

## MINUTES

### LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)

**Monday, Sept 30, 2024 – 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge**

Meeting called to order at 5 PM at Moose Lodge. Chaired by Chelsea.

Minutes approved. Moved by Debbie Schultz. Seconded by Frank Francis.

**Treasurer report.** Collection 8/26 - \$90. \$20 to Moose. Deposited \$70. Balance \$4949.39.

**Sheriff's Report** Sgt. Joe Necochea. 607 calls. Over 100 calls each Friday. Marijuana team out here last Friday with about 25 search warrants for several areas. Why 30+ police cars out here a few weeks ago? LA Police Dept. chasing a guy. They apprehended him. Send questions and reports of issues to email address [jnecochea@sbcisd.org](mailto:jnecochea@sbcisd.org).

**CHP** Capt. Todd Kovaletz. Recovered 10 stolen cars, 1300 crashes YTD in his area. Trying to get more passing lanes for Hwy 18 but has trouble talking to a live person at Caltrans. Made formal request to get restriping at some intersections. Cal Trans Division of Maintenance has input portal for road issues. Watch Duty is a website that tracks fires: all the evacuations, fire progress, etc. Recommend people keep a "go-bag" ready to go for any emergency. To report illegal dumping, take pic of license plate and the dumped items.

**Code Enforcement** Paul Klinessmith. Supervisor of central desert: AV, LV, State Line, Ludlow, etc. Doing a lot of hiring to reduce caseloads. Some Code Enforcement officers have 200+ caseloads. Avg. s/b 100+. Current caseload/officer: 312. Down from last report 352. Have a cannabis team that works with sheriff's dept. A nuisance abatement teams that get warrants issued to property owners to fix.

**THIRD DISTRICT. Steve Reyes** Could not attend.

**Assemblyman Lackey**, report sent by Iris. Abx2-2 bill to temporarily halt gas tax for one year.

**Senator Rosalicia Ochoa Bogh.** Unable to attend

**Congressman Obernolte** by Hayden Bartz. Amendment number 75 passed on a voice vote and prevents CA from banning diesel electric locomotives. Preserving Vehicle Choice Act that stops EPA from issuing waiver to CA to ban gasoline vehicles. No Frankenrail Act to stop federal funds from going to wasteful high-speed rail projects. Fusion energy Act was signed. To develop an alternative source of energy production and bring down costs. Hold Act to help living donors and costs of donating organs. Aim is to make it cost neutral on the donor. Tailpipe rule that 2/3 of all vehicles have to be electric, which distorts the free market and our free choice. Working to develop technology for early detection of fires. Finding federal savings committee. Spending out of control, cost of interest more than operating cost of nation. Question about Social Security vs. foreign aid – why not cut foreign aid to be able to keep Social Security solid. Legislation re southern border would not help since those laws already exist but are not being enforced.

**LVUSD. Peter Livingston and Chelsea.** Each year this state passes 820 laws. Current enrollment 1175 students. Elementary school doing a parent appreciation event, making up little gifts for parents. Homecoming game and celebration this week. There is an air quality management plan in school district so they don't have to cancel school during smoky times. Website [map.purpleair.com](http://map.purpleair.com). Participated with county emergency services who are setting up evacuation centers and are well-

coordinated and effective. November board meeting at elementary school. Rancho Lucerne rep will be at that meeting, which will seat 200 people. November 14, 5:30pm. No elections for school board this year since Tom Courtney and Jason Hanson ran unopposed. Eliminates significant Registrar costs for the District. Mitsubishi Education Foundation Run in the Rocks Oct.19. Supports Fifth grade Science Camp and High School scholarships.

**LV Museum** by Chelsea LaGrange. Museum closed to the end of the year. Walkway completed. Will need sponsors to fundraise to complete projects.

**Big Bear Health Van** hopes to be ready by end of October.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Angie Miller** – October 26 Haunted Town. Still need people or businesses to decorate and/or run booths.

Business baskets at FFB. Businesses create baskets for drawing and raising funds

Roadrunners have Halloween Tailgate for Oct. 31, with \$100 prize for best decorated tailgate.

American Pickers TV show looking for people who have interesting old stuff to tell about.

Christmas tree lighting on December 7. Activity center at Burger Depot. LV High School band and choir will perform plus children's choir.

Trying to figure out a way to get the word out about all the activities and news of LV so people know what to expect.

Working on new signs on the highways coming into LV from 3 directions.

Next Chamber meeting Oct. 9.

**Health Clinics** LVEDA sent letters of support for all three contenders.

**Eddie Downs** California Homeowners meeting with Dawn Rowe. CA insurance commissioner was in the meeting. Many companies left CA due to a policy preventing them from using a technology that other states allow them to use. CA will finally approve this technology.

Some outfit participated that tries to help people find regular insurance and get off the CA Fair Plan.

Report from Sienna Solar event. Tables with maps and other information available, with LOTS of staffers present to answer questions. They promise to attend another LVEDA meeting soon. Project is 1800 acres. EIR is 500-600 pages. A few people sent in comments, as did LVEDA.

Rancho Lucerne – 7-800 page EIR that was filed at the beginning in the 90s. 4100 homes at build-out. Activity now is infrastructure work to prepare for building homes.

Meeting adjourned 6:20.