

MINUTES

LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)

Monday, July 28, 2025 – 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge

Meeting called to order at 5 PM at Moose Lodge

Minutes approved. Moved by Debbie Shultz. Seconded Frank Francis.

Treasurer report. 6/30/25 Hat Collection =\$79 less \$20 to Moose Lodge =\$59 deposit; 6/30/25 wrote two checks: #1223 for \$160 to LV Chamber for Mailer advertisement & # 1224 for the domain for \$124.22 = Balance as of 7/28/25 \$4534.17.

Code Enforcement DOGS – ANIMAL CARE: (From emailed reports) On our last inspection progress had been noted with the owner/tenants having brought the animal density down to six dogs. We had an officer go out yesterday who verified that they had back slid with 12-15 dogs now on the parcel. Our officer attempted to make contact with the owner/tenants but was unable to do so, so she left a door hanger with a request for call back. There is a code enforcement case on the property for animal density, case CSE-2024-19831. This size parcel is allowed no more than 4 dogs and the property is not large enough to qualify for a kennel permit. Due to the parcel being only one acre in size, a kennel permit would not be approved (They would need a minimum of 2.5 acres). As such, enforcement efforts will continue until the tenants have worked the density down to 4 dogs max. Our officer will be following up when she returns next week.

Code officers visited the areas of concern regarding the homeless encampments on Friday and made contact with the individuals encamped on two different properties. The individuals were told that camping there was not allowed. The enforcement process will begin and continue until compliance is reached. I requested that a code case be opened for the parcel in question. The Off-Highway Vehicle unit inspected the Flood Control wash on Sunday, but did not find any encampments in the wash, only where the other camps were found on private property.

A member of the audience reported a homeless encampment at the old Gobar Ranch.

Sheriff's Report Sgt. Joe Necochea jnecochea@sbcisd.org. (From emailed report) Monthly stats for the month of July. The deputies responded to a total of 534 calls for service, out of those 534 calls, 133 were deputy generated. The deputies took a total of 62 reports and arrested 28 people. Stolen vehicles are down a bit, only five stolen

vehicle reports were taken this past month. I'm aware of the homeless issue and I have advised the deputies to handle the calls accordingly. I have also instructed them to reach out to the Sheriff's HOPE Team (Homeless Outreach Program) if the homeless were seeking resources. Also, I didn't see a huge influx in calls regarding transients. Can you remind the folks when they call in to Sheriff's dispatch to report it as a trespassing or an unwanted subject. I can track those types of calls easier and can develop a better plan on combating this. The deputies are working hard to rid Lucerne Valley of the thieves. I will be back next month with an update and will discuss some of the things Rural Crimes have been doing. If any questions arise at the meeting, please email them to me and I will get you an answer as soon as possible.

CHP Report sent in by Todd Kovaletz. Here is an update on Citations for the first half of 2025 compared to 2024: 2025 – 248 citations, 2024 – 197 citations; 2025 – 105 speeding citations, 2024 – 85 speeding citations. Total crashes stayed steady at 69 for 2025 vs 64 for 2024. For how many vehicles travel on SR-18 and SR-247 this is excellent. Thank you to the community for driving as safely as they do.

If anyone follows our social media accounts, Officer Poulsen stopped a U-Haul for speeding on June 25th. The U-Haul truck had 1,800 pounds of freshly cut marijuana from what we suspect was a local grow. Per our partners at the Sheriff Marijuana Enforcement Team this was valued at approximately \$180,000. The marijuana was seized and charges filed on the driver.

Bear Valley Community Health District. Ryan Orr sent in this report. Here is my report for tonight. Once we have the final survey our plan is to bring down and introduce one of the physician's that will be staffing the mobile unit.

- License procured
- Waiting on final survey from state
- Will bring down and introduce providers
- Will have flier that illustrates all plans covered and services available
- Will finalize MOU with Linda after survey and publish dates

Narrative: ` We had planned on starting service in July, but were informed that we need one final state survey and they are dragging their feet on scheduling it. We have providers ready, van is ready, license is finally procured, so the final state survey is the last step. Will accept VA care (once veterans request transfer) and IEHP, Molina, etc.

We will finalize the MOU with Lucerne Valley Market once the final survey is completed and will have dates to share with the public at that time.

Corinne for Congressman Obernolte. Lawyers have been going around suing small businesses regarding failure to comply with ADA regulations, esp. disabled parking. They are supposed to file in state court, which requires 60 days notice, but they are skipping state court and filing directly in federal court. AB241 if passed would require 60 days' notice and allow 60 days for the business to fix the problem before a lawsuit filed. Two small business owners told their stories about getting hit by this lawyer who does this all the time.

Iris: Office of Assemblyman Lackey Nothing new to report. Re construction on 247 which involves bicycle lanes. Was included in response to comments by residents of Barstow. The project involves SR247 from Barstow, through LV, to Johnson Valley. Not sure since it's Caltrans. Chuck: please find out status of pavement project on SR18 from Big Bear to Central Rd. (AV) in 2026. Are bike lanes a part of that? Please give us the full picture of what Caltrans is doing. Right of way issue, bigger shoulders, bike lanes? Linda: Please keep us up to date on Newsom's idea of redistricting California to eliminate Republican representation in State and Federal houses.

Emily for Senator Bogh: Senator Bogh will have a town hall meeting at our local library on Sept. 30. Re SB79: applies to counties that have minimum 15 rail or rapid transit stations. SB County has only 12 stations, so that law doesn't apply to us.

THIRD DISTRICT. Steve Reyes SB County. Working on two subjects: follow up on the regional housing needs assessment numbers for LV. Hasn't heard back from Land Use Services. Will get numbers back to Chuck when he gets them. Second was to get a Rancho Lucerne status. After some phone calls and emails, Dawn Rowe took notice of Rancho Lucerne's road widening and paving project in front of the high school and called people from Public Works on Saturday morning. She will be getting answers. She speaks on the State of the City, County, and Military on July 30 in Barstow, starting 9AM. Registration is open and no cost.

LVUSD by Peter Livingston. First day of school August 6. Don't know if Rancho Lucerne has proper permitting, so Dawn Rowe put a stop work order on the paving until they figure it out. State wants to shut down charter schools. Our district supports charter schools for many reasons and so is resisting the State's push to abolish them. Our district alone has 12500 students in 1200 school districts. State has informed our school board that they will shut down our preschool program for various reasons and without notice or any attempt to work with the district to solve some of the issues.

(Within a day or two of LVEDA meeting, Peter was able to get the preschool program reinstated.)

LV museum by Chelsea. Planning for a big grand opening with the train, new displays, etc. Things have slowed down during the hot summer months.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Angie Miller. Thank you to anyone who participated in the parade. Slower right now for the summer. Turn in flyer for business to put in their email blast. Have decided to do Mega Swap Meet only once a year. Answer to question about the Fireworks Committee giving fireworks money to scholarship; to make kids aware of the importance of community involvement. Amount was .5% of entire amount of money collected.

August 2 County cleanup. Will take tires, furniture, more.

Meeting adjourned 6:40pm