



## **BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

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### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA February 20, 2020 3:00 pm**

**ROLL CALL:** Chair: Greg Hahn; Vice-Chair: Terry Quinn  
Staff: General Manager Bill Malinen; Chief of Police Tim Melanson; Secretary of the Board Kristy McEwen  
Citizen Volunteers: Jim Nelson; Vince Rondone

#### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. **Approval of Agenda**
2. **Approve Minutes from the December 19, 2019 meeting.**
3. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**  
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4. **Information & Discussion Items:**
  - A. Code Red Notice Criteria
  - B. Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council Briefing
  - C. Police Department Policy Manual Update
5. **Committee Member Comments**
6. **Staff Comments**
7. **Adjournment:** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee is April 16, 2020.

Signed February 14, 2020

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Kristy McEwen, Secretary of the Board



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### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES December 19, 2019 3:00 pm**

**ROLL CALL:** Chair: Greg Hahn; Vice-Chair: Jay Carlyn  
Staff: General Manager Bill Malinen; Chief of Police Tim Melanson; Secretary of the Board Kristy McEwen  
Citizen Volunteers: Jim Nelson; Vince Rondone

#### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Director Hahn requested an additional item: approval of Minutes from the October 17, 2019 meeting. The Agenda was approved as amended unanimously by the Committee.

2. Approve Minutes from the October 17, 2019 meeting.

3. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

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4. **Information & Discussion Items:**

A. Kern County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan – Chief Melanson updated the committee on the progress of the plan update through Kern County. Hazards have been identified and mitigation will be addressed next. Prior to finalization, public input will be solicited. Water needs for fire suppression during Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) is a specific hazard which was identified by the District.

B. Grant Funding Opportunities – Request has been submitted for radio equipment through the 2019 Homeland Security Grant. Equipment requests for 2020 grant will be submitted when available.

A \$500,000 grant may be available for PSPS mitigation via Kern County. The District will apply for funding for generators when the process and timelines are identified.

C. Entry Gate Cameras – Two cameras will be added. One to view the RFID lane and a second, license-plate reading camera viewing the visitor lane.

D. Police Department Policy Manual Updates – No update available

5. **Committee Member Comments**

None

6. **Staff Comments**

Chief Melanson informed the committee that he is planning a community emergency preparedness meeting to take place in February 2020.

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee is February 20, 2020.

*Kristy McEwen*

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**MEETING NOTES from the February 10, 2020 Meeting**

1. Last Month's Business of DPAC
  - a. Decided to try the 3:30pm slot for 2 months.
  - b. Decided 2020 Objectives.
    - i. Annual District Exercise
    - ii. Evacuation Support Planning
    - iii. Electricity Outage Planning
2. Work Objectives
  - a. Annual District Exercise
    - i. Planning postponed to April
    - ii. Chief requested at least a multi agency tabletop discussion exercise. Additional suggestions included involvement with the EOC, partial field exercise component, and communication exercise.
  - b. Evacuation Support Planning
    - i. Have to get rid of the bad map. Suggestions included asking for GM letter to Board of Realtors. It was noted that property managers, Escrow companies, and others involved in rental properties need to know about this. Some said the realtors are from out of town so maybe there needs to be a wider distribution like to the Bakersfield or current county boards. This needs to come from the District.
    - ii. Check gun range for cleared areas. Other areas uphill? Off Skyline? Idea is to note, maintain, and provide good signage for areas that might be useful to have residents stage in an internal evacuation event.
    - iii. Look at signage pointing drivers to the valley floor and No Outlet signs (see photo below).
    - iv. Update: Battalion Chief of Air & Wildland Fire said NO to 'refuge signs' because no one can predict where the fire/threat will be or where it will go. Have areas with clearance well marked with reflective signs at the roadside to direct people to go.
      1. The concept is to have an official traffic style using reflective lettering the points to the turn to enter these areas we may announce as places for residents to go to and wait. This would be for both directions.
      2. Example: Equestrian Center entrance sign, while beautiful, is earth toned, receded from the road, not lighted, and very difficult to find if you don't know it's there. These signs are envisioned to help evacuated persons, resident or visitor, in low/no light, foggy, smokey conditions, find the entrance.
    - v. Develop education program/content. TBD
  - c. Electricity Outage Planning
    - i. Update: planning concept updated based on new/updated info learned. Still needs discussion. Tentative meeting with stakeholders at end of February.
    - ii. Jeannie will remove the 'emergency overnight shelter' portion to a separate plan due to higher level of planning and coordination needed.
  - d. Other Events
    - i. Public Education Meeting. Having schedule problems. Need a planner for this.
3. Public Safety Committee Update. Nothing to report.

## **BVCSD Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council (DPAC)**

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4. Additional Items
  - a. Emergency Communications Academy. Jeannie and Megan Clark attended. Fabulous training and they are using the lessons to update the District's Communication plans.
  - b. Howard noted that when the phone poles are being replaced, the roadside reflective markers are being discarded. It was noted these are missing or broken in many areas. Suggested these be reported to the District.

### **Next Scheduled DPAC Meeting:**

March 9, 2020, **3:30 pm** at the Bear Valley Community Services District Meeting Room

