Community Reports List - Announcements**

Next HVCC meeting **Monday, April 17, 3:00 pm**
Yucca Mesa Community Center
- 12. Adjourn**

HVCC DELEGATES / COMMITTEE LIST

January 2015

INTERIM OFFICERS

President: Joanna Wright

Vice President: Rick Sayers

Secretary/ Treasurer: Betty Munson

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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Joanna Wright	JVIA	760-364-2207	henryspiano@aol.com

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Committee members not required to be members of the Council

Marine Base Expansion: Chairperson: Amy Granat

Betty Munson, Michele Myers, Jim Harvey

STANDING COMMITTEES

Fund Raising/Events:

Scenic 247 Committee: Chairperson: Betty Munson

Advisory Committee: Presidents of the 4 HVCC Community Associations

Community Outreach: Chairperson: Betty Munson

Jim Hanley, Rick Sayers

Community Services / Improvements / Co-operation: Chairperson: Rick Sayers

Jim Hanley

HVCC MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2017 MEETING

Johnson Valley Community Center

Open with Flag Salute 3:01 p.m.

Guests: County Supervisor James Ramos; Deputy Chief of Staff Molly Wiltshire; Jim Schooler, Field Rep for Senator Fuller; Capt Jeff Joling, Lt. Mike Barta, County Sheriffs Dept.; Chief Mike Snow, County Fire Dept; CalFire Chief Tony Jones; Sarah Kennington, Lakey Kolb, Steve Bardwell, Morongo Basin Conservation Association; Chuck Bell, Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association; Dennis Staley, Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency; Mary Coulombe, Paul Hatton, Ray Carmody, Mike Frank, Gary Bradt, John and Sherrill Edmondson, Dan King, Paula Mattechuck, Georgia Ott, Court Prittie, Jim and Carol Romero, Linda Walsh, Joyce Wheeler, JVIA; John Smith, Alliance for Desert Preservation; Brian and Sue Hammer, Lucerne Valley; Ron and Cindy Vreeker, Joshua Tree

Roll Call/Delegate List

Present, Adrienne Bishop, Jim Hanley, Betty Munson, Rick Sayers, Roxanna Shamay, Joanna Wright. Ken Brock, late.

Agenda Approved

Minutes of JANUARY meeting - approved

Treasurer's Report: Betty Munson - approved

1. Guest Comments on items not on the agenda - none

2. Election of Officers - We still have an unequal number of delegates from each organization. Each Council member please encourage more representation

3. SB County Fire Dept - Chief Mike Snow - Questions from audience:

Fire permits issued on same schedule as CalFire. Visit sbcfire.org to check availability.

Fire engine that fell into the flash flood in Cajon Pass was County equipment, assume it is totaled because of the road collapse; no one injured.

Status of Station #43 in Johnson Valley. Formerly staffed by volunteers from community, Paid Call firefighters not available during the week. Nearest station is #19 on Aberdeen. No longer going to be able to keep the building, will have to return it to Association.

Recommend community getting active in CERT training for basic first aid, search and rescue, and coordination with fire department during any emergency. Training to start March 19. See website Morongo Basin CERT.

Discussion: unknown population count in Johnson Valley. Varies according to activity. King of the Hammers brought in an additional 45,000. County Fire had full-time staffing and emergency equipment on site, mostly paid for by the event, about \$60,000. Usual low call volume out here does not support full time staffing. Not enough equipment or staffing available to make the station viable. Paid Call personnel not paid enough to support families. CERT has become more important for community help.

4. SB County Sheriffs Dept - Capt Jeff Joling and Lt. Barta. Next month the annual statistics will be done.

Looking better than 2015, but keep your vehicles and homes locked. Alarm systems are now available that are fairly affordable.

Thanks to Supervisor Ramos for his support of all the public safety agencies in the County.

King of the Hammers was peaceful. Two deaths occurred during that week, not associated with the races, one medical, one traffic.

Recently assisted CHP in a pursuit in our area. Went very well through our area.

If you have difficulties with dispatch or deputies, ask for sergeant, watch commander.

Speed limit on dirt roads: safe conditions, not to exceed 55mph. OHV not on roadways, licensed for off-road only. Best policy, be a good neighbor, don't race up and down the streets. The only people you are really going to upset are your neighbors.

OHV grants are divided among many agencies. Last year Parks and Recreation grant funds were \$13,000.00; this division covers 2,729 sq miles.

5. CalFire - Captain Tony Jones - All burn permits will expire April 30, available at Yucca Valley station. Call for inspection to assure appropriate clearance around structures, 760-365-4411.

Concern about grass covering areas between scattered brush.

All stations open except Lucerne Valley; personnel there Friday and Monday if you need a burn permit.

Resources were sent to Oroville for the evacuation during the dam incident.

Stay out of low lying areas during heavy rains.

Discussion: difficulty with green waste disposal at the dump. Working to set up chipper at fire station. Only other recommendation, to get a permit and burn it on your property.

6. SPEAKER County Supervisor James Ramos - review of some County actions:

-Homelessness and homeless veterans in particular, recent homeless census.

-Scenic Highway 247: County scenic byway regulations matched to Caltrans, now a difference of opinion what the next steps will be. Planning a conference with Land Use Services and parties active in the Scenic 247 process to be sure we all agree on the actions to take, to finalize exactly what we need to do. Sent a letter supporting Scenic 247 to Assemblyman Obernolte and Senator Fuller also.

-Community Plan meetings: asking in the next budget cycle that Land Use Services ordinances and zoning be written to complement the Community Plans. [applause]

-Water Hauling: supporting Assemblyman Obernolte AB 366 lifting the ban.

-Solar: another area of grave concern. Supervisors established a Solar Moratorium to create 31 Planning Department conditions that applicants must meet. The Renewable Energy Element for the County Plan is now being developed. There is more discussion for getting the Moratorium back in place. Will bring it up to the Supervisors; we must find out how far along the Element planning is.

We do question solar projects applications in the area now. When you see it on the Agenda, come to the meeting or the teleconferencing center, to get the attention of the full board. First he will bring the Moratorium requests up in the Board comments, will lead into Element discussion in staff report, then it will be agendized, public comment may be made and it is on the record.

-Chuck Bell stated the Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association sent letters concerning both the Solar Moratorium and the Scenic 247 issue. He told the Supervisor we would need his help, not just with county, on these Development Focus Areas and multitude of State Lands in the area.

-Ramos said we have the right to speak during Public Comment on any item not on the agenda. Chair Supervisor Lovingood will gauge it at that time.

Joanna invited the Supervisor to the HVCC Poker run.

Assessor's office to be set up in the County building to conduct marriages and other walk-in services.

County offers volunteer tax help for low income residents.

7. Jim Schooler - Field Representative from State Senator Jean Fuller for rural San Bernardino County.

Many things he would talk about had already been covered. He was glad to hear the County would be holding a meeting concerning Scenic 247, that the loop could be closed on this project.

He talked to County Land Use people who were out at the King of the Hammers concerning the hauled water and industrial solar projects in the district.

He asked the Supervisor about the status of the Landers landfill expansion; Ramos said they are still looking at contracts etc. until the budget comes out.

Discussing the homeless count, that morning was 29.° He thought the homeless may have a backup plan for when the temperatures drop that low and if they were in shelter they could not be counted.

Results and therefore funding may be skewed.

In several conversations about solar installations last week. Audience comment about the placement in disadvantaged communities taking property values while the developers get grants from taxpayer money. He said there is skepticism about developers' claims of jobs creation because the jobs are temporary. Sen. Fuller will support community efforts, her letters of support will carry some weight.

Chuck Bell pointed out we would need her help with the problems of the State Lands with Development Focus Areas in Lucerne Valley and Johnson Valley.

8. Resolution for Reinstatement of County Solar Moratorium -

HVCC letter restating arguments to Supervisors sent in June 2016.

Council voted to send the letter to Supervisors; c/c to Land Use planners

President Joanna Wright gave Supervisor Ramos a hard copy.

9. Assemblyman Jay Obernolte Legislation AB 366, 367 lifting ban on water hauling

Council voted to send HVCC letter of support.

Everyone was asked to write a personal letter in support, to Assemblyman Jay Obernolte, State Capitol Office: Room 4116, Sacramento, CA 94249.

Ramos gave Joanna a hard copy of his letter of support.

10. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs

-MB MAC - no report

-LV-JV MAC- This Council will also vote on letters to the Supervisor, to renew request for Solar Moratorium, for support for lifting the ban on hauled water, and for Scenic 247.

11. Committees:

Fund Raising/Events - reviewed plans for the HVCC Poker Run, Saturday, April 29.

1st Card, Yucca Mesa - Light Breakfast

2nd Card, Flamingo Heights - snacks, drinks

3rd Card, Landers - lunch

4th Card, MBHS

5th Card, Johnson Valley - Ice Cream Social - Poker Prizes, \$150, \$100, \$50 + donated gifts.

Promotion to begin soon, including itinerary map, brochures etc.

Advisory - no meeting necessary

Public Outreach (Betty Munson) - notices to newspaper, radio, officials, interested parties.

Will be concentrating on Poker Run

Community Services/Improvements/Co-operation (Rick Sayers) no report

Scenic 247 (Betty Munson) Discussed at length earlier in the meeting.

Sarah Kennington suggested approaching from the commercial direction, getting

Chambers of Commerce to push for it, emphasizing the economic benefits of the

ecotourism etc in the area. Carol Romero suggested recruiting the motorcycle clubs

who constantly tour on 247.

12. President's Report - No report. Joanna thanked everyone for attending and participating.

13. Action Items - send letter to Assemblyman Obernolte re: AB 366 hauled water legislation.

Community Reports List - Announcements

- **Flamingo Heights** - Ken - Brand new FHCA e-newsletter. Sign up at flamingoheightsca@gmail.com. Working on new website with Jim Harvey. Potluck Tuesday 5:30, 1.00 with dish 6.00 without. May 6 yard sale. Gave 1999-2003 HVCC files to Joanna.

- **Yucca Mesa** - Rick - Potluck every 4th Friday. Various private events in Community Center Planning for Mesa Fest II in September

- **Landers** - Roxanna - Mar 11 meeting and corned beef dinner. April 15 tire collection, no truck or tractor tires, no rims. Rodeo on May 27, 28 at Homestead Valley Park.

- **Johnson Valley** - Corned Beef Dinner Mar. 4, 5:00 pm. 7.00 donation
Poker Run Ice Cream Social April 29, all kinds of ice cream dishes

Next HVCC meeting Monday, March 20, 3:00 pm
Flamingo Heights Community Center

14. Adjourn 5:00 pm

– Betty Munson
Secretary

**HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TREASURER'S REPORT
MARCH 2017**

HVCC Checking Account

BEGINNING BALANCE -2/1/17	\$2,224.94
INCOME	0.00
EXPENSES: DONATION RODEO	100.00
ENDING BALANCE CHECKING - 2/28/17	\$2,124.94

HVCC Savings Account

BEGINNING BALANCE 2/1/17	\$4,139.67
INCOME	0.00
INTEREST DEP Jan	0.03
ENDING BALANCE - 2/28/17	\$4,139.70

Total HVCC Assets\$6,264.61

CASH IN BANK:

US BANK - CHECKING	\$2,124.94
US BANK - SAVINGS	4,139.70
TOTAL CASH IN BANK ACCOUNTS	\$6,264.64

LEGEND:

CK - CHECK
DC - DEBIT CARD
DEP - DEPOSIT
EFT - ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

BETTY MUNSON
TREASURER