



AGENDA: January 17, 2022 MEETING
3:00 p.m. at Landers Belfield Hall, 58380 Reche Rd.

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Flag Salute
Roll Call/Delegate List
Approve Agenda
Approve Minutes – November and December 2021 Meetings
Treasurer’s Report: Floy Creveling

1. **Guest Comments** on items not on the agenda
2. **29 Palms MCAGCC** – 7ca a i b l m i @ U g b ? j a V f m D c d Y
3. **San Bernardino County Fire**
4. **Cal Fire**
5. **State Assemblyman Thurston “Smitty” Smith** – Field Representative Dillon Levosky written report
6. **State Senator Shannon Grove** – Field Representative Dominic Heiden written report
7. **SB County 3rd District Supervisor Dawn Rowe**
8. **San Bernardino County Illegal Cannabis Farm Abatement Ordinance Update**
9. **Redistricting Finished. Now what?** – Jim Harvey
10. **Committees:**
 1. *Standing:* Public Outreach (Betty Munson)
 2. *Ad Hoc:* Scenic Highway 247 (Betty Munson)
11. **President’s Report**
12. **Community Reports List – Announcements**
13. **Review Action Items From This Meeting**

Next HVCC meeting: Monday, February 21, 3:00 pm
Johnson Valley Community Center, 50567-A Quailbush Rd.

Adjourn

HVCC DELEGATES / COMMITTEE LIST

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.

Kim Abramson	JVIA alternate
Adrienne Bishop	Landers
Digna Cassens	Flamingo Heights
Floy Creveling	Landers
Toby Gramm	FHCA
Jim Hanley	JVIA
Jim Harvey	JVIA
Judy Laffoon	Landers Alternate
Betty Munson	JVIA
Chris Nichols	YMIA
Rick Sayers	YMIA

OFFICERS

President: Jim Harvey
Vice President: Rick Sayers
Secretary: Betty Munson
Treasurer: Floy Creveling

STANDING COMMITTEE

Community Outreach: Chairperson: Betty Munson
Jim Hanley, Rick Sayers

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Scenic 247 Committee: Chairperson: Betty Munson
Phillip Brown, Barbara Harris, Jim Harvey, Sarah Kennington, Sara Fairchild, Chuck Bell

Committee members not required to be members of the Council



November 15, 2021 Minutes
3:00 p.m. at Landers Association
58380 Reche Rd.

- Flag Salute
- Kim Abramson did the Roll Call - Betty Munson, Chris Nicols and Toby Gramm absent.
- Rick Sayers makes a motion to approve the Agenda. Floy Creveling seconds. 6 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report given by Floy Creveling. Beginning balance \$12,386.44. Ending balance \$12,400.52. Rick Sayers makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jim Hanley seconds. 6 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed. (See attached).

1. Guest Comments – Louis, president of Landers Association, speaks about collecting tires abandoned in the desert.

2. 29 Palms MCAGCC – Kimberly Pope says the Shared Use Area is open.

3. Vandalizing of Mailboxes in Landers – Judy Laffoon explained the vandalizing of the Landers mailboxes. Lt. Walker speaks. Guest speaks.

4. SB County Fire – Chief Tuttle reads the Community's October fire calls. Johnson Valley - 7 calls, Landers which includes Flamingo Heights - 39 calls, Pioneertown - 3 calls and Yucca Mesa - 27 calls. Propane or Natural Gas fires are allowed. If one wants to report something anonymous, the website is sbcfire.org.

5. SB County Sheriffs Dept – Lt. Walker speaks. There were 1,700 calls for service. Auto thefts are up. Please pay attention to your surroundings. There will be 4 new deputies coming soon. Call non-emergency sheriffs department if you see fireworks. Call 911 if fire starts.

6. SB County 3rd District Supervisor Dawn Rowe – Dawn Rowe speaks about redistricting. December 16, 2021 County level. December 23-27 State level. December 7, 2021 Bio Supervisors. The Supervisors are working on the Abatement Ordinance. Operation Hammer Strike week 11 Stats: 29 Search Warrants, 29 Suspects Arrested, 23,700 Cannabis Plants Seized, 3,352 pounds of Processed Marijuana, 4 Firearms Seized, \$91,000 Cash Seized, 132 Greenhouse Eradications, 2 Mitigated Electrical Bypass (Severe Fire Hazard), Total Wholesale Product Value of Cannabis Seized This Week = \$16,733,200.00. This is a low ball wholesale value. Year-to-Date Stats: 270 Total Search Warrants, 324 Suspects Arrested, 262,398 Cannabis Plants Seized, 54,407 pounds Processed Marijuana, 8 grams Concentrated Cannabis, 8 grams Methamphetamine, 83 Firearms Seized, \$654,449.00 Cash Seized, 1519 Greenhouse Eradications, 3 Mitigated Electrical Bypass (Severe Fire Hazard), 4 THC Extraction Lab,

Total Wholesale Product Value of Cannabis Seized This Operation = \$194,052,220.00.
This is a low ball wholesale value.

7. State Senator Shannon Grove – Representative Dominic Heiden speaks about upcoming negative bills being introduced in January to the Senate. **AB 333** - AB 333, Kamlager. **Participation in a criminal street gang:** enhanced sentence. ... The bill would remove looting, felony vandalism, and specified personal identity fraud violations from the crimes that define a pattern of criminal gang activity. **SB 339** - requires **the California Transportation Commission to create an RUC Technical Advisory Committee** in consultation with the state's Secretary of Transportation. The law also requires the committee to study RUC alternatives and gather public comment. **AB 1276** - Carrillo. **Single-use foodware accessories and standard condiments.** ... The bill would authorize a food facility to ask a drive-through consumer, or a food facility located within a public airport to ask a walk-through consumer, if the consumer wants a single-use foodware accessory in specified circumstances. **AB 1184** - California Gov. Gavin Newsom. ... The other bill Newsom signed, AB 1184, is **designed to protect the privacy of people receiving reproductive health care services** as well as gender-confirming care by ensuring their information is kept private if they are not the primary policyholder on their health insurance. Dominic Heiden speaks about upcoming positive bills being introduced in January to the Senate. **AB 107** -

8. SB County and California Redistricting Commission Update – Jim Harvey reads SB County and California Redistricting Commission update. (See attached).

9. Stagecoach Solar Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) – Jim Harvey reads Statecoach Solar Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). (See attached). Jim will write something up regarding ES 16 Section 8 and 9.

10. Committees:

1. *Standing:* Public Outreach (Betty Munson)
2. *Ad Hoc:* Scenic Highway 247 (Betty Munson)

11. President's Report

12. Community Reports List – Announcements – Jim Hanley says Johnson Valley Improvement Association will be having its Christmas dinner on December 4, 2021 at 5 pm for \$10 person. Rick Sayers says Yucca Mesa Improvement Association is available for venues. Floy Creveling says Landers Association have the following events: Open Air Market at Moose Lodge 1st Saturdays 9am-1pm, Craft Fair 2nd Saturdays 10am-2pm. Quilt Club 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 10am-2pm, Adopt a Highway (Cal Trans training required for participation) 3rd Saturdays (Not sure of time), Membership Meetings 3rd Saturdays 3pm and Thrift Store times and days Fridays and Saturdays 10am-3pm.

13. Review Action Items From This Meeting

Next HVCC meeting: Monday, December 20, 2021 at 3:00 pm
Yucca Mesa Community Center, 3133 Balsa Ave. Yucca Mesa

Adjourn



December 20, 2021 Minutes

**3:00 p.m. at Yucca Mesa Improvement Association
3133 Balsa Ave.**

- Flag Salute
- Kim Abramson did the Roll Call - Betty Munson, Chris Nicols and Toby Gramm absent.
- Jim Hanley makes a motion to adopt the Agenda. Floy Creveling seconds. 6 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report given by Floy Creveling. Beginning balance \$12,400.52. Ending balance \$13,380.84. Rick Sayers makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Adrienne Bishop seconds. 6 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed. (See attached).

1. Guest Comments – none.

2. 29 Palms MCAGCC – Kimberly Pope speaks. Patty asks a question.

3. SB County Fire Dept – Chief Tuttle absent. Jim Harvey reads Chief Tuttle's Incident Report: Structure Fire 1, Vehicle Fire 1, Other Fire 5, Investigation/Alarm 3, HazMat 2, Mecial 106, Public Service 6, Traffic Collision 8 for a total of 132 calls. The county residents are now allowed to burn agriculture waste on one's own property with a burn permit.

Cal Fire Representative says the Cal Fire website for a burn permit is:
burnpermit.fire.ca.gov

4. SB County Sheriffs Dept – Captain Niles presents Jim Harvey with the Citizen of the Year award from the Sheriffs Department. November Stats: Stolen Vehicles 8 and Burglaries 19.

5.. State Senator Shannon Grove – Jim Harvey reads Dominic Heiden's letter. (See attached).

6. SB County 3rd District Supervisor Dawn Rowe – Dawn Rowe reads Operation Hammer Strike Year-to-Date Stats: 355 Total Search Warrants, 414 Suspects Arrested, 358,372 Cannabis Plants Seized, 73,168 pounds Processed Marijuana, 8 grams Concentrated Cannabis, 8 grams Methamphetamine, 115 Firearms Seized, \$872,449.00 Estimated Cash Seized, 2,463 Greenhouse Eradications, 5 Mitigated Electrical Bypass (Severe Fire Hazard), 5 THC Extraction Lab, Total Wholesale Product Value of Cannabis Seized This Operation = \$267,475,020.00. This is a low ball wholesale value. Dawn says The Night Sky Ordinance was just adopted by the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Residential will have 24 months to comply, commercial will only have 18 months. The BOS just passed an abatement ordinance that will allow County Code Enforcement to take action against the property owners who have illegal cannabis grows and the junk that is left behind.

Property owners will be forced to clean up or pay for the clean up. The County Planning Commission will have a hearing in January or February to discuss revamping the Short-term Vacation Rental Ordinance. Next up will be the creation of an "Alternative Structure Ordinance" that addresses camping/glamping. We are hopeful that is brought forward for consideration in the next few months. My next goal is to work on illegal dumping and how to prevent that. Dawn says Chad Mayes is the current Assemblyman. Dawn introduces Assemblyman Thurston Smith who will be HVCC's new Assemblyman. The Assemblyman speaks and introduces Marion Nunez, his assistant.

7. Stagecoach Solar Draft EIR Scenic 247 Committee Comments – Deadline is December 22, 2021. Jim Harvey reads the first page of the Stagecoach Solar Draft EIR Scenic 247. Rick Sayers makes a motion to approve the Stagecoach Solar Draft EIR Scenic 247. Floy Creveling seconds the motion. 6 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

8. Stagecoach Solar Draft EIR Homestead Valley Community Council Comments – Jim Harvey reads the Stagecoach Solar Draft EIR Homestead Valley Community Council. Jim Hanley makes a motion to approve the Stagecoach Solar Draft EIR Homestead Valley Community Council. Rick Sayers seconds the motion. 6 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed. Jim Harvey reads Digna Cassens bio. Kim Abramson makes a motion to accept Digna Cassens as a delegate for Flamingo Heights Community Center. Rick Sayers seconds the motion. 6 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

9. San Bernardino County Redistricting 2021 – Jim Harvey reads SBC Redistricting 2021 (attached).

10. Committees:

1. *Standing*: Public Outreach (Betty Munson)
 2. *Ad Hoc*: Scenic Highway 247 (Betty Munson)
- Jim Harvey explains the redistricting map.

11. President's Report

12. Community Reports List – Announcements – Jim Hanley says Johnson Valley Improvement Association will be having its Souper Supper dinner on January 8, 2022 at 5 pm for \$5 person if one doesn't bring a soup. Free if one brings a soup. Saturday breakfast will be closed for Christmas and New Year's holiday. Rick Sayers says Yucca Mesa Improvement Association is having a private Christmas party on December 18, 2021. Floy Creveling says the Landers thrift store will be closed for two weeks. The 2nd Saturday is the craft faire.

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Landers Belfield Hall, 58380 Reche Rd. Landers
Adjourn

Homestead Valley Community Council, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

For the month of December 2021

Checking Account:

Beginning Statement Balance 12/01/2021..... \$13,380.84

Income..... \$ 14.08

EFT PayPal donation of \$14.08 (\$15.00 - \$0.92 fees = \$14.08)

Expense..... \$ 1,000.00

CK #701 Homestead Valley Park & Recreation. The original check was written to HVCC in error by the County of San Bernardino and this is how we corrected it. The SBC check was deposited into HVCC checking last month and #701 was issued to the park.

Ending Statement Balance 12/31/2021..... \$12,394.92

Total HVCC Assets in Bank 012/31/2021..... \$12,394.92*

*The actual checkbook balance is currently \$12,368.22

CK#703 for \$35.92 was outstanding as of 12/31/21 – reimbursement to Jim Harvey for presenters' holiday acknowledgements

There has been a PayPal donation of \$9.22 (\$10.00 – 0.78) since the 12/31/21 bank statement

Legend:

CK – Check DC– Debit Card DEP-Deposit EFT– Electronic Funds Transfer

Floy Creveling

Treasurer

THURSTON "SMITTY" SMITH

33RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT



Homestead Valley Community Council January Meeting

Back to Session

- January 3rd members of the Assembly and Senate are back in session for 2022.
- February 18th will be the last day a new bill can be introduced by a member of the Assembly or Senate
- Following their introduction, they will go through the committee process which needs to be completed by April 29th

Governor Newsom's Budget Proposal to the Legislature

- This week, Governor Newsom outlined his budget proposal for the 2022-23 budget year. Here are some major takeaways.
- Total state spending - \$286.5 billion, which is \$23.9 billion more than last year
- The budget cuts \$1.5 billion for forest health and fire prevention from last year's budget. This is something that Assemblyman Smith is opposed to cutting
- The budget also proposes suspending a gas and diesel tax increase of \$525 million scheduled to go into effect July 2022, this is something Assemblyman Smith supports. We disparately need tax relief.
- There is also no money allocated for new water storage projects, this is something that Assemblyman Smith is opposed to. We need to be investing in the future water infrastructure in California.

Asm. Smith Legislative Package

- Legislative council is currently drafting three bills in regard to illegal cannabis grows. We expect to introduce these bills within the next 2 weeks. Issues include:
 - Illegal cannabis cultivation penalties
 - Prosecute illegal grows who are using illegal pesticides that harm our water table

- Aiding and abetting water theft for illegal grows.
- He also is working on legislation and a resolution against the proposal to make the western Joshua Tree an endangered species.
- If you have any other legislative ideas, please contact our office at Assemblymember.Smith@assembly.ca.gov or (916) 319-2033.

Single Payer Healthcare

- This week, members of the legislature have been pushing AB 1400 and ACA 11, which would create a single-payer government run healthcare system for all California residents – regardless of immigration status.
- The measure is estimated to cost at a minimum of \$163 billion in new taxes for small businesses
- Assemblyman Smith is completely opposed to this measure and is fighting it at every turn. Given the incompetence of other government agencies like the EDD and DMV, he does not believe that government-run healthcare will help his constituents.

Subject: HVCC Senator Grove Update

From: "Heiden, Dominic" <Dominic.Heiden@sen.ca.gov>

Date: 1/14/2022, 1:02 PM

To: Jim Harvey <johnsonvalley@gmail.com>

CC: Kim A <dojasmomdc@gmail.com>

Hi Jim and Kim,

The biggest update right now from us is Governor Newsom's recently released 2022-2023 budget. Senator Grove released the following statement:

“Governor Newsom’s budget over taxes and over-regulates Californians while continuing to push the same policies that have resulted in the highest cost of living, the highest poverty, historically high crime rates and worsening homeless crisis, despite record high spending. In December, Senator McGuire and I called on the governor to increase the number of state firefighters to meet the increasing demands of wildfire management, and I am pleased he has set aside \$400 million for this proposal. I appreciate the governor’s focus on the drought’s impact on food producers and funding for water conveyance, but with no additional money for water storage, the budget is still not serious about addressing California’s food and water security. I hope the governor understands we can’t import 100% of the food the Central Valley grows. I am also strongly opposed to the governor’s continued war on the state’s oil and gas industry, which provides good jobs for thousands of families and energy security for all Californians. The governor and the majority party must prioritize the immediate needs of Californians, instead of focusing on their utopian Government controlled state.”

Please let me know if anyone has any questions or if there is anything I can do to help out!

Thank you,



Dominic Heiden

Field Representative

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Update on the Cannabis Abatement Ordinance (01/12/2022)

At the December 14, 2021, Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board adopted the addition of County Code section 84.34.080 related to the abatement of items used in the unlawful cultivation of cannabis. With the new ordinance in place, Code Enforcement has established the following cannabis abatement program, which will allow for expedited clean-up of these violations.

- Property owners will be issued a Notice of Intent to Abate (NTA) when these violations are found at sites that have been cleared of cannabis by the property owner or by Sheriff's Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET)
- The NTA will mark the start an enforcement process which gives property owners 20 days to comply and to remove the cannabis related items found on their properties
- If the property owner does not comply, an abatement warrant will be obtained by Code Enforcement and posted on the property. A Code Enforcement contractor may then enter the property and abate the cannabis related items that remain
- Once the abatement has been completed, an abatement invoice for the cost of the clean-up will be prepared by Code Enforcement and sent to the property owner to ensure full cost recovery

It should be noted that Code Enforcement has seen an increase in self-abatement occurring as these illegal cannabis operators witness the work that the Sheriff's MET and Code Enforcement's Cannabis Abatement Team have been conducting in our communities. That said, hundreds of illegal cannabis cultivation cases remain open and are candidates for abatement.

To focus on abatements to properties most in need, Code Enforcement intends to prioritize efforts based on:

- The location of the blighted property (i.e., near residential/population centers)
- Properties where there are major health/safety issues

This prioritization approach will allow Code to address the most pressing abatement issues first, while continuing to encourage self-abatements on other properties.

Questions and Answers

Why are property owners given 20 days to comply?

The 20-day timeframe is the least amount of time allowed by County Code. The recent amendments to Chapter 2, Division 1 of Title 1 which were adopted by the Board of Supervisors at the meeting on 12/14/21 detail what must be included in a written order (NTA). The code goes on to read that the procedure and right to appeal of a written order shall be the same as an administrative citation (sec 11.0205 (e)). It then refers you to section 11.0208(f) which states that the appeal period for an administrative citation is 20 days. Therefore, 20 days that must be given to the responsible party in order to file an appeal to the NTA. If the County doesn't give those 20 days to appeal and do the work before that time frame, the responsible party can come back and say that they were not given the 20 day appeal period and we will be in violation of due process.

When does the 20-day timeframe start?

The 20-day timeframe starts the day the Code Officer writes and posts the NTA. This will most often occur when they are out with MET and verify a cannabis grow. MET will abate the cannabis while the items used to facilitate the grow will remain. The Code Officer will draft the NTA while on the site with MET and post it. It can also occur at other properties in which MET is not involved.

It is important to note that Code will only post the NTA when they have confirmed cannabis on site. If they have not confirmed cannabis, they cannot prove that these items were used for cannabis cultivation which will not allow for an abatement warrant to be sought for cannabis abatement purposes.

Approximately how long will it take to issue the warrant? What all is involved in that process?

There is a template for an abatement warrant. Code Enforcement will complete it for each site the same day the violations are observed. Code then takes the warrant to the local court and have a judge sign it. This process can be completed in one day and the warrant is good for 14 days. Code's abatement warrants require a 24 hour notice to the responsible party. Once the warrant is signed, Code will go out the next day to post the 24 hour notice at the property. The 24 hour notice alerts the responsible party that Code will be out to the property after 24 hours have expired to serve the abatement warrant.

Does the County have enough Code Enforcement contractors in place to abate all these properties after warrants are issued?

The County has begun a pilot program to help inform the true level of effort and resources necessary to abate these grows.

Code is establishing internal abatement processes/procedures in order to organize abatements and make sure they take care of them as soon as possible with the resources available. This includes prioritizing abatement locations and making sure Code has enough contractors to complete the work we issue. Code currently has four "board up" contractors that can complete the work and staff are beginning work on a specific cannabis abatement RFP to obtain more contractors.

Since these cannabis related abatements are new for the County, these processes and procedures will need to be tested in order to determine what works best. The time frames provided, 20 day NTA, 21 day warrant posting and 22nd day abatement are the absolute best case scenario in the shortest amount of time allowed by code. Staff hope to meet these tight time frames but will adjust as we test these new processes/procedures.

Will the County be able to charge the property owners for all the abatement costs?

Yes.

Operation Hammer Strike Community Briefing Video

December 21, 2021

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_iRNOHqu2I

Subject: Meeting Cancelled and What New Districts Mean
From: California Citizens Redistricting Commission <fredy.ceja@crc.ca.gov>
Date: 1/12/2022, 2:25 PM
To: James Harvey <johnsonvalley@gmail.com>



Greetings,

The Friday, January 14, 2022 Commission business meeting has been cancelled. We expect to resume on Friday, January 21, 2022.



It has been brought to our attention that there is much confusion over when the new maps go into effect. Here's our explanation:

Pursuant to Article 21, section 2(i) of the state Constitution, the final maps are deemed to have been “enacted” on the date of their certification to the Secretary of State (12/27/2021). The “enactment” date triggers the 90-day period for a referendum petition to be filed. In the absence of a sufficient and timely referendum petition being filed, the maps would otherwise become “effective” 90 days after enactment/certification (3/27/22). **But the maps and the new district boundaries don’t actually become “operative” until the 2022 primary and general elections; the new boundaries are used for those elections and the new districts don’t actually “exist” until after the 2022 general election is completed.**

This distinction is important for two purposes:

One, the current boundaries still apply for purposes of determining who are the

constituents of the various elected officials and offices; in other words, until the 2022 general election, constituents are still represented by the representative of their old/existing district, and not by the existing representative of the new district in which they might find themselves following the 2022 election.

Two, and perhaps more important, a special election to fill a vacancy in an existing district uses the “old” boundaries and takes place in the district as it existed when that candidate was last elected, despite the fact that this special election may take place after March 27, 2022 (when the new districts became “effective” but were not yet “operative”).

So don't go changing your district numbers just yet. We have elections coming up this year.



California Citizens Redistricting Commission

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