

**Valley Center Community Planning Group**  
**Emergency Evacuation Sub-Committee**  
January 26, 2023 6:30pm  
Minutes



Committee

**Delores Chavez Harmes**  
Chair / VCCPG

**Matt Matthews**  
Vice Chair / VCCPG

**Lisa Adams**  
VCCPG / Mobility

**Sgt. Tyler Skeels**  
SD Co. Sheriff

**Chief Joe Napier**  
Valley Center Fire

**Chief David Morrison**  
Deer Springs Fire

**Chief Chip Duncan**  
Rincon Fire

**BC Adam Gettman**  
CAL Fire

**James Gordon**  
LAFCO / Community

**Jim Courter**  
Great Valley Center  
Fire Safe Council

**BC Robert Reynolds**  
CAL Fire

**Julia Feliciano**  
VCCPG

Representatives

**Adrienne Selekmán**  
District 5 Representative

**Lt. Jim Emig**  
SD Co. Sherriff

**A. Attendance:** Dee Harmes, Matt Matthews, Lisa Adams, Chief Joe Napier, Chief Chip Duncan, BC Adam Gettman, Jim Courter, Julia Feliciano.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

**C. Welcome & Introduction of Guests:** Adrienne Selekmán, Dori Rattray, Robb Rattray

**D. Approval of Minutes:** Lisa Adams commented her mobility report submitted to the county last month was not classified as a "report", although the same matter was reported at the VCCPG planning group as a report. It is noted that the information was submitted as a personal email by Lisa. Motion to approve Dec. 29th, 2022, minutes by Lisa Adams with a second by Chief Napier.

**Public Comments:** Dr. Robb Rattray, newest member appointed to the VCFPD Board.

**E. Action Items:**

1. **Chair's Report:** Dee Harmes reported on updates from the county.

**VCFPD-Chief Napier: Deer Springs Fire Protection District-Chief Morrison:** Evacuation process were discussed with Chief Mecham. Work on Guajito Ranch will tie into Paradise Mtn fuel break. Grant money has been made available to Rincon and San Pasqual which will improve evacuation routes i.e. Canal Rd. which will aide greatly in reducing congestion in the event of an evacuation down Paradise Mtn. Rd. Chief Napier will continue to work with Chief Mecham with either direct funding or grant opportunities that will come directly to the fire protection district and tribal neighbors.

San Diego Co. Regional Fire Foundation is creating a program to address the migrant population (non-English speakers who do not have direct access to Ready SD, etc) & VCFPD is creating videos in Spanish that will be given to kids in schools with a QR code who will be able to show their families this information. The program is called Prepara Te (Gilbert Anquiano)

Escondido & San Diego Fire have been contacted re: expanding Daily Ranch evacuation route. There will be ongoing discussions starting with a fire access road which eventually could be turned into an evacuation route.

2. **CAL Fire Update Station 71-Division Chief Gettman:** Winter burning has been extended to 0800 to sunset. Winter staffing provides one engine at Rincon, one engine in Valley Center, Del Dios is closed, and Palomar is staffed 24/7. San Bernardino/Owens Valley is seeing some fires and CAL Fire has sent some engines there to assist. Rincon has taken delivery of their temporary living quarters and should be in them in May, located close to the post office. Frank LoCoco is the new battalion chief for 3311 working with Chief Morrison.

3. **Rincon Fire-Chief Duncan:** Discussion to confirm tribal fuel modification funds were available. Funds were made available in the State budget and how to access that. Chief Napier confirmed Valley Center tribal fire agencies will receive funding this year and next.

4. **Greater Valley Center Fire Safe Council-Jim Courter:** Chipping days will be coming in March & May. Dates will be announced soon. SDG&E has not sent out info on fire event at Bates.

**G. New Business:**

1. County virtual meeting requirements were reviewed. AB361 CA state of emergency ruling which ends Feb. 28, 2023 and AB 2449 which amends Brown Act to allow for teleconferencing with stipulations. ABA2449 requirements were reviewed. Julia Feliciano moved to continue virtual meetings for the VCCPG Emergency Evacuation subcommittee. Second by Lisa Adams. Passed unanimously.

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