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Videoconferencing in Hesperia starts July 23

SAN BERNARDINO – Next week, High Desert residents will once again be able to participate in Board of Supervisors meetings without having to travel to San Bernardino.

The county has completed the move of its High Desert videoconferencing site from Victorville to the Jerry Lewis High Desert Government Center in Hesperia in an effort to increase participation. The service will launch for the July 23 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Through videoconferencing, the public can testify before the board, make presentations, or simply watch meetings without having to travel to San Bernardino. People addressing the board will appear on the screen in the board chambers in San Bernardino and be able to see the board while offering their comments.

"This gives our High Desert community an opportunity to have convenient access to their government," said First District Supervisor Robert Lovingood. "I am pleased the County has made this available to our citizens who live and work in this region."

Videoconferencing will take place in the second floor Multipurpose Room of the Jerry Lewis High Desert Government Center at 15900 Smoke Tree Street in Hesperia. The room seats 20 people and seating is on a first-come first-served basis.

Videoconferencing is also available in the Morongo Basin at the Bob Burke Joshua Tree County Government Center, 63665 Twentynine Palms Highway in Joshua Tree.

The public portion of the July 23rd Board of Supervisors meeting begins at 10 a.m. The board welcomes comments from the public on all items being considered by the board throughout each meeting as well as general comments at the end of each meeting.

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