

Valley Center Community Planning Group
Emergency Evacuation Sub-Committee
August 26, 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
Community

James Gordon
LAFCO/Community

Chief Joe Napier
Valley Center Fire

BC Robert Reynolds
Cal Fire

Jim Courter
Great Valley Center
Fire Safe Council

Chief Rick Johnson
Dear Springs Fire



Representatives

Benjamin Mills
SDCo. Public Safety

Ryan Sylvia
CAL Fire

Juan Escobar
CHP

- A. Attendance:** Dee Harmes, Lisa Adams, LaVonne Norwood, Chief Joe Napier, Sgt. Davis, James Courter, James Gordon, Dori Rattray.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting called to order at 6:33pm by Chair Harmes followed by the pledge.
- C. Welcome & Introduction of Guests:**
- D. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from July 29, 2021 were approved with corrections.
- Public Comments:**
- E. Action Items:**
- Chair's Report:** Fire Foundation Fair will be held on Sept. 11, 2021 at the Valley Center Community Hall. VC Emergency Evacuation subcommittee should have a representative at CAN meetings. Lisa Adams volunteered to represent this subcommittee.
 - VCFPD-Chief Napier:** Practice in evacuation with small 3-acre Lilac Rd. fire. Fire was in an area where it caused a temporary evacuation site to be set up. Several lessons learned which will improve our efforts in the future i.e., county OES has the information ready and waiting for the public to receive when they call/log in to Ready San Diego. Additionally, this information must be sent to 211 so consistent information is being delivered to the public. We are preparing for a significant fire season and monitoring conditions.
 - Deer Springs Fire Protection District-Chief Johnson:** No report.
 - San Diego County Sheriff-Sgt Mike Davis:** SDG&E, CAL Fire, local fire districts and Sheriff participated in wildfire response training. VC Emergency Evacuation sub-committee was mentioned several times for it's good work on advancing evacuation efforts and identifying additional evacuation routes. Community collaboration is greatly appreciated.
 - GVCFSC-Jim Courter:** Continue to work on CEQA compliance document for fuel reduction along evacuation routes. Modifications were required as the county has performed work on some areas originally identified in our grant application. Participated in the incident command post on Lilac Rd. fire. Seeing air resources interacting with all agencies was very gratifying. We have a class A group of people working with us.
 - LAFCO-James Gordon:** Last month's meeting was well articulated in the paper and Chief Napier did an excellent job explaining the funds received from the county to the fire district.
 - CAL Fire – Chief Reynolds:** Considerable amount of units from San Diego county are assisting in large fires in Northern Cal.

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