

# Valley Center Community Planning Group Emergency Evacuation Sub-Committee

May 30, 2019 - 6:30 pm

Valley Center Community Hall 28246 Lilac Road Valley Center, CA 92082



## Committee

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## Representatives

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SDCo. Public Safety

Kevin Johnston  
SDCo. Planning Dept.

Sgt. Patrick Shannon  
SDCo. Sherriff

Mike Shore  
Fire Marshall

Chief Rick Johnson  
CAL Fire/Deer Springs

**Present:** Delores Chavez-Harmes, LaVonne Norwood, Lisa Adams, Sgt. Russ Ryan (VC Sherriff's Dept.), William Del Pilar Susan Fajardo, Dorothy Kennedy, Chief Joe Napier (VC Fire Protection District), BC Cal Hendrie (CAL Fire)

**Audience:** James Gordon, James Stoddard, Jim Campbell

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by James Stoddard

**Welcome & Introduction of Guests**

**Public Forum:** None Taken

### **Action Items:**

- 1) District office funding: tabled till costs are identified.
- 2) Deer Springs, Cal Fire & GVCFCSC Update by James Gordon  
James had conversations with Supervisor Desmond's Office. There are apx 100 Bills currently that address evacuation issues/wild fire management. Many of which need lots of funding. The GVCFCSC is getting quite a bit of funding through the Grant process that Jim Courtier wrote. That will go to chipping, equipment & a few other things. James spoke with Ben Mills, of Supervisor Desmond's Office, Ben wants to look to state funding, and maybe county. We need to have a specific action plan to meet. We have the full cooperation of the Supervisors office. Eminent domain is problematic with the Supervisors and is not a viable option. The August 2012 Mobility report does not apply to VC Emergency Evacuation as numbers reflected in document are primarily construction costs. James thanked Chief Napier & Mike Shore for the help that they have given. We need a clean Mission Statement with clear objectives. Chief Napier states that he would be happy to help the sub-committee with drawing one up. William asked if we were going to seek the help of Jones & Waldron. Dee answered that both offices are aware of our Mission. Chief Napier wrote a letter to Marie in support.
  - Action: Meet with Desmond's office to determine immediate needs and cooperation.
  - Success: Guidance from fire, sheriff on mission. Impart vision to garner community and media support for clear objective:
    - What's done
    - What's needed
    - Where we are going
- 3) Private Property Liability: Mr. Stoddard reported his research showed the owners of the private property would be responsible for injury, etc on their property. Dee will submit a question to our county rep. Richard Chin:

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**Is it possible for a government agency to establish Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with private property owners for county emergency evacuation thorough fare?**

- 1) Private property owners: Chief Napier emphasized that we need to form relationships with neighbors who own property on identified emergency routes. SDG&E has the best fire predictive equipment. We need a network of drivable roads with more than one lane, instead of just one lane roads so emergency vehicles can pass through with fire apparatus. Emergency thorough fares must be controlled by authorities. We need 10 Wildfire Pre-Planned Zones established with secondary ingress/egress. Suggest to pick top 6 to move forward right now, possibly starting with Mira De Valle & Betsworth. Public easement by an agency, such as the county, or a utility easement is the responsibility of the agency to maintain. How will developers be funding future development fire protection? Who has easement rights on Mira de Valle – Alps out to Hwy 395 & I-15?

**MOTION:** by Mr. Del Pilar - seconded by Ms. Norwood

**To approve the vision and mission set out by Valley Center Fire Dept. Chief Napier to identify six (6) areas/corridors:**

- 1) **Mira de Valley**
- 2) **Betsworth**
- 3) **3 - 6 additional to be determined for secondary ingress/egress in the event of an emergency evacuation.**

Next Meeting June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Valley Center Community Hall 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08pm

Respectfully submitted by LaVonne Norwood

