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AGENDA OCTOBER 19, 2015 MEETING

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

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Delegate List

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes of September Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Betty Munson

1. Guest Comments on items not on the agenda

2. Election of Officers The number of delegates from each organization is still unequal. Please, each member encourage more representation

3. SB County Fire Dept - Chief Tom Marshall

4. SB County Sheriffs Dept - Sgt. Rick Millard

5. CalFire - Chief Grant Malinowski and/or Chief Tony Jones

6. Jim Schooler Representative from State Senator Jean Fuller

7. Marine Flag Presented to HVCC

8. Public Safety: Comment to Board of Supervisors

Draft Letter included in agenda packet

9. Community Clean-ups Yucca Mesa, Johnson Valley

10. Motorcycles, ATVs subject to damage by new EPA fuel regulation-

American Motorcycle Association Action Alert included in agenda packet

11. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs

LV-JV MAC: Ignacio Nuñez, ode Enforcement Supervisor, speaker

MB MAC:

12. Committees:

Fund Raising/Events-Poker Run, need committee members from each organization

Advisory-no meeting

Public Outreach (Betty Munson)

Community Services/Improvements/Cooperation (Rick Sayers)

Scenic 247 (Betty Munson)

13. President's Report -

14. Action Items - Community Reports List - Announcements

15. Adjourn - next meeting Monday, November 16, 3:00 p.m.

Location: Flamingo Heights Community Center,

Perris Rd behind La Copine Restaurant on Hwy 247.

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	364-2345	
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Rick Sayers	YMIA	574-6598	rick@ricksayers.com
Joanna Wright	JVIA	364-2207	henryspiano@aol.com

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Committee members not required to be members of the Council

Audit:

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

Advisory Committee Presidents of the 4 HVCC Community Associations

Community Outreach Chairperson: Betty Munson
Jim Hanley, Rick Sayers

Community Services / Improvements / Cooperation Chairperson: Rick Sayers
Jim Hanley

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
Meeting of the Homestead Valley Community Council
3:00 p.m. at the Landers Belfield Hall, 58380 Reche Rd.

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Delegate List

Guests: Tom Marshall, SB County Fire; Jim Schooler, Field Rep State Senator Jean Fuller; Kim Abramson; Roxanna Shamay; Sarah Jane Kennington; Judy Corl-Lorono; Lib Koenig;

Approved Minutes of August Meeting

Approved Treasurer's Report: Betty Munson

1. Guest Comments on items not on the agenda: Landers resident statement for Supervisor Ramos about Landers tax transfer from County to Bighorn Desert View Water Agency; dissatisfaction with chief of staff's attitude. Discussion rumored shutdown of videoconferencing center in Joshua Tree. Lib Koenig brought info on elder abuse. Sarah Kennington of Morongo Basin Conservation Association reported on Senator Feinstein request to President Obama designate three national monuments by executive order, several organizations have letter-writing campaigns in support. Roxanna Shamay reported rodeo planned for Homestead Valley Park May 28.

2. Election of Officers The number of delegates from each organization is still unequal.
Members please encourage more representation

3. SB County Fire Dept - Chief Tom Marshall. New ladder truck now at Aberdeen station. Application for annex of 29 Palms Dept into County Fire is now before LAFCO. 68 calls for service, 57 medical, one structure fire, 4 traffic collisions, landfill fires, 2 vehicle fires. Station 19 has fire engines again, paid call fireman, shorter response. Many resources rotating 18-day trips to wildfires in Oregon and Washington. Those fires not typically out until it snows.
Discussion reasons for increase in traffic deaths, Hwy 62 most pedestrian fatalities.

4. SB County Sheriffs Dept - Sgt. Rick Millard,, unable to attend due to emergency.

5. CalFire - Chief Grant Malinowski and/or Chief Tony Jones, unable to attend due to wildfires

6. Jim Schooler Representative from State Senator Jean Fuller. She is now Senate Minority Leader. Chad Mayes is Assembly Minority Leader which may mean more attention for this area. Priority to keep taxes from increasing. Spoke to Sacramento about Scenic 247 Campaign; they said kudos to HVCC for presentation and the grass roots effort; Fuller's office extremely supportive of it. Schooler needs to have meeting with county contact person, looks like a favorable proposition, not political. He will ask for contact.
Sarah Kennington asked for Fuller's take on the national monument.

7. County Action on Hauled Water -Ramos recommendation to Supervisors was included in agenda packet; proposed projecting time and cost for doing a study on the hauled water issue. Comments were sent to Supervisors against spending time & money on studies.

8. Illegal Dumping info to report dump sites to Code Enforcement.

Ignacio Nuñez to be at JV Community Clean-up October 17, to discuss reviving Tire Garden.

9. Morongo Basin Historical Society-Kim Abramson reported Landers Research Center open now Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10:30-3:00, Field trip to historic Old Woman Springs Ranch, October 17. Member 15.00, non-member 25.00. Annual MBHS meeting September 27, with tour of the original Landers Post Office, now on the Landers property.
Council approved HVCC organization membership dues, \$40 annual.
MBHS has given much support to HVCC fundraising during Poker Runs, etc..

10. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs

At LV-V MAC April Sall of California Desert Coalition gave history and background of Senator Feinstein's Desert Protection Bill to establish Mojave Trails Monument, Sand to Snow Monument+Black Lava Buttes, add more wilderness areas, national designation of OHV Areas. Purpose, to preserve existing public land uses from industrialization, specifically renewable energy. Existing active mining operations to be allowed; new discoveries of national importance could be allowed. Recreational mining allowed. Lack of interest in US Congress has led Feinstein to write to President Obama asking to establish the monuments by executive action under the Antiquities Act. No response as of MAC meeting , September 19.

At MB MAC Lib Koenig reported speaker Frazier Haney of the Mojave Land Trust, which was involved in purchase and donation of lands to the BLM included in the Feinstein bill.

11. Committees:

- Fund Raising/Events-possibly Poker Run next April.
- -Advisory-no meeting of association presidents needed
- Public Outreach (Betty Munson) invitations to fire, sheriffs; info to radio sent too late
- Community Services/Improvements/Cooperation (Rick Sayers)
 - Motion passed for Council to send a letter to County Board of Supervisors asking for more law enforcement for Morongo Basin and Homestead Valley.
- Scenic 247 (Betty Munson) no report, good news brought by Jim Schooler today

12. President's Report - Council agreed to meeting in December..

-Lorrie Steely of Mojave Communities Collaborative Coalition requests HVCC sign on 21-page letter to the California Energy commission and the California Public Utilities Commission concerning RETI 2.0 renewable energy transmission standards. Betty to e-mail letter to Council members to vote before September 24 comment deadline.

13. Action Items - Community Reports List - Announcements

1. Distribute info for reporting illegal dump sites
2. Send RETI 2.0 letter to council members
3. Write letter to board of Supervisors re: increasing law enforcement

Announcements:

- **Flamingo Heights Potluck** tomorrow at 6.00, Donation 1.00 with dish, \$6 without.
- **Yucca Mesa** - Rick-October 3 Swap Meet 7:00-2:00; October 10, Clean-up 8:00-noon
- **Landers**-No events planned
- **Johnson Valley 6th Annual Oktoberfest, October 3:** Betty has tickets, \$7 admission per person Admission at the door will be \$10..Beer Garden opens 4:30 p.m.

ART RAFFLE: Art print on stretched canvas donated as a fundraiser for JVIA. Tickets \$1 each 6 for \$5. Drawing after Dinner on Saturday, December 5.

JV Community Clean=up October 17, 8-noon.

- **Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association** meets at LV Senior Center, behind Library on Hwy 247. Early time 3:00 Tuesday, October 6. State Assemblyman Jay Obernolte speaker: **At 4:30 Carpool for tour of Mitsubishi Cement Plant** for whoever wants to go.

- **Search and Rescue Desert Run**, Saturday October 3

Joanna read from John Jones e-mail concerning buying and using fire extinguishers.

14. Adjourn 4:28 - next meeting Monday, October 19, 3:00 p.m. Johnson Valley Community Center, Larrea and Quailbush Roads

-Betty Munson, secretary

**HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 19, 2015**

HVCC Checking Account

BEGINNING BALANCE –9/1/15	\$2,470.94
INCOME	0.00
EXPENSES:	0.00
ENDING BALANCE CHECKING – 9/30/15	\$2,470.94

HVCC Savings Account

BEGINNING BALANCE –9/1/15	\$4,139.16
INCOME	0.00
INTEREST DEP.....	0.03
ENDING BALANCE – 9/30/15.....	\$4,139.19

Total HVCC Assets\$6,610.13

CASH IN BANK:

US BANK – CHECKING	\$2,470.94
US BANK – SAVINGS	4,139.16
TOTAL CASH IN BANK ACCOUNTS	\$6,610.10

LEGEND:

CK - CHECK

DC - DEBIT CARD

DEP - DEPOSIT

EFT – ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

BETTY MUNSON
TREASURER



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James Ramos, County Supervisor Third District
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re: Public Safety Concerns in San Bernardino County Desert

Dear Supervisor Ramos:

Your constituents in the Homestead Valley and other Morongo Basin communities experience more crime and traffic deaths; this Council has voted to request whatever funding can be made available to address these problems, to increase fire and law enforcement capabilities responding to emergencies and investigating.

The perception of more personal and property crimes is spotlighted by the many grass roots efforts to form Community Watch groups, such as the educational programs promoted by the High Desert Association of Realtors. But these types of efforts are hard to put to work in remote rural settlements.

This Council receives frequent reports from County Fire and County Sheriffs. It is discouraging to note how few resources are spread out over the vast rural districts, to experience long response times waiting for emergency help because of the distances being travelled. It is especially discouraging to see the effects of jail "reform" legislation converting felonies to misdemeanors. We do not like to see the people preying on us and our neighbors walk free before the law enforcement reports can be written.

County Fire spends much time answering medical aid calls, not only to residents up remote dirt roads having breathing problems or injuries, but also to traffic collisions and pedestrian injuries and deaths. We all hear the anecdotal reports on marijuana plantations in the neighborhoods, on gang-related activities and vandalism, the increase in residents with drug and alcohol problems and vagrants in shopping areas or squatting in vacant houses. Whether crime, vandalism and erratic antisocial behaviors are truly on the increase we are trying to discover. But the perception that this is so, and the certainty of long response times, affects our rural economies, tourism and ultimately, County revenues.

Please address these questions. Is discretionary funding available to improve public safety resources? What can we do now?

Thank you for your attention. We invite you to attend another HVCC meeting or other event where these issues can be discussed.

Joanna Wright, President HVCC

c/c Robert Lovingood, County Supervisor First District
Janice Rutherford, County Supervisor Second District
Curt Hagman, County Supervisor Fourth District
Josie Gonzales, County Supervisor Fifth District



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**Congressional letter aims to prevent E15-related engine damage
Urge your representative to sign before the deadline, Oct. 23!**

U.S. Reps. Bill Flores (R-Texas), Peter Welch (D-Vt.), Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), Jim Costa (D-Calif.) and Steve Womack (R-Ark.) are taking the lead by sending a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to discourage it from breaching the Renewable Fuel Standard blend wall. The blend wall is the point at which no more ethanol can be blended without creating higher-ethanol blends, such as E15 and above.

The bipartisan letter comes in response to the EPA's proposed Renewable Volume Obligations rule for 2014, 2015 and 2016 and is scheduled to arrive before the RVOs are finalized on Nov. 30. The EPA proposal would increase the amount of ethanol from all sources in the nation's fuel supply to 17.4 billion gallons in 2016, up from 15.93 billion gallons in 2014.

Those increases would come despite the EPA's acknowledgement that the current market cannot absorb these higher ethanol production rates. The practical effect of the EPA's action is that ethanol production will exceed the "blend wall." That means more E15 and less E10 on future markets. More E15 will inevitably lead to inadvertent misfueling, which can damage motorcycle and all-terrain-vehicle engines. Moreover, the use of E15 may void the manufacturer's warranty.

The EPA's proposed rule does not consider the concerns of motorcyclists and ATV owners, despite the agency's knowing that none of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and ATVs in use in the United States is approved to use blends with more than 10 percent ethanol (E10).

This letter would help protect millions of motorcycle and ATV vehicles and the riders who depend on their safe operation.

The deadline for signatures is Friday, Oct. 23! Act today to ensure your representative signs the Flores/Welch/Goodlatte/Costa/Womack letter.

<http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Rights/IssuesLegislation.aspx>