

Discussing Hauled Water and Scenic 247 with Senator Fuller

Members of the Scenic 247 Committee and the Morongo Basin Conservation Association met briefly with



L to R: Marina West, Sarah Kennington, Pat Flanagan, Betty Munson, Senator Jean Fuller, Joanna Wright

State Senator Jean Fuller on Friday, October 13, in her field office in Yucca Valley. We discussed questions raised by last

year's legislation banning building permits for a property relying on hauled water, citing health issues. Yet existing State codes allow hauled water. Fuller gave us advice

including addressing Assemblyman Obernolte to get another bill introduced to solve this.

We now see applications to the county for 2,000 acres of solar fields in the Scenic 247 corridor. They ignore both the Caltrans requirements to preserve the scenic corridor and the County's Solar Ordinance.

We asked Senator Fuller's aid establishing closer contact with Caltrans Landscape Architects office, to speed up visual assessment of the scenic corridor.

Could Our Homestead Valley Community Plan Be Trashed?



Council at October 16 meeting, L to R: Betty Munson, secretary/treasurer; Joanna Wright, president; Roxanna Shamay, Dorothy Beasley, Floy Creveling, Rick Sayers, Jim Hanley, Adrienne Bishop

At the October meeting, HVCC questioned the process and conclusions in the draft EIR (Environmental Impact Report) on the Countywide Plan for unincorporated communities.

- We have serious concerns about keeping the ground rules adopted in our HV plan in 2007.
- We have serious concerns about the County planners not consulting those ground rules.

- The current idea is for Community "Action" Plans – we are to form numerous committees to accomplish our goals.

- We do not have enough volunteers for all the action committees these urban planners visualize.

Or, rural residents have already been addressing the County for years to accomplish our

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 Community Plan(s) update meeting in Joshua Tree Community Center on Monday, November 6
 Public Comment Period Ends on Monday, November 20