

Valley Center Community Planning Group
Emergency Evacuation Sub-Committee
October 28, 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

Chief Rick Johnson
Dear Springs Fire

BC Robert Reynolds
Cal Fire

Jim Courter
Great Valley Center
Fire Safe Council



Representatives

Adrienne Selekmán
District 5 Representative

Ryan Sylvia
CAL Fire

Juan Escobar
CHP

A. Attendance: Dee Harmes, Lisa Adams, LaVonne Norwood, William Del Pilar, Chief Joe Napier, Chief Rick Johnson, Lt. Menzies, BC Reynolds.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Chair Harmes followed by the pledge.

C. Welcome & Introduction of Guests: No guests

D. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from August 26, 2021 & September 30, 2021 reviewed. James Gordon moved to approve August 26, 2021 minutes with second by LaVonne Norwood. Chief Napier moved to approve September 30, 2021 minutes with a second by Lt. Menzies. Both motions passed with Mr. Gordon & Ms. Norwood abstaining from September vote.

Public Comments: Lisa Adams attended the October CAN meeting with Supervisor Jim Desmond in attendance. BOS approved funding for a monument sign for unincorporated areas. Parks & Rec will receive 4 million dollars to bring parks up to standard. Vista jail now has a veteran's cell block and are creating training classes to transition them to general public. Batteries are being secured for traffic signals in the event of power outage traffic signals will still be able to function. Tele-hydrant tanks for helicopters to access water in areas where there are no lakes or ponds. Desmond also addressed covid-19 hospitalizations from 2021 to 2020. Grants are available but requirements are primarily for greatly underserved areas. SANDAG VMT was also addressed with upcoming meeting dates. Violent sex offenders should be housed directly outside prisons.

LaVonne Norwood advised Butterfield Trails Park is having a public tour of the area on Nov. 6th, 2021 as one of the proposed locations of the new intergenerational center.

E. Action Items:

- Chair's Report:** Emphasis on the importance of the redistricting maps and participation from the community and community leaders is critical. VCCPG has created a Redistricting subcommittee lead by Dori Rattray to keep the planning group apprised of quickly changing information. Additionally, a public meeting on redistricting has been scheduled for November 16th with representatives from both the county and state redistricting commissions presenting maps and input.
- VCFPD-Chief Napier:** County has been leveraging funding received from the state for clearing very well. Chief Napier, Jim Courter and Fire Marshall Jim Davidson met with Urban Corp which will allow VCFPD to apply for state funding that will help with clearings on private easements. County cannot enter private property or tribal lands, and this will help address this. This will also reprioritize some evacuation routes which go through private roads, look at low-income properties and veterans with disabilities. Urban Corp will also be able to take chippers to neighborhoods. Fire break around Paradise Mtn is a top priority with VCFPD and CAL Fire. Three highly qualified companies have positioned themselves for the RFP process for fire station no. 3 and deferred maintenance for stations no. 1 & 2. We are now under contract for a new brush rig being built for VCFPD. Questions were addressed on the temporary vs permanent station no. 3. Fundraiser for the new fire station is set for Feb. 12th 2022 at the Escondido Center for the Arts, a Sweethearts Ball.
- Deer Springs Fire Protection District-Chief Johnson:** Dear Springs Fire Safe Council has been awarded a 2 year grant for the chipping program. A parcel in Hidden Meadows is being cleared around the neighboring committee and preserve. Upcoming meeting with County LES on how to evacuate individuals that are not able to evacuate themselves.

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- 4) **CAL Fire Update Station 71-Chief Reynolds:** Shared pictures of the hele-pod in Rainbow and Fallbrook areas and described how these are utilized. Gomez truck trail by Pala/Temecula Rd area is an additional area that will see the use of the hele-pod. Paradise Mtn/Hell Hole Canyon continues to be a top focus for road widening and clearing as well as cleaning up truck trails on Ridge Ranch and surrounding areas. Burn permits are still suspended until better weather. Chief Reynolds also commented on the great work and collaboration this subcommittee has done at the recent CAN meeting.
- 5) **San Diego County Sheriff-Lt. Karla Menzies:** Expressed appreciation for the amount of support in working with various agencies in Valley Center and the members of leadership in the community. Training with Supervisors and CAL Fire took place last month. Lt. Menzies would like to have our Senior Volunteers participate in these trainings, as well.
- 6) **Community Risk Reduction Program-Capt Silva:** No Report.
- 7) **Greater Valley Center Fire Safe Council-Jim Courter:** No Report
- 8) **LAFCO-James Gordon:** LAFCO has been dealing with water board issues. Deer Springs has begun process to rebuild station 12 by Deer Springs Rd. and I-15. The current station is apx. 45 years old and needs improvements and being brought up to date. The goal is to make it a regional resource due to it's location. It is geographical desirable and functional for urban search and rescue, swift water boat recovery, etc. and can house a considerable amount of county resources.

F. New Business:

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm

Next Meeting: November 30, 6:30pm

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