



# HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL



*One Voice for the People of Homestead Valley*

## Next Meetings

- Mon Mar 15 in Yucca Mesa
- Mon Apr 19 in Johnson Valley

## Open Government Workshops Sponsored by HVCC

About 70 people attended the Open Government Workshops at the Yucca Valley Community Center on January 27. Supervisor Neil Derry opened the event and received enthusiastic applause for his push for a County Ethics Commission and better access to county records.

Residents, staff and elected officials from local agencies and organizations attended, including Bighorn Desert View Water Agency, Joshua Basin Water District, Hi Desert Water District, Best



Best & Krieger Law Firm, Mojave Water Agency, Morongo Basin Transit Authority, Yucca Valley Planning Commission, Yucca Valley Town Council, Friends of Giant Rock, Joshua Tree National Park, Morongo Unified School District, Morongo Valley CSD, Morongo Basin Open Spaces Group, Yucca Valley Volunteer Improvement Group, California Desert Coalition, The Wildlands



8. Closed sessions are permitted to guide sensitive legal or bargaining processes.  
9. Most closed session actions taken must be reported-at least if requested.  
10. Violations of the Act may justify court action, censure or punishment.

Conservancy, Yucca Mesa Improvement Association, Johnson Valley Improvement Association, Tender Loving Christmas, Keep Our Desert Clean, and Joshua Tree MAC.

Terry Francke of CalAware gave his advanced "Top Ten Things To Know About The Brown Act" presentation. He graciously fielded questions throughout the workshop, and it spilled over into the afternoon hours, followed by the California

Public Records Act workshop.

HVCC was very pleased with the level of participation from both residents and elected officials. Terry received appreciative applause and comments from his audience.

It was a lot of work organizing this community event, but in the end it became very clear it was greatly appreciated by everyone, and it was all worth it.

The Highway 247 Shoulders Project was the subject of a meeting between CalTrans and HVCC delegates at Alan Rasmussen's office. It resulted in a public information forum at Flamingo Heights on February 4, where CalTrans described this safety improvement project, showing maps of the shoulder widening from Mile 1.8 to 9.6. Moving Joshua Trees and commercial signage were discussed as well as concern for the desert tortoise.

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## THEY'RE NOT GREEN

a hard-hitting documentary by Nettie Pena will be shown on **Saturday, March 20**, at the Yucca Valley Community Center at 6:00. Get the facts about wind turbines and their effects on the people and wildlife living with them. Free admission.



**POKER RUN! Saturday, April 24**

Starts at 8am at Gubler's Orchids, goes to all 4 HVCC communities for food, events and fun. \$15 per ticket, 2 for \$25. See an HVCC delegate or the website for your tickets!