

Lucerne Valley & Johnson Valley Municipal Advisory Council
Regular Meeting Agenda
LV Community Center, 33187 Highway 247 East, Lucerne Valley
Thursday, March 16, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M.

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CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING: (1 minute)

FLAG SALUTE: (2 minutes)

ROLL CALL: Roger Peterson (Chair), Jean Magee (Vice-Chair), Lorane Abercrombie (Member), Joanna Wright (Member), Jean Fuqua (Member) & Betty Munson (Secretary) (2 minutes)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: (3 minutes)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (3 minutes)

Minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT: (15 minutes)

Members of the public wishing to address the Council will be asked during this section of the agenda if they have an issue to bring to the attention of the Council which is not an item on the agenda. By the raising of hands, the Chairman will ask any individual to address the Council at that time. Please honor the **Three-Minute** time limit when addressing the Council and complete thoughts quickly if noticed while speaking. All testimony given before the Council may be recorded. Since Council discussion of an item not on the posted agenda is not allowed, these concerns may be addressed in a future meeting as soon as is practical under "Non-Action Items". For "Non-Action Items" and "Action Items", the public will be given an opportunity to speak during the discussion of each item. If speakers wish to pass material to the Council, please hand it to the Recording Secretary for distribution. Legal, political, legislative, claims against the county, campaign, court issues and family law issues are not appropriate discussion for MAC consideration.

GUEST SPEAKER(S): (30 minutes) Craig Sherman & Phil Cardozo, San Bernardino County Department of Public Works

REPORTS: (5 minutes each)

- a) San Bernardino County Sheriff – Representative
- b) San Bernardino County Fire – Representative
- c) CALFIRE - Representative
- d) CSA 29 Report – Reese Troublefield
- e) Third District Report – Molly Wiltshire, Field Representative
- f) Land Use Committee – Roger Peterson
- g) Cemetery Committee – Jean Fuqua

CORRESPONDENCE: (3 minutes)

- a) If any is received

INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS: (5 minutes each)

- a) None

ACTION ITEMS: (10 minutes each)

- a) Solar Moratorium
- b) Hwy 247 Scenic Highway Designation
- c) Support of Assemblyman Obernolte's Water Hauling Bill AB 366 and 367

COUNCIL MEMBERS REQUESTS/REPORTS: (7 minutes)

NEXT MEETING: April 20, 2017, LV Community Center @ 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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DRAFT
Lucerne Valley - Johnson Valley Municipal Advisory Council
Third District of San Bernardino County
c/o County Service Area 29
P.O. Box 459
Lucerne Valley, CA 92356

To: Third District Supervisor, James Ramos County Government Center of San Bernardino 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Fifth Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0110

Re: Placing a Moratorium on all industrial solar projects in the high desert area of San Bernardino County.

Dear Supervisor Ramos:

Industrial solar projects that have been built in Lucerne Valley and in other unincorporated communities of the High Desert have been a serious concern to the people that live there. From the Projects on Camp Rock Road in Lucerne Valley we have learned the following:

- a) Where the natural vegetation was scraped off down to bare dirt, blowing dust has caused a big problem for the homes to the east of the projects. This blowing dust can carry Valley fever over a wide area. There is no practical or cost effective way to mitigate the problem.
- b) The animals that made their home on those sites were displaced and moved into the neighborhood to the north of the project. In that residential area there has been a large increase in the rat, mice, rabbit, snake, and coyote populations. It could best be described as an invasion.
- c) The motors that move the solar panels can be heard all day long every day.
- d) The property values of the properties adjacent to these projects has fallen. This hurts the property owners. This could affect the County's property tax income through lower assessed property values.

These issues and others are of a great concern to the people of Lucerne Valley and Johnson Valley.

Pursuant to the above stated issues, The Lucerne Valley Johnson Valley MAC is requesting a moratorium on the permitting and construction of industrial solar projects until the County's new General Plan and Renewable Energy and Conservation Element has been approved and implemented. Hopefully the new county General Plan will address these issues to the satisfaction of those who own property and those who make Lucerne Valley and the other unincorporated communities in San Bernardino County their home.

It should be noted that the MAC Board supports solar projects on private property such as what was built at the Lucerne Valley Market and Hardware, The County solar project currently out to bid at the CSA 29 office, the Senior Citizen 's Center, the County Library. The projects at the public schools and Omya Mine are also projects we support.

**This request was so moved and unanimously approved, March 16, 2017 by the
Members of the Lucerne Valley-Johnson Valley Municipal Advisory Council**

Roger Peterson, Chairman

CC: Molly Wiltshire, Deputy Chief of Staff

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RE: AB 366 AND 367 – Reinstating Allowance of Hauled Water

Dear Supervisor Ramos:

The Lucerne Valley Johnson Valley Municipal Advisory Council has been concerned about this issue for many years since San Bernardino County Dept. of Environmental Health Services adopted an internal department policy prohibiting water hauling for new residential development – even from a licensed hauler and legal source. Said policy was never adopted as a County ordinance nor so specified in the Development Code. Land owners could not obtain a building permit even where hauled water was the only viable source – where significant areas within the County are zoned to allow new homes – but overlay areas with no groundwater, or not potable, or where an expensive well might not produce an adequate supply or quality. This policy was not only unreasonable and unnecessary – it constituted a “property right taking”.

This law makes many properties in San Bernardino County virtually worthless. This also could result in a reduction of property tax revenue as there is no value to the property.

Last year the State enshrined this misguided policy into SB 1263 – prohibiting water hauling for any new residences – now a state-wide “property right taking”.

We heartily support Assemblyman Obernolte’s AB 366 and 367 to right this wrong – to allow hauled water to new single-family homes on existing parcels – from a licensed hauler and legal/registered water source.

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FOR SCENIC HIGHWAY 247 DESIGNATION FOLLOW UP

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RECOMMENDATION ON ISSUE

Establish State Route 247 as an Official
State Scenic Highway

Dear Supervisor Ramos,

At the July 17, 2014 Lucerne Valley and Johnson Valley Municipal Advisory Council Meeting, the Board voted unanimously approved and endorsed designating Highway 247 as an Official State Scenic Highway. A letter was forwarded you regarding this action by the Board. At that time we felt that you were agreement with this action and you were going to move it along.

The consensus of the Board is that the approval process somehow got lost in the County bureaucracy. By way of this letter, the Board asks if you could follow up on this item and if you still are in agreement with it and we respectfully request you to use your office to push it through.

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