

Homestead Valley votes to oppose mesa annexation

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HOMESTEAD VALLEY — Historically, the unincorporated communities along Old Woman Springs Road of Yucca Mesa, Flamingo Heights, Landers and Johnson Valley have been known as the Homestead Valley.

These neighborhoods have their individual associations, but the more formal Homestead Valley Community Council is gaining strength to keep the old alliances together and promote common causes.

Bylaws, standing rules and position statements are being approved and ratified to enable the community council to support its member neighborhoods.

One of the tenets of the position statement is, "The council is prepared to address county, state or federal agencies on behalf of its member

community associations."

The HVCC aims to take a position or action for a member that will not be detrimental to the other associations, but rather would be beneficial to two or more members.

At a meeting Monday, the council approved a resolution in "strong opposition" to the Town of Yucca Valley's expanding its sphere of influence to include member association Yucca Mesa, "and/or municipalize the Hi-Desert Water District."

Per the resolution, the council believes the sphere of influence would have a far-reaching, detrimental effect on all four member communities.

The resolution was approved unanimously by the 11 delegates who were present for each association.

"Sign it and send it!" declared Flamingo Heights representative Maryan Barkley.