

Valley Center Community Planning Group
Emergency Evacuation Sub-Committee
December 18, 2020 6:30pm
Minutes



Committee

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VCCPG / Mobility

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SD Co. Sheriff

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Representatives

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Kevin Johnston
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Sgt. Patrick Shannon
SDCo. Sherriff

Mark LaTulippe
CHP

A. Attendance: Dee Harmes, LaVonne Norwood, Lisa Adams, William Del Pilar, James Gordon, Jim Davidson, Geoff Pemberton, Michael Davis, Rich Johnson, Todd Phillips.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting called to order at 6:30pm led with the pledge.

C. Welcome & Introduction of Guests

D. Approval of Minutes: November minutes tables for approval in January 2021.

Public Comments:

- Announcement that William Del Pilar has completed his term on the Valley Center Planning Group but will continue to serve on the emergency evacuation subcommittee.
- Discussion on importance of elected officials to refrain from following party lines on fire tax initiatives. Too often positions of opposition are taken prematurely from individuals who are least affected by the potential of fires.

E. Action Items:

- 1) Revitalization Update:** LaVonne Norwood, Lisa Adams and Dee Harmes met online with Shaina Richardson addressing mobility, traffic, parks & rec and emergency evacuation. A scope of this subcommittee's accomplishments will be updated to the Revitalization working document. LaVonne also shared the opportunity for a Senior Center in Valley Center is being reviewed.
- 2) Chief Davidson:** A meeting was held with Cal Fire, sheriff, schools, tribal police and tribal fire to prepare for wind events on December 3rd. Current evacuation maps were shared with tribes and sheriff to ensure continuity for information flow. Information was well received. All agencies understand the importance of continuity and sharing information.
- 3) LAFCO:** James Gordon reported on LAFCO meeting held this morning, however, no topics related to emergency evacuation were covered. CAL Fire is now a special district – San Diego County Fire District. Discussion on how this will affect revenue stream. Likelihood of this change having some benefit for special districts is unlikely. Subsidies currently being received by special districts now are likely to disappear. It remains to be seen what ultimate benefit special districts, like Valley Center or Deer Springs, will receive. More information will be provided at the January 28th, 2021 meeting.
- 4) Deer Springs:** Chief Rick Johnson reported that Deer Springs two evacuation drills scheduled in December were postponed due to Covid-19. As soon as county is out of purple tier, evacuation drills will resume with sheriff and fire departments. Moosa field break was walked today finishing up on phase one. Over 1,000 defensible space inspections in Deer Springs district.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm

Next Meeting: January 28, 2021 6:30pm

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