**VAL VERDE CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

The Val Verde Civic (VVCA) is a non-profit volunteer association established by its members for the purpose of providing a forum for discussion, study and community networking activities for the betterment of the unincorporated area of Val Verde in North Los Angeles County area.

*We ask attendees to be aware of their time when presenting, asking questions, and giving comments. Anyone being disruptive, aggressive, or otherwise may be asked to leave.*

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SIGN IN ON THE ATTENDANCE SHEET AT THE DOOR\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**7:00pm Roll Call – Call to Order 7:08**

**Board of Directors:**

\_\_ President – Erica Larsen

X Programs & Development Director – Terri Harrah

7:16 Projects Director – Kevan Smalley

X Public Relations Director – Marshall Lefcourt

\_\_\_Secretary – *Vacant*

X Treasurer – Tanya Hauser

\_\_\_Appointed Associated Director #1– *Vacant*

\_\_\_Appointed Associated Director #2-- *Vacant* \_\_\_Appointed Associated Director #3 -- *Vacant*

**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Approval of Agenda – Comments and/or questions on Agenda Items: Addition of Ari DeChellis, Graffiti Abatement**

Motion 1 TH: Second: ML Vote: 3/0/0

**Special Announcements**

>Shameless Plug Table

>Donation Box

>Meeting Drawing Box: Put your name in the box for a drawing at the end of the meeting for free goodies \*\*Must be present to win\*\* -- No gift tonight.

**Candidate Introduction (5 minutes)**

David Rudnick running for Congress (Katie Hill’s former seat): Code enforcement and building laws have led to homeless crisis. Government red tape. Cannot quickly build in any part of this County. No place for working class. Running as a “JFK Democrat.” Says he can work across the aisle.

**Community Reports (5 minutes each)**

> State of CA 21st Senate District, Senator Scott Wilk Rep. - **Kris Hough** [661.286.1471, [kris.hough@sen.ca.gov](mailto:kris.hough@sen.ca.gov)] (Absent due to Saugus High School shooting) Email from Kris Hough was shared by Terri:

* Chiquita/126 Stop Light – “Per Senator Wilk, Cal Trans Rules preclude them from installing the light. Because of that, Senator Wilk is taking another route and working to get a light installed without CalTrans. That is all I can tell you know – but he is working with 2 other agencies and I hope to be able to tell you something next meeting.”
* Wildfires –Senator Wilke and Assemblyman Lackey requested FEMA provide personal generators and water deliveries to the rural communities affected by Tick Fire. Senator Wilk is requesting a solution for life-saving needs during Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). Requesting a special session of the legislature to investigate the PSPS conducted by the investor owned utilities. Also, Senator Wilk will attend a Senate legislative oversight hearing of the PSPS in Sacramento on 11/18/19.

> 38th District Assembly, Christy Smith Rep. **Ryan Valencia** [661.286.1565, [ryan.valencia@asm.ca.gov](mailto:ryan.valencia@asm.ca.gov)] (Absent)

* Michelle Campbell sent an email with “heartfelt thoughts” for all affected by the Saugus High shooting today. Said to let their office know if there are any state resources they can provide, and that some mental health resources are being provided in the community. Is on the ground tonight with her boss, team, and community members.

> LA County Supervisor Barger's Office – **Stephanie English** [661.287.3657, senglish@bos.lacounty.gov] / **Nicole Vartanian** [ nvartanian@bos.lacounty.gov ]

* Supervisor’s heart is with everyone affected today by Saugus High School shooting.
* Initiative called Seal the Meal – safe food handling regulations. Extra requirements. Sealed packaging.
* Domestic violence. Under CA law, hospitals are not reimbursed for domestic violence exams. 11,000 cases a year. Looking at feasibility of County covering cost of domestic violence exams.
* Supervisors Solis and Ridley-Thomas – Have introduced study concerning mortality rate of homeless population. Robust report to help County provide better services for the homeless population.
* Resident brought up concern about man advertising online the rental of land he does not own at the end of San Martinez for $20 a night. Nicole asked for resident to send her an email about this and she will research.
* Updates on public wifi at Clubhouse: County plans to install at all County parks. Still in process.
* Noise pollution and suspicious people brought up by residents. Residents discussed LA County Sheriff.
* Landfill Community Advisory Committee (CAC) [www.valverdecac.com] – Presentations at our meetings: CAC will not come to our meetings. Jeremiah Dockray is on the board and said he would report on the CAC meetings. Website: connected to Regional Planning website.

> California Highway Patrol - Officer Hallgren [ [jhallgren@chp.ca.gov](mailto:jhallgren@chp.ca.gov" \t "_blank) ] and/or Officer Glauser [ [gglauser@chp.ca.gov](mailto:gglauser@chp.ca.gov" \t "_blank)] (Absent)

> Sheriffs Department - **Deputy Brian Rooney, Captain Robert Lewis** [bjrooney@lasd.org, 661.291.2712, 661.255.1121 ext. 4283, YAL: 661.257.4021] (Absent)

> County of Los Angeles Fire Department - **Maria Grycan** [mgrycan@fire.lacounty.gov, 661.250.2710]

* Issued Activity Report for September and October

September - 4 Medical, 1 HazMat, 4 Good Intent

October -2 Fires, 5 Medical, 1 Hazardous Condition, 2 Good Intent

* The two fires were on the 24th and 25th of October. Both during the Tick Fire. Trash fire on the 24th. Brush fire on the 25th off Borton – turned over to the sheriff; possible arson.
* 200 feet fire clearance from a structure required. Vacant lots are handled by County Ag.
* “Ready, Set Go” discussed. Personal fire action plan. Texts VVCA president when fire in area. Encourages PulsePoint app to follow LA County Fire Division 3. Check the box “***Confirmed*** Vegetation Fire.”

> Samuel Dixon Clinic - **Phillip Solomon, CEO** [661.257.4008, [www.sdfhc.org/vv.asp](http://www.sdfhc.org/vv.asp) , [philip@sdfhc.org](mailto:philip@sdfhc.org)]

* Absent due to Saugus High School shooting. Offering support groups at our Newhall and Corporate Office locations. Support Groups at 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm tonight. No need to call; they can just show up. 661-568-7405

> Department of Parks and Recreation - **Mari Roman**[661.257.4014, mroman@parks.lacounty.gov ]

* Halloween Fest was wonderful. Great turnout. Games and prizes. Costume party.
* Girls Club – volunteer work this coming Sunday with Operation Gratitude. Leaving 7:30 a.m. and coming back 1:30 pm. Doing care packages for our troops.
* November 26th – Thanksgiving Dinner, 6:00-8:00 pm. Walk-through this year due to no kitchen. Community center will be used as prep room. Containers given out. Homebound and bed-ridden will have meals delivered to them. Discussion about possibly setting up tables in the parking lot.
* Winter Parks After Dark (PAD) -- Thursday, December 19th-January 4th. Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights. Big snow day is Thursday, the 19th. End of PAD on January 4th – thinking about having an ice skating rink.

> Castaic Area Town Council (CATC) – **Douglas Roberts, Jeremiah Dockray** [www.castaicareatowncouncil.org]

* Jeremiah – meeting next Wednesday, the 20th, at 6:30 pm at Castaic Union School District meeting room. Continuing conversation with the County about The Old Road north of the 126…solutions for widening the road due to fires and Project Snowflake. No meeting in December.

> Community Benefits Funding Committee (CBFC) - **Vince Cantella** [cbfcoffice@yahoo.com, 661.257.7636]

>Regular Updates:

* Financial Report – Committee putting together writeups for the County in order to ask for funds.
* Next Dump Day – December 7th
* Election – was held November 5th . Jaime Briano and Frank Miscone termed out. Cassandra Cardenas is on for another two years. Lorena Dominguez and Raquel Barajas were also voted onto the board, joining Darwin Lopez and Vince Cantella.
* Open Meeting (open to the public) – Monday, the 18th, at 6:00 p.m. One of these meetings a year. Discuss how money is being spent in the community with the previous permit Chiquita Canyon Landfill held.
* Possibly new bylaws in the future in order to handle new permit and funding.
* Discussion of County’s new way of handling and administrating landfill tipping fees.

>Ari DeChellis – Graffiti Abatement Program Manager ([adechellis@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:adechellis@dpw.lacounty.gov); 626-458-4062)

* The County pays for graffiti removal five days a week. Call it in. Provided magnets and pencils. This number is Public Works and can be contacted for sewer emergencies, pot holes, trash collection problems too. 1-800-675-4357

**Guest Presentations**

**Consent Calendar**

Minutes from VVCA Regular Meeting 10-10-2019 – **Tabled until the next meeting.**

Motion 1\_\_\_: Second: \_\_\_ Vote: Y\_\_\_/N\_\_\_\_/A\_\_\_

Treasurer’s Report:

Motion 1:AD Second:ML Vote: 5/0/0

**Committee Reports:**

Fundraising Committee: Tanya Hauser, Erica Larsen, Laurel Taylor, Martha Lomelli

>Any updates on recycling idea posed by Marshall

* Committee Meeting needed

>Information on Gift Wrapping – Tanya Hauser or Abigail DeSesa

* Barnes and Noble: Saturday, December 7th, 1-5 pm. Looking for donations of ribbon and gift tags.

Land Use Committee: Kevan Smalley, Jeremiah Dockray,

-Sterling Gateway / Hunt Williams update – Kevan Smalley

* No Update

**(8:00pm) Old Business**

>Legal Update on CCL Expansion

* Judge Mitchell Beckloff denied the petition by the VVCA, Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment, and Citizens for Chiquita Canyon Landfill Compliance in its entirety. Funds to Attorney Babak Naficy remain due from the VVCA.

>Banner/Signage - *Tabled until County Lawsuit is paid*

>Board Position Openings > Looking for a Secretary

Interest form on our website

>“Neighbor of the Month” to Local Business meetings

>D&O Insurance – Tanya Hauser - *Tabled until County Lawsuit is paid*

Additional Quote – Erica Larsen

>Community Survey

*Tabled until 2020*

>English to Spanish Course – Kevan Smalley

>CERT Class Update – Kevan Smalley

**New Business**

VVCA meeting in December on 12/12/2019 or dark until 1/9/2020?

* Depending on the state of the area in regard to fires and crime, etc.

Terri made a motion that the Board make a decision on November 27th, via email vote, concerning a December meeting.

Susie Evans seconded.

All in favor; none opposed.

**Public Comment**

* None

**Give Away Drawings \* Must be present to win\***

\*Pictures of winners and their bounty\* -- No drawing tonight.

**Adjournment**  8:59

Motion 1:THauser Second:THarrah Vote: 4/0/0

21 total in attendance, including Board