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## **AGENDA AUGUST 21, 2017 MEETING**

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

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Delegate List

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes of JULY meeting included in agenda packet.

Treasurer's Report included in agenda packet: 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.
- 3. SB County Fire Dept** - Chief Mike Snow
- 4. SB County Sheriffs Dept** - Capt Jeff Joling, Lt Mike Barta
- 5. CalFire** - Chief Tony Jones
- 6. Jim Schooler** - Field Representative for State Senator Jean Fuller
- 7. Continuing review, updates on items we discussed with Supervisor Ramos Feb 20**
  - Scenic 247: Reconnect with Caltrans
  - Homestead Valley Community Plan, still no announcement of publication date
  - Hauled Water Ban: AB 366 and 367
  - Solar Moratorium: None. Renewable Energy and Conservation Element of the County Plan. Board of Supervisors Hearing of FINAL Draft. Scenic 247 Comment Letter included in this agenda packet
- 8. Ord Mountain Solar Project and Siena Solar Project**
- 9. Cleanup at Giant Rock**, Saturday, September 8
- 10. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs**
- 11. Committees:**
  - Audit
  - Fund Raising/Events
  - 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, September 18, 3:00 pm**  
Landers Belfield Hall
- 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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Floy Creveling	Landers	714-309-8677	g.creveling@att.net
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Rick Sayers	YMIA	760-574-6598	rick@ricksayers.com
Roxanna Shamay	Landers	760-333-2707	shamay@inreach.com
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

**MINUTES of the JULY 17, 2017**  
**Meeting of the Homestead Valley Community Council**  
**3:00 p.m. at Flamingo Heights Community Center**

Guests signed in: Jonell Kosa, Ariel Searcy, Combat Center G-5 External Affairs; Dorothy Beasley, Nancy Brock. FHCA; Moira Fain, Landers; Barbara Harris, Scenic 247 Committee

-Opened with Flag Salute at 3:11 p.m.

**Roll Call/Delegate List** present: Ken Brock, Floy Creveling, Jim Hanley,  
Betty Munson, Roxanna Shamay, Joanna Wright

**Agenda** approved

**Minutes** of the JUNE Meeting approved

**Treasurer Report:** approved. Audit for Fiscal Year 2016-17 completed by Jim Hanley and Roxanna Shamay.

**1. Guest Comments** Discussion about pot farms with makeshift sheds appearing in neighborhoods. Advised to report to Sheriffs and Code Enforcement.

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

**3. SB County Fire Dept** - unable to attend, responding to emergency

**4. SB County Sheriffs Dept** - unable to attend

**5. CalFire** - unable to attend

**6. Jim Schooler** - Field Representative from State Senator Jean Fuller - unable to attend

**7. Continuing Review of items discussed with Supervisor Ramos during the Feb 20 HVCC meeting**

- Scenic 247: Sarah Kennington still trying to recruit a Landscape Architect to approve our Visual Assessment report as required by Caltrans. Barbara Harris finds nothing in her files of Caltrans Scenic Highway Guidelines about this requirement; asks when it was instated and where it was published. Will proceed with photos and visual assessment anyway, although haze and smoke has not helped visibility.
- Homestead Valley Community Plan: update received after this agenda distributed: the draft plan may be out by the end of July, approved by Sept; County General Plan to be approved by Sept 2018. Chuck Bell in Lucerne Valley was told, that even *before* the General Plan is approved, if an applicant comes with a project with major land-use changes, etc. that are inconsistent with our community action plans and pending zoning and land-use maps, that the “project won’t be looked on favorably.”
- Hauled Water Ban: (Betty) The demise of Assemblyman Obernolte’s attempt to lift statewide ban on hauled water in AB 366. Opposed by chair of Senate Committee who wrote original bill putting ban in place. AB 367 approved, will allow you to rebuild after a fire, even if you rely on hauled water.
- Solar Moratorium: No moratorium. Supervisor Ramos asked for publication date for the Draft Renewable Energy and Conservation Element of the County Plan. Information on public meeting re: first draft of REC Element and online links included in this agenda packet. Chuck Bell was told: Even without the REC Element in place, staff says, “Developers aren’t coming in blind. In numerous meetings, staff gives them the bottom line reality of what they are up against – proceed with risk.”

**8. Ord Mountain Solar Project** (Betty) only new report is citizens involving AQMD in this process.

**9. Fire Tax and Cap and Trade Extension** Changing reports about action to lure rural constituents into supporting Cap and Trade by ending illegal fire tax. Legislative counsel said extending Cap and Trade beyond its 2020 termination would be illegal.

This and other tax issues reported to subscribers on [www.hjta.org](http://www.hjta.org). the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association website.

## **10. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs**

**MB MAC-** Ken Brock attended, reported the speaker from Economic Development Agency discussed budget \$400,000 to increase content tourism website. MAC resolution in support of Sand to Snow and Mojave Trails National Monuments as designated was approved. These and other monuments established by executive order by President Obama are under review.

**LV-JV MAC-** Speakers from the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District will discuss air quality problems created by Ord Mtn and all industrial solar projects. Also, a letter opposing Ord Mtn project is on list of Action Items.

## **11. Committees:**

Fund Raising/Events-no report

Advisory-no meeting necessary

Public Outreach (Betty Munson) e-mail, radio and newspaper notified about meeting.

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

We will ask Rick to contact Elementary Schools about HVCC donations to school science trips.

Scenic 247 (Betty Munson) discussed under Item #8.

## **12. President's Report** no report

## **13. Action Items** none

## **Community Reports and Announcements**

Flamingo Heights:

Potluck meeting tomorrow; Ice Cream Social, July 22.

Landers:

Fireworks at Homestead Valley Park, Saturday, Sept. 2. No events planned, though regular meetings continue at Belfield Hall. Bonnie Trezona setting up special Back to School section in the Thrift Shoppe, asking for donations of school supplies, nice clothes. Open 10:00-2:00 Saturdays.

Yucca Mesa:

Planning for Mesa Fest in September

Johnson Valley:

-Saturday Breakfast every week, 7-10 a.m.

-Bake Sale Auction plus a program, Sat Aug 12, time and entertainment to be announced,

- FRIED CHICKEN DINNER, changed since the JV Journal published: Sat Aug 5, only 7.00 per person. \$4.00 for kids age 12 and younger.

**Next HVCC meeting Monday, August 21, 3:00 pm**  
Yucca Mesa Community Center

## **15. Adjourn** 4:18

Betty Munson, Secretary

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

**HVCC Checking Account**

BEGINNING BALANCE -7/1/17 .....\$1,930.73  
NO ACTIVITY  
ENDING BALANCE CHECKING - 7/31/17 .....\$1,930.73

**HVCC Savings Account**

BEGINNING BALANCE 7/1/17 .....\$4,139.82  
INCOME .....0.00  
INTEREST DEP Jan .....0.03  
ENDING BALANCE - 7/31/17 ..... \$4,139.85

**Total HVCC Assets .....\$6,070.58**

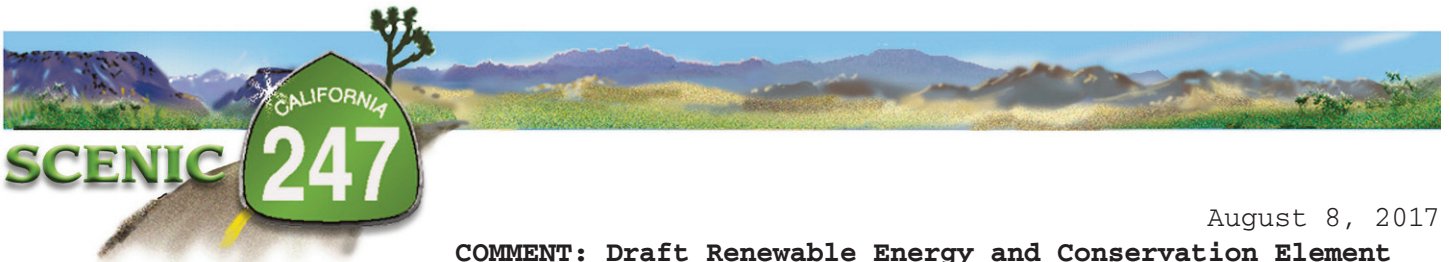
**CASH IN BANK:**

US BANK - CHECKING .....\$1,930.73  
US BANK - SAVINGS .....4,139.85  
TOTAL CASH IN BANK ACCOUNTS .....\$6,070.58

**LEGEND:**

CK - CHECK  
DC - DEBIT CARD  
DEP - DEPOSIT  
EFT - ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

BETTY MUNSON  
TREASURER



August 8, 2017

**COMMENT: Draft Renewable Energy and Conservation Element**

Endorsed by:

Homestead Valley Community Council  
www.hvccsite.org

Morongo Basin Historical Society  
www.mbhs.org

Flamingo Heights  
Community Association  
www.fhca.com

Johnson Valley  
Improvement Association  
see www.johnsonvalley.com

Hammerking Productions  
dave@kingofthehammers.com

Landers Association

Yucca Mesa  
Improvement Association  
www.yuccamesa.org

Western American Railroad Museum  
www.barstowrailmuseum.org

Lucerne Valley  
Chamber of Commerce

Lucerne Valley  
Economic Development Association

Lucerne Valley Market & Hardware

Lucerne Valley Museum

Route 66 Mother Road Museum  
www.route66museum.org

Joshua Tree  
Gateway Communities  
Tourism Committee  
www.joshuatreegatewaycommunities.com

Points of Interest Promotions  
Lucerne Valley  
billembright@thenewlight.net

Rockhound Field Trip Fanatics!  
http://rockhound-field-trips.ning.com

Morongo Basin  
Conservation Association  
www.mbconservation.org

Lucerne Valley-Johnson Valley  
Municipal Advisory Council

Barstow Chamber of Commerce  
www.barstowchamber.com

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Municipal Advisory Council

Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre  
Mayor. City of Barstow

Since 2009, the Scenic 247 Committee of the Homestead Valley Community Council has commented on every proposal for any renewable energy project that affected the communities and landscape through which State Route 247 travels.

S.R.247 is eligible for State Scenic Highway status.

Civic, recreational and environmental organizations, as well as tourism destinations, have signed on as sponsors of the Scenic 247 campaign.

Please see this link to the California Department of Transportation website:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/ser/vol1/sec3/community/ch27via/chap27via.htm#scenic>

Under Chapter 27 - Visual & Aesthetics Review, we find two statements:

"The intent of the State Scenic Highway Program is to protect and enhance California's natural scenic beauty."

"If a highway is listed as eligible for official designation, it is also part of the Scenic Highway System and care must be taken to preserve its eligible status."

To further the County's campaign to attract more tourism dollars into the Mountains and Deserts of San Bernardino County, we request an addition to the REC Element under RE Policy 4.10.

Please add the words shown below in bold face:

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, **which include adverse impacts to the viewshed of S.R. 247 in its entirety.**

Thank you for your attention,

Betty Munson, Chair

(See "The Case for Scenic 247" at [www.scenichighway247.com](http://www.scenichighway247.com))

SCENIC 247 COMMITTEE

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A committee of the Homestead Valley Community Council