

MINUTES

LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)

TUESDAY, DEC. 5, 2017 -- 5PM -- SENIOR CENTER

Meeting called to order 5PM

Assemblyman Obernolte attended personally to give an update on the shenanigans and goings-on in Sacramento. Gas tax, sales tax on gas, DMV fees increasing cost of owning and operating vehicles, with total impact on CA taxpayers \$5billion/year, \$700/family. CA is the state with the highest poverty rate in entire US. SB2 \$75/document fee for recording real estate transactions. So now housing and automobiles are costing more to the poor in the state. Legislature and administration not spending the tax revenue for purposes promised but are diverting most of it to General Fund.

8 of his bills signed by Governor Moonbeam. Tackled issue of hauled water in AB 366 & 367. Tried to get exemption for rural property owners, and for people rebuilding homes that burned down. Bill 366 died in Senate committee, and 367 was signed by Governor. Need to keep trying, and to find a way to get through the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Another bill signed on transparency and ballot labeling.

Of Republican gubernatorial candidates, top two are Mr. Cox and Mr. Allen. Recommended is Allen only by familiarity.

Single payer health care being considered that would replace private health insurance. Speaker held it in committee as unrealistic and too expensive.

On the good side, there is much stuff that has been stopped. And his office and staff are there to help with any state issues.

Minutes approved. Moved Selby. Second Magee.

Treasurer's report. Collected \$70 last month. Paid \$500 insurance. Balance is \$3776.46. Will need \$300 fee to SCE to get going on Sunshot.

Dakota Higgins for Congressman Cook. Cook voted for HR1, Tax Reform. Will simplify filing tax returns and save money in cost of filing. All marginal rates are being lowered except highest brackets. Now in reconciliation. Re DRECP: Cook has had conversations about it, with the thrust being that no district should be forced to take on projects that don't want them. Q. Any happenings on death tax? Exempt limit is doubled, and 5 years it disappears, depending on reconciliation. Chuck: we are concerned about state lands issue, and we need to work out an exchange going to prevent energy projects being located on state lands within communities that don't want them.

Mark Lundquist, Third District field rep. for Ramos. Lives in Morongo Basin, where they have beat back most solar installations. Pat Flanagan is now an advisor to the MDAQMD. Renewable Energy Element is going back to Planning Commission, hopefully this month. Chuck requested support on issues working on green waste, bio solids, and renewables.

MWA, Jim Ventura. Big issue now is water storage. MWA has been very active on water storage projects since 2004. Enables MWA to meet the needs of the various entities. MWA represents us and advocates for us re important issues that the State gets involved with.

LV School District – absent. Will do presentation on status of schools in January.

Book project reported by Bill Lembright. Had a copy with him, 160 pages. Still needs heavy editing and completions.

MAC, by Roger Peterson. No MAC meeting this month. Two top MDAQMD guys saw presentation on dust problem in LV, and they sent a letter to Sarbaz of Rancho Lucerne about the dust his property is creating during windy conditions. Hoping to require that developers, including solar projects, monitor wind downwind.

Announcement: Dave Rader will take a year off the board for at least a year, and Jerry Byars has agreed to fill in for now.

Meeting adjourned 6:22 to pot luck.