

MINUTES

LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)

Monday, March 30, 2026– 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge

Meeting called to order 5:00pm.

Minutes approved. Moved by Debbie. Seconded by Shane. Minutes approved.

Treasurer report 2/23/2026 Hat Collection of \$43, and after deducting \$15 for the Moose Lodge deposited \$28 with a current balance of \$4309.17.

Manuel Vela on 4 way stop at 247/247. Much preparation and discussion about the situation at the 247/247 4 way stop, Manuel focused on visibility of stop signs, approaches to the intersection, especially westbound, and other safety aspects. He compared the number of fatalities at the 247/247 4-way stop to those at the 247(northbound)/Rabbit Springs Rd 4-way stop, saying that the 247/247 intersection has had fatalities compared to none at Rabbit Springs Rd. Audience input corrected that misinformation, recalling several terrible fatalities at Rabbit Springs Rd. Nonetheless, 247/247 intersection needs Cal Trans' attention and cooperation to solve the safety issues that are worsening there.

Little was mentioned about the condition of the pavement in the intersection and on westbound 247 toward the LV Shopping Center, which is crumbling due to heavy bulk truck traffic from the mines. That also needs Caltrans' attention and cooperation, and they need to redeem themselves from the incompetence they have demonstrated in patching potholes that won't stay patched.

Sheriff's Report by Joe Nicochea. Since the last report to LVEDA there have been 663 calls for service. 535 generated thru dispatch. 128 self-generated. 78 reports. 20 arrests. 21 traffic stops. Comments on the traffic cameras and how they work. Contract cities pay for these. Rural areas don't. ALPR cameras – automated license plate readers. FLOCK cameras being worked on by Angie Miller and husband. Captain Ryan now back in the desert. attended the meeting. Would like volunteers in COPs. Nicochea has been returned to us at least part time, and is in LV on Mondays and Wednesdays.

COPS. Citizens on Patrol. Purpose to be ears and eyes for the SB County Sheriffs. Provide more visibility and more representation in the area. There are an academy and requirements to become COP. The need is for one more COP person. They work in teams and have only three and a fourth would enable two teams. They will do vacation watch if you notify the sheriff before leaving.

Curtis for Code Enforcement. Report: Not attend. Gobar homeless/trash cleared? Reduced our reponse time on new complaint to 6 days or less.

County fire. Jared Newcomer from local station. County's and LV volunteers' Household Hazardous Waste collection was successful, had long lines, lots of people participated. Re burn permits: admits it's a clunky, hard system to manage. Had a meeting with stakeholders who agreed it's in need of revision. Moving it to Survey123 system. Making user interface similar to CalFire system to reduce hassle. Still will have to have 2 permits in those state areas. Timeline unknown, but overhaul is happening. Now acknowledging that not everyone has smartphones and email, so they will put an I-pad at Station 8 where they can help people with the website. Hope for progress update next meeting. Not going back to paper. The permit will be a QR code or a PDF that the system generates. When you want to burn, you will be able to call in to dispatch center to let them know you're going to burn.

THIRD DIST. SUP.: (Steve) Report; Checking on Measure I tax for project here? May send report on Monday. Working with Code Enforcement and the shredding component for the Community Clean Up scheduled for August 1. As soon as I get a flyer, I will send it along. County VA is in Barstow the third Thursday of every month at the Department of Aging and Adult Services (536 E. Virginia Way). Aug. 1 there's a cleanup scheduled.

March 24 spay and neuter event – mixed results -- they were having trouble registering people.

Senator Ochoa Bogh, submitted via email. Senate Bill 1061 clarifies the definition of “take” under the Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) to create a more realistic plan for this stationary plant species. This bill narrows the definition so that the unintentional or accidental death of a Western Joshua tree is not considered a take. It also exempts the relocation of trees within or between commonly owned parcels from permitting requirements.

Senate Bill 1062 clarifies that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) may grant project-specific take permit conditions to state and local public agencies for projects related to life-sustaining services. These conditions may include project-wide avoidance and minimization measures, reductions or waivers of in-lieu mitigation fees, and any other compliance flexibilities CDFW deems appropriate to facilitate timely and cost-effective construction. This bill aligns statutory authority in the Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) with the approach already reflected in the Western Joshua Tree Conservation Plan (WJTCP) developed by CDFW, ensuring consistency between statute and implementation.

Senate Bill 1063 ensures that essential, life sustaining services for residential properties can be installed, maintained, and repaired without facing delays or costly permitting

requirements by creating a carve-out for projects subject to the Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA). Specifically, this bill creates an expedited permitting pathway for the taking of a Western Joshua tree, without required fees or mitigation measures, so long as the taking is related to infrastructure that provides electricity, gas, water, sewer, telecom service, or wildfire hardening to a single-family or multi-family residence.

LVUSD by Peter Livingston Student count at 1160. Programs include culinary, welding, FFA, woodworking, graphic design. 68.5% of students completing some of the pathway with first and second course. Working with VVC so the students can get credit over there. Last year 432 industry certifications awarded. Charter schools have 12,800 students, six schools, growing a projected 7-10% per year. LCAP survey is available on the website. May 13th is Senior Awards at the high school. May 21 is graduation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Angie Miller by Michelle Boren.

Roadrunners having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 4/4 at Pioneer Park.

Honorary Mayor – Hockey tickets, Bingo night at Senior Center, Taco Night at Moose Lodge, and an event at Café 247.

Fireworks Committee. Classic Car Show April 11 at LVHS.

LV Chamber next meeting April 8 at 6pm at the Moose

Chuck Bell River's Edge is having trouble getting building permit for rehabbing the old Pine Ridge place.

County Defender program – a mobile van from Public Defender's office. April 8, 12:30-4pm at River's Edge Ranch.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm