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LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)

Monday, August 25, 2025 – 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge

Meeting called to order at 5 PM at Moose Lodge

Minutes approved. Moved by Debbie Schultz. Seconded Jan Lembright

Treasurer report. 7/28/25 Hat Collection =\$92 less \$20 to Moose Lodge =\$72 deposit;
= Balance as of \$4606.17.

Sheriff's Report Sgt. Joe Necochea jnecochea@sbcisd.org. 514 calls for service. 62 reports. Stolen car reports are up again. Property in AV off Ashland – recovered several stolen vehicles (one from Lucerne Valley), 47 guns, a motorcycle, etc. Sheriff's rural crimes team conducted a project over 6 weeks covering the entire county. Very successful in property recovered. 56 arrests. Had news about cameras that have license plate readers and LVEDA could buy them. Could also let law enforcement to review the video on them. Reasonably priced for the capabilities. Seems appropriate to what LVEDA has been looking for. Company is Axon. These can be mounted on any building as long as owner gives permission. Output goes into the cloud.

C.O.P.s did a presentation of a case of Tommy and Rosie Moose (stuffed animals) for the sheriffs to give to traumatized kids whenever needed.

CHP Capt. Todd Kovaletz. Opinion on the cameras. Not familiar with Axon. The ones he knows are on a subscription basis. After installation, costs \$2500/camera/year. The company takes care of everything. Can CHP access Axon even if they're on FLOC? Not sure. Silver Durangos we are seeing are some of the new look vehicles, marked for patrolling. Commercial officer did a detail on Aug. 11. 300 tickets YTD. 86 crashes. Recovered 7 stolen vehicles. 7 DUI arrests. Any complaints tell Chuck or LVEDA and he will get the message

Corinne for Congressman Obernolte. Not in favor of redistricting. Should be in the hands of the voters and redistricting commission. Republicans already underrepresented. If we have an issue with a federal agency, be sure to contact Obernolte's office.

Emily for Senator Bogh: (Submitted by email) The legislature reconvened Monday, August 18, with much of floor session taken up by redistricting initiatives.

- Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8 (Rivas, McGuire): allows Californians the ability to adopt a new, temporary Congressional map, in response to the congressional redistricting in Texas.
- Senate Bill 280 (Cervantes, Pellerin): establishes timelines and procedures to conduct a statewide special election for Proposition 50, and provides the funding for the special election, set to take place on November 4, 2025.

- Assembly Bill 604 (Aguiar-Curry, Gonzalez): establishes the temporary Congressional District Maps that would take effect if the people vote to pass ACA 8 on November 4.
- It is important to note that Senator Ochoa Bogh voted NO on both Senate Bill 280 and Assembly Bill 604.

AB 495: allows a "nonrelative extended family member" (NREFM) to sign a Caregiver Authorization Affidavit, which lets them make certain decisions for a child if they have a familial relationship with the child's relative. It removes the previous requirement that the person must be a relative of the child. Courts can also grant joint guardianship between a parent and a guardian if the parent may face immigration action. Schools must distribute a guide from Attorney General Bonta on handling immigration issues. The aim is to enable third parties to make decisions for children in case of immigration enforcement. Senator Ochoa Bogh voted NO in the Senate Human Services committee.

Save the date: Tuesday, September 30, 6:30pm Senator Ochoa Bogh will be hosting a Town Hall meeting at the Lucerne Valley Library. She will provide a legislative update and take questions on California State issues.

Code Enforcement. (Curtis email). Got some input from a local providing GPS for homeless camps, etc, locations needing their attention. Will be cleaning up trash around the old Gobar place and behind Dollar General. The CE guys will be here for September LVEDA meeting.

LVUSD by Peter Livingston. Have taken down California flag at all schools and now fly only the U.S. flag. Saving money not buying more CA flags. Dawn Rowe will be keynote speaker for graduation this year. She sent 3 County flags for the schools to fly. Enrollment is 1161. Charter schools projecting 10% growth. Two of them up for reauthorization. High School installed LED lighting on the football field. Regarding "Caregiver" legislation – keeping an eye on it. Don't really know the motives behind it. Lots of shtuff with Rancho Lucerne, paving, getting County approvals, having to fix certain things before they can do paving. County is realizing Rancho Lucerne isn't in compliance. Preschool program reinstated. Cross Country invitational was held at our high school. Run in the Rocks is coming up pretty soon.

Bear Valley Community Health District, report submitted by Ryan Orr. Still on my way up the mountain from an appointment so I won't make it but we're all licensed and ready to go. Once we decide on dates I'll finalize the MOU with Linda and we're off to the races.

Gold Fire. Mitsubishi report submitted by Cookie: For the recent Gold Fire, MCC allowed firefighters to access our plant and mine for monitoring purposes. They used our property as a staging area near Well 4. We provided them with a light plant and a portable restroom at this location. We verbally agreed to let them set up a mobile retardant base (MRB) and use our water to mix batches of the red retardant. However, they ultimately did not need the MRB, as the fire slowed considerably before it could be established. We collaborated with representatives from CalFire San Bernardino and the National Forest Service, including the Sierra Hotshot crew from Oakhurst, CA. Mitsubishi facilitated multiple trips by SBCO Fire, Cal Fire, and the Forest Service to assess

Marble Canyon. Due to the steep nature of the terrain, hand crews were deemed unsafe, and they were temporarily staged by Well 4. The road to Marble Canyon was utilized to fly a thermal imaging drone to search for hot spots. Although Well Four was considered a potential site for a portable fire-retardant mixing location for helicopter operations, this plan was not implemented. Others may have additional information to contribute.

Animal Control Angie Miller still having trouble with dog packs in their area.

ADA lawsuits. Any new information? Roving lawyers sending people to inspect small businesses for violations of ADA regulations. Lions Club followed through on finding out what ADA requirements are. Need a CASP (Certified Access Specialist) who creates a report of what needs to be done, and once you've done that, you cannot be sued. Report is sent to the State who gives you 120 days to correct situation. But you are protected. If you go to court, fine could be \$20,000, or if you settle, \$5,000.

Sienna Solar. Jennifer Jackson. End of October scheduled to have Planning Commission meeting. Notices will go out in early October. Go to the website for details.

COUNTY FIRE. Battalion Chief for this area, Jared Newcomer, new to the position. Introduced himself. Question on Gold Fire. Just over 1000 acres. Fire is mitigated at this point. No County personnel on the fire at this time. Origin of the fire is under investigation.

LV museum by Chelsea. Still working on train project. Will have a work party to empty two sheds. Then the Grand Reopening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Angie Miller. Business basket at FFB is Cheryl's Clay Play. Also an event on 9/13—a charcuterie tray. Ayden Risler doing a project on the history of Lucerne Valley. Haunted Town in Lion's Club will be in October. Looking for businesses or individuals to decorate the booths. Christmas Tree lighting at Lunch Box on Dec. 6. Next CofC meeting Sept 10 at 6PM.

Moose Lodge is having a luau on Saturday, 8/30. Collecting new pajamas for Humanity organization, for a women's shelter. New gas station is open and doing a grand opening on Tuesday, 8/26.

Meeting adjourned 6:26pm