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LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)

Monday, October 27, 2025 – 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge

Meeting called to order by Chelsea at 5 PM at Moose Lodge. Chelsea ran the meeting.

Minutes approved. Moved by Debbie Schultz. Seconded

Treasurer report. 9/29/25 Hat Collection of \$75, after deducting \$25 for the Moose Lodge, the remaining balance is \$4195.17 was deposited with a current balance of \$4145.17.

Steve Reyes of SB County: Chelsea read Steve's report. This week has come to a close with no progress toward resolving the federal government shutdown. The President's departure for a trip to Asia through next Friday signals little interest in negotiations over Affordable Care Act subsidies until the shutdown is resolved.

Despite growing criticism over the extended legislative pause, no votes are scheduled in the House on Monday. Members have been told they will not return unless the Senate advances a continuing resolution, with Speaker Johnson maintaining that the next move rests with the Senate. If called back to Washington, members will receive 48 hours' notice. The Senate will reconvene on Monday with votes planned on two judicial nominations, though no schedule has been announced for action on a CR or essential worker pay measures.

Defense officials confirmed the Pentagon accepted a private gift of about \$130 million to help cover military pay during the shutdown, a partial stopgap that falls short of funding a full pay period. The current stalemate is causing significant delays in federal timelines. Congressional staff have noted that, given the limited number of legislative days remaining in 2025, major reauthorization bills will probably be postponed until next year. Additionally, the Trump administration has decided not to use the \$5 billion in contingency funds to extend SNAP benefits, arguing that the SNAP contingency reserve is intended for emergencies like natural disasters, not for funding during an extended government shutdown. Reports indicate that \$9 billion would be needed to cover November benefits.

There are no new County impact updates to report at this time. Legislative Affairs will monitor the discussions and report on any breaking developments next week.

Sheriff's Report Sgt. Joe Necochea jnecochea@sbcasd.org 68 reports; 480 calls; 24 people went to jail. Feel free to email him. In the office Tuesday – Friday

Curtis for Code Enforcement, report by Chuck. Posted warning notices on three homeless camps. One vacated. Citations issued for other two for noncompliance. Working with Animal Control on Point of Vista dogs. Will act on density issue.

Tod Kovaletz for CHP: Sheriff's deputy was shot and killed today. Will try to give extra attention to illegal passers. Extra coverage for Halloween. 300 citations in LV. Two more officers transferring in December, close to full staffing. Crashes down a little, 15 compared to last year. Fewer stolen vehicles recovered. Eight DUIs in the greater area. Start Smart

program November 6 at 5pm. To get on roster call 760-241-1186. Recently started an Explorer program, for kids age 15-21. Call same number for information. About to start Trips for Kids program. Need input for good groups to receive and distribute toys. Also have an Age Well Drive Smart program for adults.

John Miller on cameras. A couple installed over at the Chamber office Rewriting the software to avoid \$170/month charge. Not quite functional yet, maybe in 2-3 weeks. Goal is to keep price down, not \$300/month. Hope to make it \$30/month. Cameras will have facial recognition and license plate reading. All permissions in place for tie-in to various agencies, like the sheriff's office.

Iris Gutierrez for Assemblyman Lackey. Report. Re Food Stamp (EBT) issue, this is what I've found so far. I will keep this task top of mind and send any updates!

In the Assembly, Bill 1211 (AB 1211) introduced by La Shae Sharp-Collins (D) earlier in 2025, the bill would require the state CDSS to maintain CalFresh benefit levels at least at the level of January 20, 2025, even if federal SNAP funding is reduced. If federal funds are insufficient, the bill says the state may use its own funds (subject to appropriation) to keep up the benefit level. [LegiScan+2PolicyEngage+2](#)

The bill also mandates a study on expanding eligibility and benefits of CalFresh, with a report due to the Legislature by Jan 1 2027. [California State Assembly](#)

Among other bills being tracked: There is a hunger-legislation tracker by California Association of Food Banks (CAFB) that lists bills like AB 777 (CalFresh & Disasters) and SJR 3 (a resolution urging Congress to avoid SNAP cuts) as part of the 2025 legislative agenda. [California Association of Food Banks](#)

In the state budget analysis for 2025-26 the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) points out: "Under the Governor's budget, there are no major newly proposed augmentations or solutions" for food assistance programs. [Legislative Analyst's Office](#)

Sonia Miranda for Congressman Obernolte (JO) . JO opposed shutdown. Request we call our Senators and ask them to end shutdown. For anyone suffering hardship, call 211 for resources such as food banks. JO is not taking pay during this time. Republicans want a Continuing Resolution to continue the budget that was approved under Biden, and then they can negotiate once departments functional and programs funded again.

Emily for Senator Bogh: Report. CalFresh is a federally funded program that is overseen and run through the county's Transitional Assistance Department. Reminder that the Senator has a meeting with CalTrans this afternoon. I will report back on Lucerne Valley/High Desert specific items. Thank you to everyone who attended our Town Hall meeting last month!

LVUSD by Peter Livingston. Delivered by Chelsea. District enrollment is remaining around 1,150 students. It has been fairly steady this year.

- Our state preschool program is guaranteed for next year as well. We continue to take enrollment for preschool for this year.
- On Monday, November 10th we will be honoring all of our Veterans who work in LVUSD with a \$1,000 stipend once again. We will be presenting these to our staff in their classrooms or work areas in front of their students or people they work with. Some of our locally elected officials will be joining us or providing certificates as well.
- Our fall sports season at the high school is wrapping up. Only cross country remains to finish the season. Winter sports will be kicking off soon.
- Our charter school enrollment continues to grow. This year we are at around 12,500 students in our charter schools.
- Upcoming we will have no school on Tuesday, November 11th for Veteran's Day and also the week of November 24th for Thanksgiving.

Question about what is the school's responsibility in AB495 that allows people to pick up kids that are not immediate family.

Bear Valley Community Health District. Ryan and Shawna Forrest. Two dates coming in November, 6th and 20th. General checkups, Molina, IEHP, Medicare, MediCal. Working on approving HMOs with Heritage and Providence. Program for underinsured or uninsured available .

ADA lawsuits. Carla Rodrigue. Carla's case was voluntarily dismissed. Her mail was being rejected as "no mail receptacle". Kathy of Café 247 has been assigned a mediator. LV Realty possibly settled. China House case was closed and maybe case dismissed because they couldn't understand him.

LV museum by Chelsea. Working on getting the train down, when there will be a Grand Re-Opening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Angie Miller. Lots of activities for Halloween all over the town.

Business Basket at FFB from China House worth \$200. Tickets \$1

Dec. 6 Christmas Tree lighting at Lunch Box.

Paint in the Patch at Sundowner Ranch

Thanksgiving dinner at Senior Center. Need to sign up

Want to start a Business Watch program. Passing out a flyer to businesses in town. Contact information, suggested actions to take, to get sheriff's dept attention.

Rabbit Springs Rd. being widened and drainage ditch extended.

Caltrans/etc. Chuck. JO meeting with them today. Trying to figure out what's in the future for Lucerne Valley.

Rancho Lucerne may have been sold. Not sure.

Sienna Solar got approved. Planning Commission hearing was atrocious. Need to talk with Supervisors about the people they are appointing to the Planning Commission.

AB98 truck routes. Our roads are not included even though we have so many trucks moving through here.

SeeClickFix app from County now available in app stores. Report road issues through this app and get quicker action. Webmaster@dpw. Can also call County Road yard in Apple Valley.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.