

Valley Center Community Planning Group
Emergency Evacuation Sub-Committee
February 24, 2022 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, Sgt Mike Davis, Cpt. Silva, James Gordon, Chief Napier.

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

C. Welcome & Introduction of Guests:

D. Approval of Minutes: December 14, 2021 minutes moved to approve by Lisa Adams with a second by James Gordon. Motion passes unanimously.

Public Comments: None

E. Action Items:

- 1. Chair's Report: (provided by Lisa Adams)** Market at Charlan & Valle Center Road was approved by DRB with no improvements required on the exterior of the building, however only 3 members were present. Exterior aesthetics are questioned by VCCPG. Additional action is likely to take place. SDG&E is replacing gas lines along I-15 corridor. Old pipe is not being removed nor is it being filled. March 10th is date for Blood Drive. Planning group presentation was given at the 411/CAN meeting.
- 2. VCFPD-Chief Napier:** Past several months have been busy with grant writing. Urban Corp grant writer has been helpful in obtaining funds from the State of California. Urban Corp has ability to work on private property, private easements and private roadways. Leveraging grant funding on clearing dead & dying groves, clearing pathways on non-county maintained roads & easements, and on the private properties of those who are disadvantaged either financially, physically or mentally. Three letters of support were included in the grant application from Senator Brian Jones, Assemblywoman Marie Waldron and Supervisor Jim Desmond. Fire Watch, an aerial imagery company, contacted VCFPD board to fly the fire protection district and surrounding buffer to provide high resolution aerial imagery of dead & dying vegetation around homes. This will save boots on the ground with a spectral analysis on the vegetation density, type of vegetation and allow for comparisons from previous years. This WILL NOT be used for any other reason of surveillance or privacy violations. Only for the health and well being of our community. As part of the flight mission, the number of dead areas will be determined. We know there are apx. 10 avocado grows identified and apx. 5 Valencia groves.

Supervisor Desmond has scheduled a Revitalization meeting March 29th where he will be updated on this emergency evacuation committees work.

Valley Center is hosting the County Wildland Drill. Every county fire agency, law enforcement, fish & game and tribal agencies will be involved in a 3-day evacuation drill April 25, 26 & 27th. All allied agencies in the county will be participating with ground and air assets.

- 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:** No report.
- 6. San Diego County Sheriff-Sgt. Mike Davis:** Sherriff will also be collaborating on wildland drill including tribal partners in law enforcement. Lt. Jim Emig will be new station commander at Valley Center Sheriff station replacing Capt. Karl Menzies.

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7. **Greater Valley Center Fire Safe Council-Jim Courter:** No report.
8. **LAFCO-James Gordon:** No report.

F. New Business:

- **Fire Station 3:** Feasibility study has been completed on new fire station and RFQ & RFP processes have been completed. Erickson Hall has been selected for station projects, including temporary station as well as brick & mortar station. New personnel as well as relocating existing staff will staff temporary station 3. It is essential for re-negotiation of VCFPD share of county apportionment tax payments for a fair and equitable share of county tax payments to staff permanent station 3.
- **Fire Station 1 & 2:** The existing fire stations do not accommodate new equipment. Engines are too tall and existing doors do not allow space for backing in. HVAC also needs to be updated in both existing stations.
- **ISO Pre-surveys.** Valley Center receives an A in water. However, we fall behind in number of stations to cover 87 and number of personnel who respond on a first alarm.

9. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm

10. **Next Meeting:** March 24, 6:30pm

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