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AGENDA JULY 18, 2016 MEETING

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

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Delegate List

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes of JULY meeting

Treasurer's Report: Betty Munson

- 1. Guest Comments** on items not on the agenda
- 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 Scott Tuttle
- 4. SB County Sheriffs Dept** - Capt Jeff Joling
- 5. CalFire** - Chief Tony Snow
- 6. Jim Schooler** -Field Representative from State Senator Jean Fuller
- 7. Missing Highway Signs**
- 8. Countywide Plan - Topics to consider:** example of Analysis of Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats for Lucerne Valley included in Agenda Packet
- 9. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs**
- 10. 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)
 - Audit-after June 30
- 11. President's Report**
- 12. Action Items - Community Reports List - Announcements**
 - Next HVCC meeting** Monday, August 15, 3:00 pm
 - Yucca Mesa Community Center, 3133 Balsa Ave.
- 13. 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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AD HOC COMMITTEES

Committee members not required to be members of the Council

Audit 2016: Roxane Shamay, Jim Hanley 2016

Marine Base Expansion: Chairperson: Amy Granat

Betty Munson, Michele Myers, Jim Harvey

STANDING COMMITTEES

Fund Raising/Events: activity postponed till further notice

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 / Cooperation Chairperson: Rick Sayers

Jim Hanley

MINUTES JUNE 20, 2016 MEETING
Johnson Valley Community Center, 50567 Quailbush Rd.

Open with Flag Salute 3:00 p.m.

Guests signed in: Capt Jeff Joling, Lt Mike Barta, County Sheriffs;
Dennis Staley, Marina West, Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency;
Ruth Rieman, Claudia Sall, Sarah Kennington, Steve Bardwell, Michelle Myers, MBCA;
Mike Hawkins, Ray Pessa, Friends of Giant Rock;
Lorrie L. Steely, California Rural Water Association;
Jim Schooler, Sen Jean Fuller Field Rep;
Roger Taylor, Court Prittie, Ken Cash, Linda Walsh, JVIA
Paul Smith

Roll Call/Delegate List Present, Cliff Carlson, Jim Hanley, Betty Munson, Rick Sayers, Joanna Wright;
add Roxana Shamay, Landers

Agenda Approved

Minutes of MAY 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 Scott Tuttle unable to attend, at SB firefighter funeral. Steve Lasiter reported strike teams from SB being sent to San Diego wildfire, no local resources sent yet. 50-60 fire calls in last three days, under control quickly.
Grateful comments on fast response, many resources to Forest Service fire up Milpas highlands.

4. SB County Sheriffs Dept - Capt Jeff Joling, Lt. Michael Barta
Report no major problems at Grubstake Days and Rodeo at Homestead Valley Park.
Stats May: JV, 1 report burglary; YM, Landers, 6 burglary, 1 auto theft.
Deputies and detectives have successfully rounded up groups of thieves, calls are down 85% over last year, reports down 44%, no murder. Residential burglaries, down 65%; non-residential, down 200%.
Grand Theft Auto 30 last year, 14 this year.
In response to question about public information on known criminals, parole violaters, jail releases: MB Sheriffs Station Fugitive Friday posting on Facebook shows photos, license numbers, status of criminals in the system. Conviction and release information on SB County Inmate Locator. Juvenile burglars raided, some to juvenile hall, some awaiting court proceedings. Parent also cited.
OHV complaints, mostly on residential roads. OHV Patrol relying on percentage of green sticker funds available; difficulty is response time, deputy must witness violation. OHV requests would be low priority. All deputies based at Joshua Tree Station. Substations are for their use while in the field.
Carry Concealed Weapon permits: 960 in 2015, so far in 2016, 640 have been issued. Over 1000 applicants in processing, usually fewer than 5% denied. Application on Sheriffs website; Sheriff McMahon described as very supportive of Second Amendment rights.

5. CalFire - Chief Tony Snow unable to attend

6. Jim Schooler - Field Representative from State Senator Jean Fuller. No report, mostly doing case work. He has heard of no activity on Scenic 247.

7. Slide Presentation - Lucerne Valley Solar Fields on Private Lands

Tony Malone, Lucerne Valley resident and renewable energy expert, showed his documentary of the failures of siting, construction and operation of industrial-scale solar projects on private lands on Camp Rock Rd. in Lucerne Valley (formerly Agincourt and Marathon, now named Lone Valley). Cites this habitat destruction, lack of soil studies, potential flood damages, cumulative effects, in opposition to the recent Solar One and Camp Rock Solar Farm applications now before County Land Use Services. Their ocations have the same defects as Lone Valley, do not even deserve consideration.

Discussion of personal and local solar power as a good investment, Edison's poor business model, causing increase in costs. Technology now allowing microgrids; local use and battery storage would mean no expensive and wasteful long-distance transmission lines.

Discussion of need: Rooftop and parking lot installations bring County over requirements already. Surge damages caused by solar systems now installed in Joshua Tree area, because no voltage regulators were added on Edison lines. County regulations could require protections from these spikes, as they affect home appliances, equipment, well pumps. Tony related even worse damage caused by low voltages. Costs for repairs now unfunded.

Description of CDC's 2014 study of transmission usage in Morongo Basin, found substations already upgraded for two-way transmission.

Initial studies leave out important data. NRCS can evaluate erodible soils. Contact California Fish and Wildlife about the blueline streams crossing the sites, County map available for that. Workload means communities should be aggressive about getting inspector on the site.

Question about AQMD dust monitor locations, and their relevance to areas east of Lucerne Valley. They are allowing projects under archaic regulations, no inspections. Tony recommended going to AQMD to request monitors for dust PM10. Meets at Victorville on Park Ave, aqmd.gov. Ask for information on sand transport. Some dust is never measured because it is downwind of a monitor. Tony offered himself as representative to AQMD.

Question when does construction variance from approved plan cross the line of permissibility. Who does inspection? Letter supplied by Lorrie and Tony for ideas to write to Planning Dept.

HVCC resolution for reinstatement of County Solar Moratorium included in June agenda packet.

8. Desert Cleanups; Grants for Rural Wells-reports by Lorrie Steely

-California Rural Water Assn has \$500,000 for funding emergency drought relief, including for those with well issues, \$20,000 per well. Flyers available. Contact Lorrie: 2saveourskyline@gmail.com

-Mojave Communities Conservation Collaborative (MC3) participated in major cleanups by Code Enforcement; Lorrie reported help from Assemblyman Obernolte's office getting Cal Recycle attention in increase of illegally dumped tires and solid waste close to dirt roads. Looking for grants to help with cleanups, regional solutions.

Question, what to do with tires picked up in the desert. Identified tire dumps on Google Earth.

Identification of commercial sources of tires is needed, the number of tire shops is unknown. Shops only inspected once a year. Tire recycling fees spent on "education and research." Used tires are given to unidentified resellers.

Grants not the only solution, this is an ongoing problem, need local resources.

9. County Mapping of Rural Roads - complaints about emergency vehicles lost, stuck and delayed for lack of accurate mapping of our dirt roads. HVCC participated in a commercial map project based on County maps, all showed non-existent or abandoned roads, or wrong names.

The Public Works Department has a surveyor, for road maps and tract maps. The Assessor's office publishes parcel maps (as Tony showed, they are also defective). County Fire has maps, but medical help is still mis-directed. Google shows roads where no roads exist or are impassable.

Capt Joling said County Fire and Sheriff's dispatches use different maps. They go by street address; ask that directions be given to the dispatcher. Roxanna reported the HVCC maps not always used.

Discussion, taking HVCC action urging the County to fix the rural maps, see that they all agree, and supply them to emergency dispatchers, as a project for our committee for Community Services, Improvements and Co-operation, possibly to address Supervisor Ramos for help first, as well as for help on missing highway signs. This all relates to emergency services.

Jim Schooler offered help asking Caltrans to replace highway signs.

10. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs

MB MAC heard report on County Mental Health funding for purchasing land for Crisis Center. Discussed Morongo Valley residents' report of OHV riders' harassment. Make anonymous report to Code Enforcement on WeTip, record the number on your complaint. The problem in communities is caused by those who are not polite; don't respect the area. Giant Rock Offroad Club dedicated to making better neighbors, offered to put in signage for the Morongo Valley residents, after consideration they refused the signs. Education lacking on conditions and regulations.

LV-JV MAC Met June 16, Joanna and Betty unable to attend.

11. Committees:

- Fund Raising/Events-(Joanna Wright) no meeting necessary
- Advisory-no meeting necessary
- Public Outreach (Betty Munson) - notices to newspaper, radio, officials, interested parties.
- Community Services/Improvements/Co-operation (Rick Sayers) - Map project
- Scenic 247 (Betty Munson) no report, and Jim Schooler has heard nothing in the state halls.
Writing another message to Phil Paule
- Audit - after June 30. Jim Hanley, Roxane Shamay on committee.

12. President's Report no report

13. Action Items - send Solar Moratorium Resolution to County officials

Community Reports List - Announcements

- **Rodeo at Homestead Valley Park in Landers** well attended, planning for next year.
- **July 3 Celebration and Fireworks at Homestead Valley Park in Landers**
- **Flamingo Heights** potluck tomorrow 6:00 p.m. Music Bingo, July 23, 5:00 pm
- **Yucca Mesa** - potluck week from Friday, kickoff Field Day for ham operators.
1st and 3rd Saturday Swap Meets continuing
- **Landers**-potluck on 9th. Community Fair being planned for September.
Orchid festival Oct 1 at Gubler's Orchids.
- **Johnson Valley**
Two-Buck Chuckwagon Saturday July 2, at 5:00 p.m. Donation 2.00 per person,
Kids age 12 and under, 1.00.
Oktoberfest Saturday October 1st. See the beer menu now on johnsonvalley.com
Marine Meeting, Saturday June 25. Open house after breakfast, from 10:00 till noon,
massive training exercise scheduled on the Base for the month of August.
Bake Sale Auction and showing of "Giant Rock and the Integratron" August 20

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Yucca Mesa Community Center, 3133 Balsa Ave.

14. Adjourn 5:35pm

Betty Munson
Secretary

**HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 2016**

HVCC Checking Account

BEGINNING BALANCE –6/1/16	\$2,324.94
INCOME	0.00
EXPENSES:	
CK Donation July 3 Fireworks at Homestead Valley Park ..	-100.00
ENDING BALANCE CHECKING – 6/30/16	\$2,224.94

HVCC Savings Account

BEGINNING BALANCE –6/1/16	\$4,139.43
INCOME	0.00
INTEREST DEP	0.03
ENDING BALANCE – 6/30/16	\$4,139.46

Total HVCC Assets\$6,364.40

CASH IN BANK:

US BANK – CHECKING	\$2,224.94
US BANK – SAVINGS	4,139.46
TOTAL CASH IN BANK ACCOUNTS	\$6,364.40

LEGEND:

CK - CHECK

DC - DEBIT CARD

DEP - DEPOSIT

EFT – ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

Documents for Audit Committee available;
audit to be completed by September 19th meeting.

BETTY MUNSON
TREASURER

STRENGTHS

- Local businesses, including Mitsubishi Cement, Omya, Specialty Minerals, market, laundry, doctor, bank, etc.
- Well-documented community history
- Rural location and character, natural beauty, clean environment and air
- Very active community volunteers and community service organizations, such as Lion's Club Shooting Range, Dry Lake Rocket Club, and King of the Hammers
- Almost a self-contained town
- Tourist destination for natural beauty
- Good local school district
- Film industry
- Lucerne Valley Economic Development Agency and Municipal Advisory Council
- Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) bus routes
- Lucerne Valley Leader newspaper
- Affordability of housing
- A town of characters
- Ties to community history, especially with local genealogy association
- Many long-term residents
- Frequent community events at the Lucerne Valley Community Center and senior center
- Better air quality in comparison to the rest of the Mojave Air Basin
- Connected to Apple Valley through the VVTA Route 23
- Community involvement at local schools, Citizens on Patrol hosts the Good Citizen program at Lucerne Valley Elementary School
- Lucerne Valley Unified School district has a low teacher-to-student ratio
- Strong park services, equestrian area, and bicycle motocross track

WEAKNESSES

- Poor demographics; lack of diversity
- Poor road conditions; roads not paved or maintained in some areas
- Poor property maintenance
- Need turn pockets to make Highway 18 more efficient and safe
- Location in the State of California
- Lack of sufficient medical services
- Drug manufacturing and pot farms
- Lack of code enforcement presence and consistency
- Old water lines in downtown area need to be replaced
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) bureaucracy and target for solar energy projects
- Crime and drugs
- Gas stations and price-fixing cartel drives people to Apple Valley for gas and other goods
- Economically depressed area
- Poor appearance, partially due to large homeless population
- Law of solar tax
- California Department of Transportation bureaucracy
- Low high school exit exam pass rates; (only 64 percent, and only 39 percent of students score in the proficient and above ranges, in comparison to the county and California)
- Received low healthy food index score, indicating limited access to healthy foods in the plan area
- Few pedestrian and bicycle facilities are located in the city
- Crime problems include mail theft, burglary, and auto theft
- Low walk score
- Homelessness
- Public nuisances, including junk and trash, vacant structures, and illegal dumping

OPPORTUNITIES

- Development of a senior living community
- Open spaces uses, including off-highway vehicle areas
- Industries to tie into the mines along rail lines
- Become a model community for renewable energy
- There is room to grow while still remaining primarily rural
- Distributed generation assistance for local property owners
- Community choice aggregate project
- Improved infrastructure through road maintenance and more paved roads
- Develop tourism draw to the area to increase flow of outside money into the community
- Land exchange with the BLM; opportunities for creating industry and jobs
- Having a liaison deputy assigned to the community, to give a sense of ownership and safety, versus a beat deputy responding to one or more communities within a patrol beat
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the community
- Code enforcement to close illegal businesses along the main highway

THREATS

- Government land grabs of pristine desert for renewable energy farms, marine base expansion, and wilderness designations
- More electrical transmission lines being installed
- California legislation (i.e., California fire tax in the state responsibility areas)
- Liberal agenda
- Groundwater declining north of the Helendale fault
- Big-box retail stores driving out local stores
- Area is a target for renewable energy projects
- Illegal land scraping
- Wind erosion and particulate pollution
- Poor visual appearance and lack of taxes from vacant land and abandoned homes
- High-desert corridor
- Drugs, crime, and theft
- County's opposition to hauled water
- Distance to closest medical facilities is a concern, especially considering the high median age of Lucerne Valley, longer response times, and higher instances of emergency room visits and hospitalization for chronic diseases
- Lack of healthy food options and low walkability could be playing a role in the high instances of emergency room visits and hospitalization for chronic disease
- Police response times are long due to the size of patrol beats
- Wastewater control provided by septic tanks and leach field systems, and lack of regional wastewater treatment
- Most housing consists of single family homes; lack of multifamily dwellings

SWOT ANALYSIS

