



**AGENDA: November 21, 2022 MEETING**

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

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

**1. Guest Comments**

**2. 29 Palms MCAGCC – Kimberly Pope** - (see public comments invite for Johnson Valley)

**3. San Bernardino County Fire** – Battalion Chief Donnie Vilorio

**4. CAL Fire** - Battalion Chief Alison Hesterly (see email report and burn permit suspension)

**5. San Bernardino County Sheriffs Dept** – Captain Robert Warrick

**6. San Bernardino County 3rd District** – Supervisor Dawn Rowe

**7. Assemblyman Thurston Smith** – Representative Dillon Lesovsky  
**Assemblyman Tom Lackey** – Chief of Staff George Andrews

**8. Congressman Jay Obernolte** – Representative Hayden Bartz

**9. Project PROJ-2022-00119** - “Geo Dome Camping” next to The Integratron and historical Charlie Reche Homestead

**9. Committees:**

- Ad Hoc: Scenic Highway 247 (Betty Munson)

**10. Presidents Report**

**12. Community Reports / Announcements**

**13. Review Action Items From This Meeting**

**Next HVCC meeting: Monday, December 19th, 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  
Community Services / Improvements / Cooperation: Slated for removal  
Advisory Committee: Slated for removal

### **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 – October 2022

October General Meetings Minutes PENDING

**October 29, 2022 Minutes**  
**2:00 p.m. at Giant Rock Meeting Room**

Kim Abramson does Roll Call - Betty Munson absent.

Chris Nichols makes a motion to re-organize the Presidency of the Homestead Valley Community Council with Justin Merino as President. 10 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Chris Nichols makes a motion to pay each of the four associations \$625 each. Roxanne Shamay seconds. 10 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

**Adjourn**

**October 30, 2022 Minutes**  
**Email Vote**

Two items of importance prior to November's meeting:

Few additional musical chairs: Betty Munson will now don the hat of Delegate, while Jim Harvey pins on a badge of Alt Delegate both respectfully for JVIA until the JVIA board makes recommendations in the future. Thank you both for your flexibility, dedication, and willingness to serve HVCC in the best ways possible.

This change in seats opens up the Officers role of Secretary and I'm delighted to put Kim Abramson's name forward as the nominee. I've spoken with her and she has expressed her interest to serve in this position.

***Please 'reply all' to the email "yes" or "no" to vote on item***

8 votes for Kim Abramson being secretary of the Homestead Valley Community Council. None opposed. Motion passed.

8 votes for Jim Harvey to be alternate delegate and Betty to be a delegate for Johnson Valley Improvement Association. None opposed. Motion passed.

Treasures Report

**Homestead Valley Community Council, Inc.**

**Treasurer's Report**

For the month of October 2022

**Checking Account:**

Beginning Statement Balance 10/01/2022..... \$12,161.95

Income..... \$ 0.00

Expense..... \$ 135.59

DC - Council Members Luncheon expense of \$59.84\* Giant Rock Meeting Room

DC- Council Members Luncheon expense of \$75.75 Giant Rock Meeting Room

\*Please see below for refund to HVCC account of \$59.84 on 11/03/2022

Ending Statement Balance 10/31/2022..... \$12,026.36

Total HVCC Assets in Bank 10/31/2022..... \$12,026.36

\*The \$59.84 debit card charge was in error and did not get refunded before month end. The refund cleared the HVCC bank account on 11/03/2022 and does not show on the October statement. It will appear on the November bank statement.

Actual balance in HVCC checkbook is \$12,086.20 after the refund on 11/03/2022

**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

Current Balance..... \$2,469.66

**Legend:**

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

Floy Creveling  
Treasurer

Resource Management Group  
Invites

# PUBLIC COMMENTS



- COMMENTS
- CONCERNS
- SUGGESTIONS

To submit a comment,  
email the RMG at:  
SMBPLMSJohnsonValley@usmc.mil  
Subject Line: RMG Annual Comments



@COMBATCENTERGEA  
WWW.29PALMS.MARINES/JOHNSONVALLEY

## CAL Fire

### November 21st HVCC Meeting Confirmation

Hesterly, Alison@CALFIRE <Alison.Hesterly@fire.ca.gov>  
To: Justin Merino <merino@hdeaa.org>

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 7:51 PM

Good evening Justin,

Thank you for reaching out and congratulations on your new appointment. I cannot be sure on my attendance as I am scheduled in meetings in the valley until about 2pm that day. I would though like to share that CAL FIRE San Bernardino has lifted the burn permit suspension effective 11-11-22. We are working towards transitional engine staffing which means we will un-staff the second engines at Yucca Valley, Yucaipa, and Phelan Forest Fire Stations as long as weather conditions remain favorable with the consideration of recent rain and upcoming wind events.



**Alison Hesterly**  
Battalion Chief - Unit PIO  
San Bernardino-Inyo-Mono Unit  
Proudly Serving the East Valley  
7105 Airway Avenue  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284  
(760) 442-2594 Cell



## CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT of FORESTRY and FIRE PROTECTION

CONTACT:  
Alison Hesterly  
Public Information Officer  
(909) 881-6949



DATE OF RELEASE:  
November 11, 2022

### SAN BERNARDINO/ INYO/ MONO UNIT

#### **Burn Permit Suspension Lifted**

#### **Effective November 11, 2022 at 0600 hrs.**

**San Bernardino, CA** – The burn permit suspension in the State Responsibility Areas of San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties will be lifted. I am formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advising that those possessing current and valid residential burn permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days. This can be verified by contacting your local Air Quality Management District.

Cooler temperatures, higher humidity and significant precipitation have helped to begin to diminish the threat of wildfire. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris burns, follow all guidelines provided, and always maintain control of the fire. Individuals can be held civilly and/or criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and/or burn onto neighboring property.

#### **Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning.**

- Burn hours for residential burning are 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- All burn permits are issued annually. These and other pertinent information may be obtained online at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>

Safe residential pile burning by landowners is a crucial tool in reducing fire hazards. State, Federal, and Local land management and fire agencies will also be utilizing this same window of opportunity to conduct prescribed burns aimed at improving forest health and resiliency on private and public lands.

DocuSigned by:  
*Shane Littlefield*  
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Shane Littlefield  
Unit Chief CAL FIRE San Bernardino/ Inyo/ Mono Unit

## Assemblyman Notice

Nov 15, 2022

I wanted to introduce you to the Homestead Valley Community Council, which is a grassroots organization that advocates for the communities throughout Homestead Valley. They meet on the 3rd Monday of each month to discuss issues in the community.

Justin - George Andrews serves as Assemblyman Tom Lackey's chief of staff. Smitty was not successful in his reelection and Assemblyman Lackey will be your new representative. I want to ensure there is a smooth transition to our new representative.

While I will not be working in the Assembly any longer, my cell isn't changing to please feel free to reach out.

Take care.

Dillon M. Lesovsky  
Chief of Staff  
Assemblymember Thurston "Smitty" Smith

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Nov 16, 2022

Justin - Yes, our office will be engaged. I have cc'ed our District Director, Pamela Balch, and Field Representative, Anna Zarley, on this email. We will work with you and give regular updates.

George Andrews  
Chief of Staff  
Office of Assemblyman Tom Lackey  
36th District

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The Integratron and historical Charlie Reche Homestead

DRAFT LETTER WILL BE PRESENTED AT MEETING.



## Ad Hoc: Scenic Highway 247 (Betty Munson)



To: Heidi Duron, Land Use Services Department

September 22, 2022

Endorsed by:

Homestead Valley Community Council  
[www.hvccsite.org](http://www.hvccsite.org)

Morongo Basin Historical Society  
[www.mbhs.org](http://www.mbhs.org)

Flamingo Heights  
Community Association  
[www.fhca.com](http://www.fhca.com)

Johnson Valley  
Improvement Association  
see [www.johnsonvalley.com](http://www.johnsonvalley.com)

Hammerking Productions  
[dave@kingofthehammers.com](mailto:dave@kingofthehammers.com)

Landers Association

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Lucerne Valley  
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[www.joshuatreegatewaycommunities.com](http://www.joshuatreegatewaycommunities.com)

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Lucerne Valley  
[billlembright@thenewlight.net](mailto:billlembright@thenewlight.net)

Rockhound Field Trip Fanatics!  
<http://rockhound-field-trips.ning.com>

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Barstow Chamber of Commerce  
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Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre  
Mayor, City of Barstow

Dear Heidi:

On May 4th, 2022, the Scenic 247 Committee sent you a letter expressing our impatience over the delay in finalizing the Corridor Protection Plan, agendaizing the CPP for approval by the Board of Supervisors, and sending the County's Letter of Intent for Caltrans approval.

We had understood from Karen Watkins before her early retirement that all of this should be completed by February.

In our letter to you on July 16, we stated, "Scenic Corridor: At the outset of this campaign, then Landscape Architect Ray Desselles informed me and confirmed later that:

1) The Scenic Corridor includes everything visible from the highway.

2) Official designation changes nothing in already existing codes.

You wrote, "In addition, we are recommending a 1-mile mitigation area off the highway (200 feet existing v. 20 miles proposed)."

We replied that the Visual Assessment of each section in the County proposal includes all scenic values and intrusions visible to the traveler. The "200 feet existing" exists only in the County Scenic Byway descriptions.

We do not know where "20 miles proposed" comes from; we do not propose this.

On September 2, I asked for an explanation of your statement: "We believe this is the best compromise to keep this effort moving forward."

Our question still remains, Compromise with whom? About what exactly?

On September 16, the Scenic 247 Committee received an e-mail from you that stated "I was reviewing all of the documents that I have and Karen had indicated that the Community was proposing the 20 miles off the highway to be mitigated in the Corridor Protection Program, and the County would propose 1-mile (current Development Code is 200 feet), so that is the reference to compromise. I am seeing in the documents that there are areas that do not currently have any visual intrusions between the highway and mountain ranges, up to 20 miles from the highway, and perhaps that is the

### SCENIC 247 COMMITTEE •

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basis for Karen's representation. Any additional information or clarification is welcome."

I repeat, the Committee does not know where "20 miles proposed" comes from; we do not propose this. Possibly it was a reference to the wording in the Route 66 monument proposal.

When we did the Visual Assessment, Caltrans advised us to grade all intrusions as far as could be seen (the mines on the mountains south of Lucerne Valley are an example). Therefore, when Karen asked us to submit a CPP draft with all our wishes, we established that the CPP would be for everything in sight.

We repeat, "There have been no compromises imposed as we achieved Caltrans approval, Planning Commission approval, and approval from the other agencies expected to sign on to the CPP as soon as LUS sends a formal request."

The Homestead Valley Community Council meets again this Monday, November 21. We can only report we still have not heard from you.

This disappoints all of us and the organizations and residents sponsoring and supporting Scenic 247. Next month is the anniversary of our highly-praised presentation at the public meeting of the County Planning Commission.

Please renew your suggestion for a virtual meeting.

Sincerely,

Betty Munson, Chair  
760-364-2646

P.S. I'm also sending our recent comment opposing the Sienna solar project and all its unsightly accessories. You see the very same argument, the Caltrans scenic corridor is everything visible from the highway. The Visual Assessment included all intrusions in the scenic sections on both Barstow Road and Old Woman Springs Road. Both Karen Watkins and Almatheth Anderson, Caltrans Landscape Architect, personally vetted and approved our assessment.

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## Presidents Report

### **Committees**

- A. Public Outreach (REESTABLISH)
- B. Fund Raising and Events (REESTABLISH)
- C. Community Services / Improvements / Cooperation (REMOVE)
- D. Advisory Committee (REMOVE)
- E. Scenic 247 Committee (STAY AS-IS)

NEW. Rural Living Committee (ESTABLISH) - given the frequent CUPs brought to our attention and our outreach to LUS to reorganize the allowed uses I foresee a need to have a committee that can oversee the influx and process.

Committee members are not required to be members of the Council, anyone interested in heading or being a committee member please contact Justin Merino - [merino@hdeaa.org](mailto:merino@hdeaa.org) - 760-550-5824.

### **Community Association Donation**

HVCC is pleased to donate \$625.00 to each member association, checks are being distributed by Floy Creveling. It's our hope these funds will assist each association in capacity building and general expenses.

### **Website, Brandbook, and Email**

An updated website with a focus on member associations will be launched by January '22 as well as a refreshed brand book to create a cohesive look and feel for HVCC across our communications. In addition, a Google Nonprofit account is being created to provide a single point of contact for HVCC at our own domain.

### **Toy Drive**

HVCC will be collecting toys benefiting Mara's Christmas Wish.

*Unwrapped toys for infants to 13 years old. Each Association will be collecting toys, donation boxes will be on site.*

FLAMINGO HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER  
JOHNSON VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

YUCCA MESA COMMUNITY CENTER  
LANDERS BELFIELD HALL

NOV 21 3:00 pm @ HVCC meeting  
DEC 3 5:00 pm @ JVIA Dinner & Meeting  
DEC 3, 10, 17 @ Saturday Breakfasts 7:30-10:30  
DEC 10 Reboot Rally 2:00 pm  
DEC 10 2nd Saturday Craft Fair 10:00-2:00 pm  
DEC 17 Landers Community Meeting 3:00 pm  
Nov 19 - Dec 17 Fridays & Saturdays Thrift Store  
10:00 am -3:00 pm