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AGENDA APRIL 16, 2018 MEETING

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

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Delegate List

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes of MARCH 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 Scott Tuttle
- 4. SB County Sheriffs Dept** - Capt Trevis Newport
- 5. CalFire** - Chief Tony Jones
- 6. Jim Schooler** - Field Representative from State Senator Jean Fuller
- 7. Renewable Energy Element of the County Plan**
County Planning Commission Meets April 26, Policy 4.10 and an optional version preferred by developers included in this agenda packet
- 8. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs**
- 9. Committees:**
 - Fund Raising/Events
 - Advisory-no meeting necessary
 - Public Outreach (Betty Munson)
 - Community Services/Improvements/Co-operation (Rick Sayers)
 - Scenic 247 (Betty Munson)
- 10. Vice President's Report**
- 11. Action Items - Community Reports List - Announcements**

Next HVCC meeting Monday, May 21, 3:00 pm
Landers Belfield Hall, 58380 Reche Rd
- 12. Adjourn**

HVCC DELEGATES / COMMITTEE LIST

January 2015

INTERIM OFFICERS

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.*

Dorothy Beasley FHCA 760-364-4174
Adrienne Bishop Landers 760-364-2345
Floy Creveling Landers 714-309-8677 g.creveling@att.net
Jim Hanley JVIA 760-364-4829 jhaflame@aol.com
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Rick Sayers YMIA 760-574-6598 rick@ricksayers.com
Roxanna Shamay Landers 760-333-2707 shamay@inreach.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: activity postponed till further notice

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

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 MARCH 19, 2018

Flamingo Heights Community Center

Guests: Chief Scott Tuttle, SB County Fire Dept.; Capt Trevis Newport, SB County Sheriffs Dept.; Sarah Kennington, Morongo Basin Conservation Association; Cathy Simpson, Bonnie (?), Mary Coulombe, Larry Coulombe, Gary Creveling; Bill Wright, Court Prittie, Johnson Valley Improvement Association

Flag Salute at 3:06 P.M.

Roll Call/Delegate List

Present: Dorothy Beasley, Floy Creveling, Betty Munson, Rick Sayers, Roxanna Shamay, Joanna Wright.

Absent: Adrienne Bishop, Jim Hanley, Jim Harvey

Agenda - Approved

Minutes of FEBRUARY meeting - Approved

Treasurer's Report: Betty Munson - Approved

1. Guest Comments none

2. Election of Officers HVCC needs equal representation from the 4 communities, in order to nominate and vote for officers.

3. SB County Fire Dept - Battalion Chief Scott Tuttle announced Chief Mike Snow has retired after 36 years of service, 14 in the Morongo Basin. He was instrumental in developing the Community Emergency Response Teams training, and represented the department at the HVCC for many years. February calls: 18 medical, 3 traffic, one unknown origin; Landers/Flamingo Heights, 4 house fires, 29 medical, 2 unknown, 4 residential alarms. Yucca Mesa, 2 structure fires, 36 medical, 1 electrical and 2 traffic accidents.

Burn permits being issued; must call to check if OK to burn on a hot, dry, windy or smoggy day. To report fireworks, call 911 for law enforcement.

4. SB County Sheriffs Dept - Capt Trevis Newport

AB 953 impacting service levels; deputies must collect and report personal data on stops, searches, and seizures, including domestic violence calls and loud party calls, for CA DOJ database, to make sure no profiling is occurring. Cost \$18.5 million, not reimburseable.

Success recovering stolen property from a break-in in Johnson Valley due to deputy prompt action getting search warrant, looking for other stolen property.

Increase in house fires because of dangerous "honey oil" labs extracting THC from smoked cannabis buds using butane, felony manufacturing.

5. CalFire - unable to attend

6. Jim Schooler - Field Representative for State Senator Jean Fuller, unable to attend

7. Renewable Energy Element of the County Plan & DRECP

Comments from attendees who went to the BLM scoping meeting in Joshua Tree reported a panel of 4 speakers described amendment process, but no audience comments. Written and e-mail comments accepted until March 22. An after-meeting called by environmental groups had audience comments including, BLM to stop giving permits, do not reopen DRECP. Video posted on MBConservation.org.

Several people attended the Board of Supervisors meeting in San Bernardino as well as at the Hes-

peria and Joshua Tree video conference centers, urging BOS to reinstate the Policy 4.10 and related subpolicies *as written*, into the Renewable Energy and Conservation Element of the County Plan, protecting unincorporated communities from industrial solar.

Council approved HVCC signing on to the coalition letter written by Steve Mills, objecting to re-opening DRECP for amendment.

8. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin Macs

MB MAC and LV-JV MAC: . Both advising Policy 4.10 be reinstated into the RECE *as written*.

10. Committees:

Fund Raising/Events - no meeting

Advisory - no meeting necessary

Public Outreach (Betty Munson) sent notice of meeting on e-mails and to radio, circulated agenda.

Community Services/Improvements/Co-operation (Rick Sayers) - no report

Scenic 247 (Betty Munson) - Sarah Kennington reported following up on e-mail from Molly

Wiltshire, chief of staff for Sup. James Ramos. Sarah looked up the new Land- scape

Architect at Caltrans, Rose Bishop, set up a ridealong to coach Scenic 247 Committee

on visual assessment of the scenic corridor, Thursday, March 29.

10. President's Report - Joanna spoke about the latest Morongo Basin Historical Society newsletter, recommended their events and field trips, gave a copy to a new resident.

11. Action Items - Scenic 247 Committee comment to BLM on amending DRECP.

Community Reports List & Announcements:

Flamingo Heights - Dorothy reports battle to stay open - Potluck tomorrow 6:00 p.m.

Landers - Roxanna reported Grubstake Days Rodeo will be held at Homestead Valley Park, 15.00 ticket, Friday and Saturday before Memorial Day.

Yucca Mesa - Mesa Madness swap meet, 8:00-3:00 Sat, April 7. Vendor space 10.00
4th Friday Potluck at 6:00 p.m. Rick invited everyone to see their new floor.

Johnson Valley April 7 Spaghetti Dinner at 5:00 p.m. 7.00 per person

May 5 Cinco de Mayo Fiesta 1:00-5:00 p.m. with Taco Grill from 2:00-4:00 10.00 per person

Marine Corps and Bureau of Land Management

Information and Q&A about temporary land closures of the Johnson Valley OHV Shared Use Area during large scale exercises, at the Lucerne Valley Community Center on Hwy 247, next to Pioneer Park from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. April 14, 2018

Tour of Old Woman Springs Ranch grounds and house, hosted by the Morongo Basin Historical Society, Saturday, April 14, Gates open 9:30 a.m. Tour begins by 10:30. Call Claudia at 760-364-7896 to sign up..

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12. Adjourn 4:38

Betty Munson, secretary

**HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL 2018**

HVCC Checking Account

BEGINNING BALANCE –3/1/18.....	\$929.34
INCOME	0.00
EXPENSES: ck 684 PO Box rental	78.00
ENDING BALANCE CHECKING – 3/31/18	\$851.34

HVCC Savings Account

BEGINNING BALANCE 3/1/18	\$4,140.06
INCOME	0.00
INTEREST DEP	0.03
ENDING BALANCE – 3/31/18.....	\$4,140.09
TOTAL HVCC ASSETS	\$4,991.43

CASH IN BANK:

US BANK – CHECKING	\$851.34
US BANK – SAVINGS	4,140.09
TOTAL CASH IN BANK ACCOUNTS	\$4,991.43

LEGEND:

CK - CHECK

DC - DEBIT CARD

DEP - DEPOSIT

EFT – ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

BETTY MUNSON
TREASURER

From Christina Garcia, Executive Aide to Supervisor James Ramos:

Please see the below information regarding the **Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2018**. It is important to attend the meeting via videoconferencing at the Joshua Tree Government Center to comment directly to the Planning Commission.

Section 4.10 is important for the protection of our desert lands, including the Morongo Basin and Lucerne Valley/Johnson Valley.

UPDATED NOTICE REGARDING SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY RENEWABLE ENERGY AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT **POLICY 4.10** AND DRAFT ALTERNATIVE POLICY LANGUAGE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING DATE: **April 26, 2018 9:00 a.m.**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On August 8, 2017, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Renewable Energy and Conservation Element (RECE) of the County General Plan. In the public hearing, most of the testimony centered on Policy 4.10, a policy proposed to limit adverse impacts on the quality of life and economic development opportunities in unincorporated communities.

Policy 4.10 proposed a prohibition of utility-oriented renewable energy project development in existing community plan areas and in Rural Living land use districts.

Policy 4.10 was very controversial, and since it had been added to the RECE after the Planning Commission considered the document, the Board of Supervisors adopted the RECE excluding Policy 4.10 and directed staff to review Policy 4.10 with the Planning Commission.

After the Board of Supervisors hearing, staff reviewed all of the comments made by the public, and by large-scale renewable energy proponents. Public comments were not supportive of Policy 4.10 as proposed. Overwhelmingly, the public comments recommended a more restrictive approach that would limit utility oriented renewable energy development to the five development focus areas previously supported by Board Resolution 2016-20, generally located near Kramer Junction, Trona, Hinkley, El Mirage and Amboy.

On the other hand, renewable energy developers found Policy 4.10 to be arbitrary and not consistent with the standards-based approach to other RECE policies.

Considering all of the concerns cited in the public hearing, staff has a revised proposal for Policy 4.10 that would require utility-oriented renewable energy development applications to address community compatibility in detail, on a site-specific basis.

The intent of this notice is to share both versions of Policy 4.10 with the public well in advance of the Planning Commission hearing. A full staff report containing the following versions of Policy 4.10 with additional analysis and background information will be posted on the County web site approximately one week before the Planning Commission hearing at:
<http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/PlanningCommission.aspx> .

The Planning Commission may recommend either version of this policy as written or with amendments. Ultimately, all options will be presented for final action by the Board of Supervisors.

Please review the draft policy language in the context of the other environmental design and development policies 4.1 – 4.9, and the siting criteria in policies 5.1 – 5.8 in the adopted RECE:

<http://www.sbcounty.gov/uploads/LUS/Renewable/REC%20Element%20FINAL%20ADOPTED%20Version%208-8-17%20WEB.pdf>

POLICY 4.10 as proposed on August 8, 2017:

RE Policy 4.10: Prohibit utility-oriented RE project development on sites that would create adverse impacts on the quality of life or economic development opportunities in existing unincorporated communities.

RE 4.10.1: Prohibit development of utility-oriented RE projects in the Rural Living land use districts throughout the County.

RE 4.10.2: Prohibit development of utility-oriented RE projects within the boundaries of existing community plans, which at the time of adoption of this Element are the Bloomington, Muscoy, Bear Valley, Crest Forest, Hilltop, Lake Arrowhead, Lytle Creek, Oak Glen, Homestead Valley, Joshua Tree, Lucerne Valley, Morongo Valley, Oak Hills and Phelan/Pinon Hills Community Plans.

RE 4.10.3: Establish exclusion areas in the Development Code regulations for renewable energy development, beginning with the prohibitions in Policies 4.10.1 and 4.10.2 and provide for additional exclusion areas, such as new community plan areas, to be designated by amendment to the Development Code.

REVISED STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR POLICY 4.10:

RE Policy 4.10: Require utility-oriented RE project applications to include a community compatibility report to outline project benefits and measures intended to protect the quality of life and economic opportunities in existing unincorporated communities.

RE 4.10.1: The community compatibility report shall identify elements of the project site design that have been incorporated to enhance compatibility with surrounding properties and existing communities. The report may be preliminary upon submittal, and may be updated as application review and environmental analysis proceeds. The following subjects shall be addressed, if applicable:

- If the project site is located within the boundaries of an adopted community plan, include an analysis of consistency with community values and aspirations outlined in the community plan.
- Explain how natural features of the site, such as elevation, topography or vegetation, combined with project design, will minimize potential visual impacts of the project.
- Explain how planned improvements to the project site will minimize impacts or benefit other properties. This may include avoidance of natural drainage courses, making improvements that will reduce drainage impacts on downstream properties, allowing for wildlife movement through or around the site, or minimizing and managing impacts of blowing sand.
- Identify any benefits to public utilities or public services that may result from construction of the project. This may include energy transmission or distribution system improvements that would enhance energy reliability, water system improvements, or land use conversion that would decrease demand for public services.
- Detail anticipated on - site or off - site project improvements that will benefit the community at large or other properties, such as road and drainage improvements.
- Identify any commitment to employ the local labor force or cooperate with local job training or apprenticeship programs.
- Identify any planned efforts to engage County residents and visitors through marketing or public education that will enhance interest in renewable energy and appreciation of the project.