

Meeting 3 Workshop Summary

Overview

The third of three workshops for the Lucerne Valley Community Plan was held at the Community Center on July 20th, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. During the third workshop, community members were asked to review and prioritize the draft goal and objective statements created by the project team from feedback received during the Meeting 2 exercises. Attendees were provided with materials from the past two meetings for reference, including a summary of all goal and objective comments from Meeting 2 as well as the SWOT analysis from Meeting 1. Maps of the existing land use and proposed land use changes were also provided for meeting attendees to review and comment.

After individual table discussions regarding the goal and objective statements, attendees decided to rank the ideas collected at Meeting 2 and presented in the summary documents. Attendees used a high, medium, and low classification system to prioritize the importance of each objective from the meeting summary.

Workshop 3 Goals and Objectives Notes

- Expansion of regional industrial land use districts should be approved by the community
- No community solar or industrial energy projects within a 25 mile radius of the center of Lucerne Valley
- Maintain 2.5 acre large lot standard
- Disassemble or rehab abandoned structures to sell them
- Appoint committee to assist in clean up, not code enforcement or ticketing
- No fluorescent tube disposal at Lucerne Valley trash transfer sight
- Require new commercial properties to incorporate 50+% solar on rooftop and in parking lots
- Allow utility-scale renewable energy in designated area.
- Add turn-pockets on other paved roads, not just highways
- Work with law enforcement on major crime issues

Additional Goals and Objectives for Consideration

- Add an alternative route to Clark Road when Highway 18 is closed.
- Add a pharmacy
- No energy projects for long transmission line delivery. All local.

Miscellaneous Comments

- I'm opposed and many others are opposed to creating a regional industrial renewable energy zone in Lucerne Valley. There was a strong consensus against utility-scale at the Lucerne Valley and Hesperia SPARC meeting. At the SPARC meeting in Hesperia, the consultants responded by saying that utility scale is off the table. The County Board of Supervisors agrees. They passed a resolution in 2/16 to that effect. The County Board of Supervisors submitted a comment saying no utility-scale in Lucerne Valley. Inclusion of a regional industrial renewable energy zone for utility-scale does not reflect the consensus of the community – it runs counter to that consensus.

Results of Goals and Objectives Exercise

The table below represents how meeting attendees decided to prioritize the goals and objectives collected from Meeting 2. They used a system of ranking statements as high, medium, or low depending on how important they felt the objective was to the future of the community. The cells highlighted in blue represent the category with the highest number of votes for that statement.

Statement	Low	Medium	High
Goal: Keep the rural character of the community			
Objective 1: No big solar or wind projects, except in designated areas	0	0	12
Objective 2: Projects not to impact wildlife linkages	3	2	5
Objective 3: Maintain/preserve Lucerne Valley's unique character as a functioning mountain – desert transitional eco-system that co-exists with dispersed desert rural communities	0	6	5
Objective 4: No new development that blocks existing views	1	4	5
Objective 5: Maintain the balance between the needs of the human and natural communities	3	5	2
Objective 6: Adopt rural desert development standards	0	2	8
Objective 7: Restrict land clearing	0	2	9
Objective 8: Be a model solar community by designating utility solar area and point of us only	2	0	6
Goal: Address lighting issues and maintain dark skies			
Objective 1: Set standards for bright security lights at night	0	6	4
Objective 2: Convert street lights to soft LED lights	1	7	2
Goal: Promote responsible commercial development and create a cohesive business district design			
Objective 1: Encourage development with common “rural” theme for façade design	2	6	2
Objective 2: No commercial strip development	3	3	4
Objective 3: No commercial lighted signage	7	1	3
Objective 4: Encourage siting of medical facility in Lucerne Valley	0	3	7
Objective 5: Require new commercial properties to incorporate 50+% solar on rooftop	3	3	4
Objective 6: No billboards	2	4	4
Objective 7: Allow our community to grow and develop and plan on our own without the profit seeking bureaucrats invading and developing the land without regard or respect of nature	0	5	5
Goal: Targeted and appropriate industrial development			
Objective 1: Do not expand regional industrial land use districts	3	1	5
Objective 2: Limit industrial development to area near the railroad tracks in southeast Lucerne Valley	0	6	5
Objective 3: No utility-scale renewable energy	0	1	10
Objective 4: Encourage rooftop/parking lot solar	1	0	8

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Objective 5: Control placement and type of renewable energy facilities and encourage rooftop solar	0	2	8
Objective 6: Zone no industrial energy production in Lucerne Valley outside of the six square mile Tamarisk Flats	0	0	9
Objective 7: Centralize community solar projects, sewer treatment plant with biosolid energy plant, a new substation, and other refuse transfer stations at Tamarisk Flats	0	2	7
Objective 8: Keep utility scale renewables out of Lucerne Valley and the High Desert	0	0	9
Goal: Promote responsible residential development compatible with rural character			
Objective 1: Require new residential properties to incorporate 50+% solar on rooftop	3	4	2
Objective 2: Maintain large lot minimums on residential development	1	6	2
Objective 3: No tract homes in rural living zones (2.5 acre min.)	1	2	6
Objective 4: Allow for the citing of tiny house zone (100 sq. ft to 500 sq. ft)	4	0	5
Objective 5: Support revolving fund to rehab bad homes to create jobs and improve the appearance of the community	1	4	4
Objective 6: Treat our homeless and welfare-dependent population with respect and give them an area to live	3	3	3
Objective 7: No single-wide mobile homes other than in mobile home parks	6	1	3
Goal: Improve roadway system within the community for safety and functional purposes			
Objective 1: Better defined named roads/addresses	3	4	2
Objective 2: Road maintenance	0	3	7
Objective 3: Place sidewalks where it makes sense, not just with new development	5	2	2
Objective 4: Pave more arterial roads and create turn pockets on Highway 18 and Highway 247	0	2	7
Objective 5: Place crosswalks and street lights where needed for pedestrian safety	2	2	5
Objective 6: Create safe bike routes within the community	3	3	3
Objective 7: Coordinate with Caltrans for safety and dust control	1	5	3
Objective 8: Re-stripe lines on the road prior to winter	3	2	3
Objective 9: Improve levels similar to 1989 General Plan	0	3	2
Objective 10: Create decent sized shoulder on Highway 18 and 247 for safety	0	7	3
Objective 11: Support the plan to make Highway 247 a scenic highway and limit development that would degrade that status	1	4	5
Objective 12: Do not make Clark Road a 2-lane collector	3	2	4
Objective 13: Improve the roads to handle the volume of truck traffic	0	5	5

Statement	Low	Medium	High
Goal: Improve water and sewer infrastructure to increase the sustainability of the community			
Objective 1: Conduct a real water-use analysis before any new sizeable commercial development	0	1	8
Objective 2: Conduct analysis of groundwater basin	2	2	5
Objective 3: Allow for the use of hauled water as long as it comes from a certified source and certified water heater	0	0	10
Objective 4: Flood control to handle flash flood conditions	0	4	6
Objective 5: Enforce the Mojave Basin Adjudication ordinances	1	0	8
Objective 6: Educate realtors and farmers on water issues in the area	0	0	10
Objective 7: High groundwater needs higher level of sewer	1	1	7
Objective 8: Flood control thru Lucerne Springs all the way to Rabbit Springs Road	1	3	5
Objective 9: Require control of new heavy water users and be sure they have enough water rights to use as much as they do	0	1	9
Objective 10: Create catch basins and percolation basins to raise our water table	1	2	7
Goal: Keep and implement goals and policies of the adopted Community Plan			
Goal: Increase code enforcement and police activity to eliminate junk/trash issues			
Objective 1: Increased enforcement of existing codes	1	6	3
Objective 2: Clean up dumps on properties	1	5	3
Objective 3: Apply codes and rules fairly across the board	0	7	3
Objective 4: Create a local place to dump trash	3	1	6
Objective 5: Disassemble and remove abandoned structures (County and community effort?)	1	5	4
Objective 6: Clean up hoarders land to improve community appearance	1	3	5
Objective 7: Appoint committee to assist code enforcement to do clean up and ticket	1	2	6
Objective 8: Prohibit parking of junk automobiles on properties	3	3	3
Objective 9: Allow free tire disposal at Lucerne Valley trash transfer site	1	2	6
Objective 10: Allow fluorescent tube disposal at Lucerne Valley trash transfer site	1	5	4
Objective 11: Control the increased number of gang related individuals entering the community	2	1	5
Goal: Improve educational opportunities for all levels within the community			
Objective 1: Develop an appreciation of the wonders of the desert in schools kids	3	5	2

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Objective 2: Develop science/geology/history curriculum involving hands-on field trips into desert	1	3	6
Objective 3: Add charter schools, satellite classes	0	3	6
Objective 4: Make existing Lucerne Valley schools first class and attractive to families that might move	0	1	8
Objective 5: Need to assist the influx of non-native English speaking population to acculturate	1	5	4
Goal: Improve recreational opportunities within the community			
Objective 1: Help build a Lucerne Valley Museum	2	4	3
Objective 2: Develop a Crossroads Senior Community center at 109 acres east of market, adjacent to Senior Center, past the museum and fire station	0	3	7
Objective 3: See the County be more friendly towards allowing the golf course get completed	6	3	0
Objective 4: Offer “senior” opportunities consistent with the surrounding communities	1	4	4
Goal: Create a separate Local Area Management Plan (LAMP)			
Goal: Provide increased medical services within the community			
Objective 1: Add a medical clinic with a nurse practitioner on duty and a doctor for a limited time	0	5	5
Goal: Make Lucerne Valley energy self-sustainable			
Objective 1: Incentivize rooftop and parking lot solar	0	4	6
Objective 2: Educate individual families within the communities of the importance of a sustainable lifestyle and the footprint left behind	4	2	4
Goal: Increase fire safety within the community			
Objective 1: Move the boundary of State fire responsibility south to the boundary of BLM lands along the San Bernardino Mountains	0	1	8

