

Lots to Hear About at Yucca Mesa



L to R: Sheriff Capt. Trevis Newport; Dominic Heiden, Field Representative for State Senator Shannon Grove; County 3rd District Supervisor Dawn Rowe; Tom Murphy, The Red Brennan Group; Kelly Hake, Community Crisis Response Team; Mark Lundquist, County 3rd District Field Representative

Speakers Discussed Local, County and State Issues with an Involved Audience

April 15 – A few of the discussions from the meeting in Yucca Mesa:

Capt. Newport reported the arrest of the “Rhino thief” and recovery of much stolen property, thanks to a tip from a citizen.

Dominic Heiden told us Senator Shannon supports reinvestment of savings into the developmentally-disabled community and their caregivers. He also said they are tracking the Cadiz water issue.

Supervisor Rowe and her Field Representative Mark Lundquist discussed many actions: what’s happening with the Night Sky Ordinance and light trespass;

problems with excess traffic because of the National Park, short-term rentals and Code Enforcement challenges; the “grandfathered” industrial renewable energy projects and her suggestion she mediates between developers, unions and the desert communities; plus a local issue with longtime manure piles and flies.

Tom Murphy detailed The Red Brennan Group lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the County Fire expansion of Fire Protection Zone 5 (FP-5). They propose to take in all unincorporated land in San Bernardino County and make up their budget shortfall with a permanent tax on each parcel of \$157.26 per year. The suit was denied, but TRGB legal team will appeal. (The HVCC

have signed on as plaintiffs in the fire tax suit against the County.)

Kelly Hake, AMFT, Clinical Therapist, spoke about the County Department of Behavioral Health Community Crisis Response Team (CCRT) providing the Morongo Basin a mobile response for psychiatric emergencies. Teams offer mental health assessment, relapse prevention, intensive follow-up, as well as on-site crisis intervention

Supervisor Rowe plans to meet again with HVCC on Monday, June 17, at the Johnson Valley Community Center. The Council invites everyone to come, ask questions and make your comments.