



AGENDA: December 19, 2022 MEETING

3:00 p.m. at Yucca Mesa Community Center, 3133 Balsa Ave

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Flag Salute
Roll Call/Delegate List
Approve Agenda
Approve Meeting Minutes – November 2022
Treasurer's Report: Floy Creveling

1. Guest Comments

2. Assemblyman Tom Lackey

3. 29 Palms MCAGCC – Kimberly Pope

4. San Bernardino County Fire – Chief Scott Tuttle

5. CAL Fire - Battalion Chief Alison Hesterly

6. San Bernardino County Sheriffs Dept – Captain Robert Warrick

7. San Bernardino County 3rd District – Supervisor Dawn Rowe

8. Congressman Jay Obernolte – Representative Hayden Bartz

9. Rural Living Zoning & Committee

10. Off-roading BLM markers/signs

11. Fire Safe Council HV Meeting

12. Community Reports / Announcements

13. Review Action Items From This Meeting

Next HVCC meeting: Monday, January 16th 2023, 3:00 pm

Landers Belfield Hall, 8380 Reche Rd

Adjourn

HVCC DELEGATES / COMMITTEE LIST

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Members appointed by the 4 HVCC Organizations, residing in the community they represent.
Up to 3 voting members from each community, plus an alternate to vote in case of an absence.

Kim Abramson	JVIA
Adrienne Bishop	Landers
Digna Cassens	Flamingo Heights
Floy Creveling	Landers
Jim Hanley	JVIA
Jim Harvey	JVIA Alternate
Judy Laffoon	Landers Alternate
Justin Merino	JVIA (non-voting)
Betty Munson	JVIA
Chris Nichols	Yucca Mesa
Rick Sayers	Yucca Mesa
Roxanna Shamay	Landers

OFFICERS

President: Justin Merino
Vice President: Rick Sayers
Secretary: Kim Abramson
Treasurer: Floy Creveling

STANDING COMMITTEE

Rural Living: Open for nomination
Public Outreach: Open for nomination
Fund Raising and Events: Open for nomination

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Scenic 247 Committee: Chairperson: Betty Munson
Phillip Brown, Barbara Harris, Jim Harvey, Sarah Kennington, Sara Fairchild, Chuck Bell

Committee members are not required to be members of the Council

Approve Meeting Minutes – November 2022

Homestead Valley Community Council, Inc.

Minutes for November 21, 2022

@ Flamingo Heights Association Hall

Meeting called to order by President Justin Merino @ 3:10 p.m.

Flag Salute led by Jim Hanley

Roll Call of Delegates – Delegates present were: Adrienne Bishop, Digna Cassens, Floy Creveling, Jim Hanley, Jim Harvey, Justin Merino, Roxanna Shamay. Delegates absent were: Kim Abramson, Judy Laffoon, Betty Munson, Chris Nichols, Rick Sayers.

Agenda was approved by all delegates in attendance with a motion from Digna Cassens and 2nd by Jim Hanley.

The Meeting Minutes from October 29, 2022 were approved by all delegates in attendance with a motion from Roxanna Shamay and 2nd by Digna Cassens.

The Treasurer's Report was approved by all delegates in attendance with a motion from Jim Harvey and 2nd by Jim Hanley.

Guest Comments:

Marina West from Bighorn Desert Water District spoke concerning Landers Road District and Flamingo Heights Road District. Please see attached information flyer.

Marjorie Smith representing VOAD, COAD, and the American Red Cross shared what these organizations do in the event of disaster as well as what citizens can do to be prepared for such events. She added that Red Cross needs volunteers and that there will be a Shelter Set-up meeting in Yucca Valley on January 19, 2023.

29 Palms MCAGCC representative, Kimberly Pope, was unable to attend but sent a flyer regarding Public Comments.

San Bernardino County Fire representative, Battalion Chief Donnie Vilorio, shared the Fire Area Incident Report and reported that burn restrictions had been lifted due to cooler weather. He stressed that residents be responsible when they burn weeds and to make sure they are following SBC Fire guidelines. It is not ok to burn tires, sheds, etc. as only agriculture burning is permitted.

Cal Fire representative, Battalion Chief Alison Hesterly, was unable to attend but sent a report concerning lifting the burn permit and transitional engine staffing.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept. representative, Captain Robert Warrick, reported that they are conducting a homicide investigation regarding the human remains found in Johnson Valley recently. He also reported that Operation Dust Devil will be in effect from December 17th until the middle of March 2023 with a deputy assigned to OHV problems. Catalytic converter theft is on the rise with thefts even happening during the day in places like Home Depot parking lots. Reminds those in attendance that we are the "eyes and ears" of things that are going on in our neighborhoods and to report suspicious activities to the department. There will be a Sheriff's Station Open House held on November 22nd from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Joshua Tree station.

San Bernardino County 3rd District was represented by Steve Reyes as Supervisor Dawn Rowe was unable to attend. He reported that Operation Hammerstrike is still working on clean-up of the illegal marijuana farms and many locations are starting to return to what they looked like before. Many people are cleaning up the

properties so they can sell them. SBC still has two full time marijuana teams on duty. Numbers are down and he credits residents for being “eyes and ears” and reporting problems.

Assemblymen Thurston Smith and Tom Lackey did not attend due to the crossover on the 24th. Please see attached Assemblyman Notice.

Congressman Jay Obernolte was unable to attend. Hayden Bartz reported for Congressman Obernolte that they were concerned with oil prices, inflation, and government spending. He also expressed the Congressman’s concern for border problems, the fentanyl issue, along with being a supporter of Operation Hammerstrike. There was some audience interaction concerning political viewpoints and the above subjects.

Project PROJ-2022-00119 “Geo Dome Camping” was presented by Justin Merino. He shared a Draft Letter on screen and read it aloud to those in attendance as to why HVCC opposes the project. Council and audience members raised questions and concerns regarding the project and were encouraged to write letters voicing their concerns.

Committees: AD Hoc: Scenic 247 – Justin Merino read a letter written by Betty Munson to Heidi Duron in Land Use Services. Justin stated that Heidi Duron did respond the next day and said she would get back to him. Jim Harvey expressed frustration that the project is so close to be completed but now has roadblocks. Please see attached letter.

President’s Report: The Board approved the changes to committees as presented in the President’s Report with a motion by Jim Hanley and 2nd by Roxanna Shamay. Please see attached for full report.

Community Reports/ Announcements:

Landers – USDA Food Giveaway 11/21 in the morning, Thrift Store open Fridays 11-3 in December & Saturdays 10-3, No Quilting Club in December, Yoga is Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30, 1st Saturday is Open Air Market at the Moose Lodge, 2nd Saturday is the Craft Fair 10-2, 3rd Saturday is the Membership Meeting at 3, 4th Saturday is the Garden Club 11-1.

Johnson Valley- December 3rd Christmas ham dinner at 5:00 p.m. \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.

Saturday breakfast is \$8.00 and \$6.00

Yucca Mesa – There is a Reboot Rally on December 10th (from 1 – 4?) with a food truck coming

Flamingo Heights – They are currently working on maintenance issues.

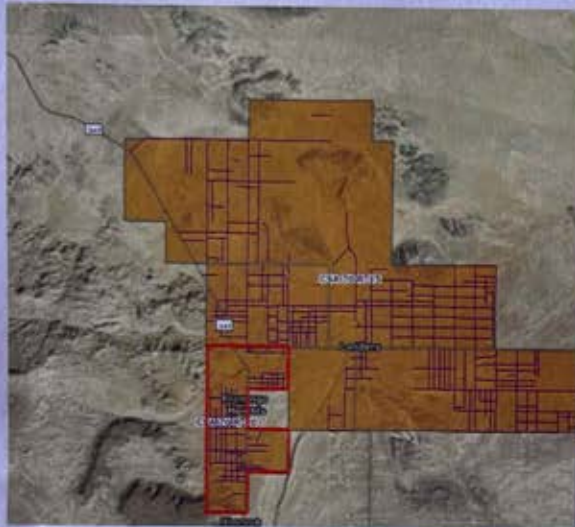
Review Action Items From This Meeting – None

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19th, 3:00 p.m. at Landers Belfield Hall. This has been questioned as it is usual for it to be at Yucca Mesa following Flamingo Heights.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Minutes taken by Floy Creveling on November 21, 2022 (due to the absence of Secretary, Kim Abramson)

Submitted by Floy Creveling on November 29, 2022



County Service Area 70 – Roads R-15 (Landers) & R-20 (FH -Red)

Statistics:

Landers Road District – R15 formed 1984
 Services 163.54 miles of roadway
 3,480 parcels @ \$20/year assessment = Revenue of \$69,600/Year

The two “Road Districts” encompass a large part of the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency

Road erosion from storms and grading/ brushing have led to:

- Exposure of Water Lines
- Exposure of Telephone Lines
- Emergency vehicles getting stranded in soft sand
- Resident vehicles getting stranded too.



Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency

Statistics:

Flamingo Heights Road District – R20 formed 1986
 Services 39.55 miles of roadway
 761 parcels @ \$15/year assessment = Revenue of \$11,415/Year

Revenues assessed are now insufficient to adequately provide road maintenance services. These Special Districts (R15 and R20) have two choices: 1) Voluntarily vote to increase the assessments OR 2) Road Districts will be dissolved

Question: If dissolved, how will the water lines be kept covered up?

Short Answer: Your water rates.

Treasures Report

Homestead Valley Community Council, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

For the month of November 2022

Checking Account:

Beginning Statement Balance 11/01/2022..... \$12,026.36

Income..... \$ 59.84

Refund from the erroneous debit charge last month (Board of Directors retreat expense of \$59.84* Giant Rock Meeting Room posted on 11/3)

Expense..... \$ 648.91

Ck#712 Johnson Valley Improvement Association donation of **\$625.00**

DC – The bank showed a debit purchase of **\$23.91** to Amazon which was not made by HVCC. I notified the bank and they issued a credit to the account and canceled the debit card. The credit was issued on 12/5/22 after I reported the charge to them. The refund will show on next month's report.

Ending Statement Balance 11/30/2022..... \$11,437.29

Three donation checks(#710,711,713) of \$625.00 each were outstanding as of 11/30/2022 totaling \$1,875.00

The bank credit for the debit charge of \$23.91 in question was made on 12/5/2022

Actual balance in HVCC checkbook is \$ 9,586.20 after the credit on 11/05/2022

AmPac Business Capital Debit Card - This is a grant of \$2,500.00 awarded to participating non-profits for business expenses.

Original amount..... \$2,500.00

DC – HVCC Domain Renewal on 10/29/2022..... \$ 30.34

DC – Aldi's for Presenter & Council holiday acknowledgements on 11/30/2022.... \$ 147.62

Current Balance..... \$2,322.04

Legend:

CK – Check **DC**– Debit Card **DEP**-Deposit **EFT**– Electronic Funds Transfer

Floy Creveling

Fire Safe Council Meeting for Homestead Valley Dec 21st

MORONGO BASIN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

CWPP



The Morongo Basin Fire Safe Council is looking for local input for its community wildfire protection plan. The plan will serve as the guiding document for the council to secure funding for numerous projects that will help local residents and community groups prepare for the effects of wildfires. The council invites residents to share information and concerns to be included in the wildfire protection plan

- DEC. 19: MORONGO VALLEY AND YUCCA VALLEY. Starting each evening at 6:30 p.m. at the
- DEC. 20: TWENTYNINE PALMS AND WONDER VALLEY. High Desert Emergency Action Alliance
- DEC. 21: JOSHUA TREE AND HOMESTEAD VALLEY. office at 57353 Twentynine Palms
- DEC. 22: PIONEERTOWN AND RIMROCK. Highway, Suite B, in Yucca Valley.

More info: www.hdeaa.org

Press: <https://hidesertstar.com/news/183477/meetings-start-next-week-to-explore-local-fire-risks/>