

Valley Center Community Planning Group Emergency Evacuation Sub-Committee February 25, 2021 6:30pm Minutes



Committee

Delores Chavez Harmes
Chair / VCCPG

LaVonne Norwood
Vice Chair / VCCPG

Lisa Adams
VCCPG / Mobility

Sgt. Michael Davis
SD Co. Sheriff

William Del Pilar
VCCPG / Villages

James Gordon
LAFCO

Dorothy Kennedy
Community

Chief Jim Davidson
VC Fire Marshal

Chief Joe Napier
Valley Center Fire

BC Robert Reynolds
Cal Fire



Representatives

Benjamin Mills
SDCo. Public Safety

Kevin Johnston
SDCo. Planning Dept.

Sgt. Patrick Shannon
SDCo. Sherriff

Mark LaTulippe
CHP

A. Attendance: Dee Harmes, LaVonne Norwood, Lisa Adams, James Gordon, Chief Joe Napier, Chief Rick Johnson, Chief Robert Reynolds, Sgt. Michael Davis, Chief Rick Johnson, Chief Ryan Sylva, Chief Todd Phillips, Chief Tony Mecham, Chief Geoff Pemberton, Preston Brown, Phill Bell, Summer Piper, Dan Neirinckx.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting called to order at 6:31pm by Chair Harmes followed by the pledge.

C. Welcome & Introduction of Guests: Chair Harmes welcomed members of the Jamul/Dulzura community planning group who are interested in an emergency evacuation subcommittee.

D. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve January 28, 2021 minutes by Chief Reynolds, second by Chief Johnson. Motion carries unanimously.

Public Comments:

- San Diego County Fire Protection District Chief, Tony Mecham: Reviewed changes at state level related to evacuation plan funding for Fire Protection Responsibility. CAL Fire is legally, statutorily, and financial responsible for wildland fires in San Diego County with help from neighboring districts. Structural fires and emergency services are provided by VCFPD.
- PowerPoint presentation: "County Fire Who We Are". Presentation covered CAL Fire history, new San Diego County Fire Protection District and the current vision.

E. Action Items:

- 1) **Chair's Report:**
- 2) **Revitalization Update:** Next meeting is scheduled March 11th. Mobility, Parks & Rec and emergency evacuation subcommittees will meet with Shaina Richardson and Spvsr. Desmond reviewing the matrix which was developed in 2019.
- 3) **VCFPD-Chief Napier:** Greater Valley Center Fire Safe Council received funding for an eight-segment video for public education on fire readiness. Each year we've worked collaboratively with stakeholders presenting materials to harden your home, ready-set-go, and recovery process including dealing with insurance company. Video will also show a unified command post moving people from unsafe boxes to safe boxes as well as reunifying people after evacuation. Chief Mecham also added a reminder that as of July 1st AB38 requires a fire Marshall conduct a physical inspection for defensible space around your home as part of escrow when selling a home.
- 4) **Deer Springs Fire Protection District-Chief Johnson:** La Cima crews have been assisting in very steep, technical areas with track chipper. Eleven new Knox boxes have been installed on Deer Springs properties with five more coming this month.
- 5) **CAL Fire Station 71-Chief Reynolds:** Work continues on the Von Sagan Trail with additional work on Ridge Ranch. Burn permits are being handed out and stationed continues to be staffed.
- 6) **Community Risk Reduction Program-Chief Silva:** Von Sagan Truck Trail was dozed to improve dirt road. Rode with Chief Rodriguez with San Pasqual reservation who own the Ridge Ranch Truck Trail land. Working on obtaining approval from tribal leaders to improve this road. Fuel break areas are also being identified. Additional fuel reduction is scheduled for the east side of Valley Center. Of the apx. 59 Couser Canyon landowners, 37 will be completing the necessary paperwork to allow required fuel reduction on their properties.

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Minutes (cont.)

- 4) **Greater Valley Center Fire Safe Council-Jim Courter:** Update provided by Chief Napier.
- 5) **LAFCO-James Gordon:** No update. Information will be provided at March meeting.
- 6) **San Diego County Sheriff-Michael Davis:** No update. Excused absence.

F. New Business:

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm

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