

Addressing “Grandfathered” Sienna Project and Clarification of RL Zoning and more

September 19, 2022

Our State Assemblyman Thurston “Smitty” Smith addressed the September meeting of the Homestead Valley Community Council in the Yucca Mesa Community Center, covering some of the thorny issues in the Legislature.

REDISTRICTING: State Senator Shannon Grove’s representative Dominic Heiden announced the new district lines go into effect in December. Grove’s district no longer includes the Homestead Valley. HVCC will not be hearing Dominic’s excellent reporting at future meetings. He will be missed.

GLAMPING: Robott Land revised their PDF answers document on the “glamping” proposal by adding the Land Use tables for RL zoning they refer to in question 3. It was then ready for distribution. Anyone can access the document on the new FH640 Glamping Proposal website page:

<http://www.homesteadvalleycc.com/fh640glamping>



HIGH DESERT EMERGENCY ACTION ALLIANCE

Justin Merino described the Morongo Basin Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) effort to identify fuel reduction projects and recommend measures to make structures more firesafe.

October 17, 2022

At the October meeting in the Yucca Mesa Community Center, HVCC reported on two major issues that will affect rural residents in San Bernardino County. Two letters were read:

RL ZONING: A letter written in tandem with the Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association (LVEDA) requested County Land Use Services perform a public review/analysis of the Development Code's conflicting land-uses currently allowed in Lucerne Valley and Homestead Valley RL Zones. We wish to see RL remain “Rural Living.”

The serious effects of lack of clarity particularly defining “camping” were spotlighted by the recent controversial Flamingo Heights 640 “Glamping” proposal by Robott Land Company.

The Council approved this letter unanimously.



SIENNA SOLAR:

The Council also approved unanimously the HVCC Scenic 247 Committee’s comment strongly opposing the Sienna solar field project “grandfathered” from an old project, moved across Hwy. 247 onto Lucerne Dry Lake. Its new and enlarged site is included in the scenic corridor, with a full description and photos in the Visual Assessment (vetted and approved by County Land Use Services and the Caltrans Landscape Architect.)

As HVCC has repeatedly pointed out in many comments over the years: S.R.247 is rated as eligible, therefore Caltrans requires its scenic status must be preserved. To read both letters, visit

<http://www.homesteadvalleycc.com/actions.html>