

Valley Center Community Planning Group
Emergency Evacuation Sub-Committee
November 30, 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, Chief Joe Napier, BC Reynolds, Cpt. Silva, James Gordon

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting called to order at 6:37pm by Chair Harmes. Chief Napier led the meeting starting with the pledge of allegiance.

C. Welcome & Introduction of Guests: David Ross

D. Approval of Minutes: October 28th and November 30th minutes tabled.

Public Comments: None

E. Action Items:

- Chair's Report:** The Valley Center Community Planning Group held a special meeting last night to vote on Redistricting. The planning group voted to take an official position on both the county and state redistricting lines. VCCPG voted on and expressed formally to the redistricting commission that Valley Center, Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, Vista, Oceanside, San Marcos, Escondido and the tribal lands in north county represent a "Community of Interest" and there are several essential services and resources that overlap within these communities, i.e. health districts, law enforcement, fire districts, school districts, waste services, water and transportation services. The importance of keeping the entire Valley Center Fire Protection District together is critical as well as including all of the Guejito in Supervisor District 5.
- VCFPD-Chief Napier:** Through the Greater Valley Center Fire Safe Council, a partnership has been established with Urban Corp. Through Urban Corp, grant money has been requested for brush clearing and road widening on private properties where the county is not able to clear for defensible space. Chief toured the new Rainbow CAL Fire camp, which are all now paid crews. Working with CAL Fire provides more boots on the ground, saw time and more clearing for defensible space. Money is also being sought for the Paradise Mtn fuel break. Our RFP for the temporary fire stations and fire station projects will begin this Thursday. Groundbreaking is expected for the spring of 2022 with project completion targeted for October 2022.
- Deer Springs Fire Protection District-Chief Johnson:** No report.
- CAL Fire Update Station 71-Chief Reynolds:** Burn permits are now available but with greatly reduced hours. Peak staffing will continue till at least the end of the year. County water authority will be doing maintenance resulting in reduced water flow. Additional water tenders will be in use for unobstructed firefighting capabilities. Brush clearing on truck trails is ongoing.
- Community Risk Reduction Program-Capt Silva:** Hidden Meadows project has been completed in the Wilderness Park area. The crew will now head out to Ramona for brush clearing.
- San Diego County Sheriff-Sgt. Mike Davis:** No report.
- Greater Valley Center Fire Safe Council-Jim Courter:** No report.
- LAFCO-James Gordon:** Mr. Gordon reported on Deer Springs that the new engine is working extremely well. This was built to North County Fire specifications. Much thanks was extended to Chief Napier for all the help, advise and direction given for RQ. LAFCO is trying to work the rearrangement of the water district which is taking the majority of their time.
- Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm
- Next Meeting:** Dec. 14, 6:30pm

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