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AGENDA FEBRUARY 20, 2017 MEETING

3:00 p.m. at Johnson Valley Community Center, 50567 Quailbush Rd

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Delegate List

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes of JANUARY 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. SPEAKER - County Supervisor James Ramos**
- 7. Jim Schooler** - Field Representative from State Senator Jean Fuller
- 8. Resolution for Reinstatement of County Solar Maratorium** -
renewal of arguments to Supervisors in June 2016
- 9. Assemblyman Jay Obernolte Legislation AB 366, 367 lifting ban on water hauling**
Write in support to Assemblyman Jay Obernolte, State Capitol Office: Room 4116,
Sacramento, CA 94249
- 10. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs**
- 11. 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)
- 12. President's Report**
- 13. Action Items - Community Reports List - Announcements**

Next HVCC meeting **Monday, March 20, 3:00 pm**
Flamingo Heights Community Center
- 14. 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.

Adrienne Bishop	Landers	760-364-2345	
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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 JANUARY 16, 2017 MEETING

Landers Belfield Hall

Open with Flag Salute 3:00 p.m.

Guests: Jim Schooler, Field Rep for Senator Fuller; Chief Scott Tuttle, County Fire Dept; Juan De Leon and two others, CalFire; Dennis Staley, Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency; Mary Coulombe, Missy and Ken Buchanan, NPCA; Ken Stermetz, Moose Lodge; Court Prittie, JVIA; Barbara Harris, others not signed in

Roll Call/Delegate List

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

Agenda Approved

Minutes of NOVEMBER meeting approved; no meeting held in December

Treasurer's Report: Betty Munson Approved report for November and December

- 1. Guest Comments** on items not on the agenda - Missy Buchanan, secretary for the National Police Rodeo, reported event scheduled May 27 & 28, Memorial day weekend. Increasing seating to 2,000. Recruiting volunteers to save on expense for staff of 25, need several shifts for front gate pre-sold and ticket sale lines. Council voted \$100 donation from HVCC.
- 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 - December calls: Johnson Valley 6, Landers/Flamingo Heights 46; Yucca Mesa 58. mostly EMS and rescue calls, public assistance. El Niño preparedness, Poly sandbags, 25 pr household and sand available free, with shovel for use in front of fire station at Aberdeen and Avalon. Sandbags also for sale at Home Depot.
No information on future of Station #43 in Johnson Valley.
Planning for King of the Hammers week February 3-11, will have staffing and emergency equipment on site. Reports that Caltrans has suspended roadwork on Hwy 247 until after KOH.
- 4. SB County Sheriffs Dept** - Capt Jeff Joling unable to attend.
- 5. CalFire** - Captain Juan DeLeon - Staffing reduced during winter, still doing property inspections for prevention. Burn permit suspension temporarily lifted in SRA. Get residential debris burn permit before April. Come to station in Yucca Valley, permit by April. Rather than fining for violations, they would rather the money be used to clear property. 23:53
- 6. Jim Schooler** - Field Representative from State Senator Jean Fuller. Legislative session just begun, nothing to report, attending to hear latest on Scenic 247. Sen. Fuller's comment on bills AB1 and SB1 increasing gas taxes: take the money from surplus funds.
- 7. Community Plan Workshops** - Council approved letter to Superintendent Ramos and others giving feedback on the recent Community Plan Workshops.
- 8. Ord Mountain Solar & Calcite Substation on Scenic 247-** Discussion of these and other intrusions into the scenic corridor. What is a "scenic intrusion," what are the Caltrans requirements not in the Scenic Highway Guidelines? DRECP Development Focus Areas around the Old Woman Springs Ranch and elsewhere. Asked Jim Schooler if he can find out anything for us.

9. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs

-MB MAC - meeting postponed

-LV-JV MAC- short meeting January 19, Superintendent Ramos is speaker, will swear in new council.
Adjourning early to attend Mitsubishi Cement Open House

10. Committees:

Fund Raising/Events - (Joanna Wright) Poker Run tentative date, 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-Winners, \$150, \$100, \$50 + donated gifts.

Advisory - no meeting necessary

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

Community Services/Improvements/Co-operation (Rick Sayers)

Rick to research tire shredder, \$5 per tire to CalRecycle.

Scenic 247 (Betty Munson) Discussed during Item #8.

11. President's Report - Poker Run will be good opportunity to make visitors aware of your community and events. Suggest producing a handout about your organization.

12. Action Items - send letter to Supervisors concerning Community Plan workshops.

Community Reports List - Announcements

- **Flamingo Heights** - Ken - Potluck Tuesday 1.00 with dish 6.00 without. New FHCA officers .
- **Yucca Mesa** Rick - Potluck every 4th Friday. Andromeda Club to meet.
- **Landers**- Roxanna - Homeless census, Jan 26, 6-10 am. Thrift Store open Saturdays 10-2 Feb 11th
Giant Rock presentation, Barbara Harris; Quilters Tuesdays 10-2pm; Bingo Thursday 1-3
Food giveaway Tuesday, usually on Monday.
- **Johnson Valley**- Potato Bar February 4, 5:00 pm. Donation 4.00.

Next HVCC meeting Monday, February 20, 3:00 pm
Johnson Valley Community Center

13. Adjourn 4:05 pm

– Betty Munson
Secretary

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

HVCC Checking Account

BEGINNING BALANCE –1/1/17	\$2,124.94
INCOME	0.00
EXPENSES:	0.00
ENDING BALANCE CHECKING – 1/31/17	\$2,124.94

HVCC Savings Account

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/17	\$4,139.64
INCOME	0.00
INTEREST DEP Jan	0.03
ENDING BALANCE – 1/31/17	\$4,139.67

Total HVCC Assets\$6,264.61

CASH IN BANK:

US BANK – CHECKING	\$2,124.94
US BANK – SAVINGS	4,139.67
TOTAL CASH IN BANK ACCOUNTS	\$6,264.61

LEGEND:

CK - CHECK

DC - DEBIT CARD

DEP - DEPOSIT

EFT – ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

BETTY MUNSON
TREASURER

**A REPEATED RESOLUTION by the Homestead Valley Community Council
ADVOCATING REINSTATEMENT OF THE SOLAR MORATORIUM
Until the Renewable Energy Element in the County General Plan is Established**

WHEREAS industrial-scale renewable energy generation in the Mojave Desert is not just a desert issue, but also an urban problem: Why is the desert considered as the only renewable energy supply for city demands?

WHEREAS our property values and therefore County revenues suffer from these developments; and

WHEREAS we always ask County to steer solar energy development onto rooftops and parking lots at the point of use, instead of destroying desert acres with solar fields and miles of transmission lines; and

WHEREAS the County is achieving a substantial generating capacity already with solar installations at public schools, for community buildings such as the Senior Center/Community Center/Library complex in Lucerne Valley and the Johnson Valley Community Center, as well as powering commercial buildings such as the Lucerne Valley Market and Hardware; and

WHEREAS, the Homestead Valley Community Council seeks Scenic Highway designation for State Route 247 which links the four Homestead Valley communities of Johnson Valley, Landers, Flamingo Heights and Yucca Mesa, with Yucca Valley, Lucerne Valley and Barstow; and

WHEREAS Scenic Highway 247 will add to the thousands of visitors who come for the world-renowned California experience of open lands and open skies, unusual scenery, the variety of outdoor recreations, and the business of the film industry; and

WHEREAS industrial renewable energy projects diminish on all these natural advantages, as fully described in our resolution of October of 2013 (urging the extension of the Solar Moratorium, SEE ATTACHED); and

WHEREAS every negative prediction in the October 2013 resolution has come to pass, as failures in industrial solar fields come to light; and

WHEREAS because of known harmful effects, since 2007 San Bernardino County citizenry have consistently rejected industrial-scale renewable energy projects, including but not limited to:

- Green Path North Transmission Line from the Low Desert to Apple Valley
- Marathon and Agincourt Solar Fields, now named Lone Valley Solar in Lucerne Valley
- High Desert Solar on the 115-acre Roy Williams Airfield in Joshua Tree
- Coolwater-Lugo Transmission Line from Barstow to Apple Valley
- Desert View Substation in Lucerne Valley
- Ivanpah Solar
- Soda Mountain Solar
- Longboat Solar near Barstow
- Bowman Solar in Landers
- Solar One on Camp Rock Road in Lucerne Valley
- Camp Rock Solar Farm in Lucerne Valley

WHEREAS even quick reviews by local residents too often reveal misleading project applications; and

WHEREAS, in the case of Bowman Solar, it took a site inspection by Supervisor James Ramos to affirm the misleading nature of their site description; and

WHEREAS contractors' construction practices and mismanagement of finished projects have resulted in severe ecological and health consequences, loss of energy production and in at least one case, bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS the continuing acceptance of defective applications subjects County employees and citizens to unnecessary waste of time and money.

WHEREAS renewing the Moratorium will eliminate the drain on County resources considering these defective applications; and

THEREFORE, we urge the County for its own protection to restore the Moratorium on applications for development of industrial-scale solar projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED that this second resolution:

URGING THAT San Bernardino County REINSTATE THE Solar Moratorium until the Renewable Energy Element in the County General Plan resolves legal and environmental conflicts partly outlined above and in the attached resolution of October 2013,

is hereby UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of June 2016

by the Homestead Valley Community Council.



Joanna Wright
President HVCC

Hand delivered to
Supervisor James C. Ramos, 3rd District

c/c via email to
Board of Supervisors:
Supervisor Robert A. Lovingood, 1st District, Chair
Supervisor Janice Rutherford, 2nd District
Supervisor Curt Hagman, 4th District
Supervisor Josie Gonzales, 5th District

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