

Valley Center Community Planning Group Emergency Evacuation Sub-Committee September 24, 2020 6:30pm Minutes



Committee

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A. Attendance: Dee Harmes, LaVonne Norwood, Lisa Adams, William Del Pilar, Robert Reynolds, Joe Napier, Geoff Pemberton, Michael Davis, Tony Mecham.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting called to order at 6:30pm led by chair Harmes and Mr. Del Pilar led the pledge.

C. Welcome & Introduction of Guests

D. Approval of Minutes: August Minutes moved to approve by William Del Pilar, second by Chief Reynolds.

E. Action Items:

- 1) **Revitalization:** Chief Napier commented on the community revitalization meeting held yesterday online as being great. He is very proud the county roads dept. is using our subcommittee plans to perform roadway maintenance. The county is also using our evacuation maps we created with primary and secondary routes prioritized. The work we are doing is not only collaboratively working within the communities of Valley Center and Deer Springs but transcending down to county operations.
 - a. Dee Harmes gave an overview of the topics discussed on the zoom revitalization meeting. County staff, planning board members, members of the community and members of this subcommittee participated. Meeting focused on three main areas: mobility & traffic, parks & rec and emergency evacuation. Dee echoed the sentiment that the work done in our subcommittee has been recognized as being a standard for the county.
- 2) **Brush Clearing:** Chief Napier, Jim Courter and Dee Harmes toured several areas of Valley Center needing brush clearing. Roads identified in previous meetings were visited as well as several outer lying roads. County has come through and cleared several roads previously identified by our subcommittee and which had already been submitted to the Fire Safe Council for grant money for clearing. Due to some roads already being cleared by the county, it was important to identify other roads in need of clearing.
- 3) **Red Cross:** Chief Reynolds has been in contact with the Red Cross offering additional state or county facilities as well as the state facility in Valley Center if needed.
- 4) **Roundabouts & Bike Bumpers:** Community plan update entertains the concept of three roundabouts and bike lanes with green lane bumpers. Roundabouts slow traffic but also slow emergency vehicles. Additionally, green bike lane bumpers prohibit cars from pulling over for emergency vehicles. Plan update also considers moving Valley Center Road to a one lane road in each direction through villages. Many feel this is a step backward. Chief Napier has been in discussions with Kevin Johnston at PDS on roundabouts. CAD study shows roundabouts at the ends don't have too much impact on emergency response times. But adding roundabouts to the middle effects capacity to evacuate expeditiously. Concern on how many lanes can be controlled to egress people out while emergency vehicles are coming in; including large vehicles from CAL Fire that are on trailers i.e. dozers, and other heavy equipment. Safer alternative is controlled intersections with timing.
- 5) **Wildfire Resiliency Review:** Chief Tony Mecham last June a cohesive strategy and wildfire resiliency was presented to the Board of Supervisors. A report is due back to the board of supervisors Tuesday, Sept. 29th. Chief Mecham and Gary Johnson will be recommending the ember resistance grant money of 1.9 million be redirected

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evacuation corridor clearance along with additional heavy equipment, wheeled masticator, excavator and other heavy equipment that will allow an increase in the scope and pace of the work. County has also indicated they would like to continue the enhanced clearance well into the future. Chief Meacham met with Supervisor Desmond and DPW about continuing to work on the county wide defensible space ordinance in relation to roadway right a way clearance. On the CAL Fire side, a full-time environmental planner was brought on to staff. Chief Meacham is very excited to redirect the money, feels it is the right way to go.

Chief Napier asked if it would be possible to work with tribal partners with this funding? Paradise Mtn and Canal road would greatly benefit from this. Chief Mecham answered yes and added CAL Fire was mandated by State Legislature last year to look at all communities that lack secondary access. Paradise Mtn fits every category for directing funding. Asked subcommittee to continue to work with Chiefs Reynolds and Pemberton while he continues to work on redirecting these funds to benefit Valley Center.

Chief Pemberton added the Mousa fuel break is nearly completed in Deer Springs Fire District. Cougar pass was cleared as much as possible. Chief Reynolds added additional egress was created in Ridge Ranch by bringing in a dozer and making an essentially undriveable road open to the paint ball park on Lake Wholford Road.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm

Next Meeting: October 22, 6:30pm

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