

## MINUTES

### LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)

**Monday, May 18, 2026– 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge**

Meeting called to order 5:00pm.

Minutes approved. Moved by Debbie. Seconded by Bill Lembright. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer report\_4/27/2026** Hat Collection of \$74. \$25 to Moose. Bill for Domain Registration of \$95.88. Current balance of \$4286.29.

**CalTrans** by Emily Leinen. 4 projects in the area being planned.

1. 247 and Rabbit Springs, and Old Woman Springs Rd and Barstow Rd. LED stop lights, flashing beacon, rumble strips.
2. Pavement rehab from Hwy 18 to Camp Rock Road. Will be done in 2027.
3. Shoulder widening on 247 from Oracle to Camp Rock Road. Eight foot paved shoulder to meet standards, plus speed feedback sign (We suggest traffic counts so they realize how heavy the traffic is now.)
4. Hwy 247 from Manning Rd. to Camp Rock Rd (Johnson Valley)

Suggest Caltrans use concrete in bad spots, like the 4-way stop between 247 & 247 (Barstow Rd.)

Brochure: "How Caltrans Builds Projects". Suggest we contact SB County Transportation Authority.

Chuck: Need center line used as turn pockets to enable more commercial development in the town.

County/Caltrans intersections at Baker and at Cody. No Man's land. Neither the State nor the County take ownership and fix it.

Much discussion about what community sees is needed, with helpful note-taking by Emily. She reminded us how long and involved is the process for getting projects approved, much less scheduled and completed.

**CHP.** Commander, along with senior patrolman presented. Staffing levels based on population census done in late 70s and 80s so insufficient. 5 goals for improvement, and have achieved 4 of them. The fifth is the worst: fatal traffic crashes. Will shift resources from 15 to 138, 18, and 247. Stats for LV area, Jan1 to present. 31 crashes. 17 property damage. 12 injuries. 2 fatal. 96 moving violations, up from last year. Verbal warnings, arrests.

**Sheriff's Report** by Joe Nicochea ([jnecochea@sbcisd.org](mailto:jnecochea@sbcisd.org)) Stats; calls 378 in 2 weeks. 47 reports taken. 21 arrests. Described deputy-involved shooting.

**Curtis for Code Enforcement.** Graffiti locations that were turned in got covered quickly. Property must be clearly vacant for them to act. They set up proactive control areas. At Gobar and 247, owner stepped up and cleaned up the trash and secured buildings. He was warned what it would cost if gov't had to do it. Old marijuana site on Dido has been authorized for cleanup. No more news on homeless camps? For LV 269 open cases actively working. Closed 25 cases, 27 new ones since January. Dangerous vs. hazardous. Dangerous is higher priority. Sheriff is still working on marijuana grows, so please report them.

**THIRD DIST. SUP.: Iris.** Introduced herself as our new county rep.

**Corrine for Obernolte office.** HR8469 passed. Gives funding to veterans for their medical needs and for other expenses. Passed 2026 Farm Bill. Funding for rural communities, farmers, ranchers, to keep affordable food supplies. Working on unlocking more of America's geothermal potential by cutting red tape. Want to develop reliable, homegrown energy.

**Emily from Senator Bogh.** Two bills on senate floor about Joshua trees, to ease the permitting process for moving them. Chuck spoke about our designation as a disadvantaged community and would like to know if that improves access to funding for roads.

**County Fire by Jared Newcomer.** Beta testing of new software for county burn permits. Thanks to those who tested it and reported problems. Burning statewide was banned on May 1. Stats: about 4 calls/day. County fires: 150 vegetation fires/month countywide, mostly in High Desert. Annual wildlands fire training just completed. Goal is to keep small fires small. Probably won't be any more burning this year, but we'll be notified.

**Chamber of Commerce** by Angie Miller. Honorary mayor race, producing lots of events. Monday Memorial Day 10am ceremony. Finale for Honorary Mayor will be at the Moose Jue 6<sup>th</sup>, 3pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Household hazardous waste June 27.

Sienna Solar by Jessica Auck. Senior Compliance Manager. Wants to be part of the community.

Humanity by Rose Garrett. Learning Center just opened for children and learning disabled adults. Summer program ages 5-17, 3 days/week. Need someone to sponsor low income families. Different focus areas for different age groups. Costs \$25/week. Organization is 501C3. Sewing classes, lab work, life skills.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30

