

Valley Center Community Planning Group Emergency Evacuation Sub-Committee December 14, 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, Sgt Mike Davis, Cpt. Silva, James Gordon.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting called to order at 6:33pm by Chair Harmes with the pledge.

C. Welcome & Introduction of Guests: Adrienne Selekmán

D. Approval of Minutes: October 28th and November 30th minutes moved to approve by Lisa Adams with a second by LaVonne Norwood. Motion passes unanimously.

Public Comments: None

E. Action Items:

1. **Chair's Report:** County requirements were read that would allow this subcommittee to continue with virtual meetings. Discussion clarified that virtual meetings did not exclude the possibility to meet in person. Motion to continue with virtual meetings by Lisa Adams with second by LaVonne Norwood. Passed unanimously.

Looking forward to expanding our reach in 2022 with the goal of Hispanic media information.

2. **VCFPD-Chief Napier:** No report.

3. **Deer Springs Fire Protection District-Chief Johnson:** No report.

4. **CAL Fire Update Station 71-Chief Reynolds:** No report.

5. **Community Risk Reduction Program-Capt Silva:** Staff has been increased. Rainbow camp FF1 are allowed to work only 9 months/year. Their 9 months are coming to end. This sets us back in fuel projects hand crews in January & February Rainbow. March will start adding more personnel which also requires training so a full compliment will be on staff by April.

6. **San Diego County Sheriff-Sgt. Mike Davis:** County Wildland Fire Drill will be held at Turner Lake in the spring. This training will include fire, law enforcement. Water district have been very helpful in facilitating this.

7. **Greater Valley Center Fire Safe Council-Jim Courter:** Mr. Courter has met with Chief Napier on reactivating the CERT program in our area.

8. **LAFCO-James Gordon:** CAL Fire has 240 million available for fire prevention and forest health grant projects. 120 million is dedicated for local projects in and near fire threatened communities that focus on increasing the protection of people structures and community. Qualified activities include hazardous fuel reduction, wildfire prevention planning & education, improving public health. Deer Springs and Valley Center are prime districts for receiving this grant money.

LAFCO meeting coming up that will be discussing water district issues and reorganization proposals that will have substantive jurisdictional changes in Fallbrook and Rainbow, change wholesale water certifiers. North county fire district is tied up in these changes. These discussions will likely continue for some time.

9. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm

10. **Next Meeting:** January 27, 6:30pm

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