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MEETINGS IN YUCCA VALLEY AND WONDER VALLEY TOMORROW ON ADDITIONAL FIRE FEE

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San Bernardino County Fire Chief Mark Hartwig will present information at two community town hall meetings tomorrow regarding expanding Fire Service Zone FP-5. The County Board of Supervisors recently voted 3-to-2 to expand Service Zone FP-5 countywide to include all territories within the jurisdiction of the Fire District that are not currently included, such as Wonder Valley and the Town of Yucca Valley. FP-5 already encompasses the City of Twentynine Palms. FP-5 will not bring any additional services, but will backfill revenues to maintain current fire protection and emergency medical services within the District's territories. The expansion will include a yearly assessment on property owners of \$157.56 above and beyond current fire assessments throughout the county. Wonder Valley is currently assessed at \$35 per parcel; and Yucca Valley property owners pay 22 percent of their property's assessed value to the fire department. Tomorrow, August 8, Chief Hartwig will explain the Service Zone FP-5 expansion at the Wonder Valley Community Center at 4 p.m., and then move to the Yucca Valley Community Center for a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings will include a question-and-answer session. For more information, visit www.sbcfire.org

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Fire chief to explain new fire tax proposal at public meetings

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MORONGO BASIN — Public meetings will be held Wednesday, Aug. 8, in Yucca Valley and Wonder Valley on a proposal to replace different fire service fees and taxes with a single annual assessment starting at \$157.26.

Fire Chief Mark Hartwig will present information about the proposal at the following meetings:

- 4 p.m. Aug. 8: Wonder Valley Community Center, 80526½ Amboy Road.
- 6:30 p.m. Aug. 8, Yucca Valley Community Center, Dumosa Avenue north of Twentynine Palms Highway.

San Bernardino County is proposing to expand the Fire Protection 5 service zone to cover every community in the county that is not already served by its own municipal fire department (like Morongo Valley). Today, Fire Protection 5 encompasses Twentynine Palms as well as Helendale, the city of San Bernardino, Needles, Upland and San Antonio Heights. Property owners in those areas already pay \$157.26 for fire protection.

If the service zone is expanded, it will cover the rest of the Morongo Basin except for Morongo Valley, and property owners here will be charged \$157.26 per year.

The county board of supervisors will be able to vote annually on whether to raise the charge up to 3 percent. For some property owners, the new charge would be a steep increase. Wonder Valley landowners, for example, are only paying \$35 now.

For others, the change might lessen their costs.

“It will affect everyone differently,” fire department spokeswoman Tracey Martinez said.

Hartwig and his staff will have information at Wednesday’s meetings on how much landowners in the local communities are charged now and what they would be charged if the expansion passes.

The information will also be posted through a link at sbcfire.org as soon as Tuesday, Aug. 7, Martinez said. After the presentations, the fire chief and his staff will be available to answer questions from the people attending the meetings.

All community members are encouraged to attend these open meetings.

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Fire Chief to speak regarding service Zone FP-5 expansion

Tracey Martinez, PIO, Mohave Daily News

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The Fire Chief of the **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District (Mark Hartwig), is scheduled to present information at several community town hall meetings this week regarding the importance of expanding Service Zone FP-5.

The County Board of Supervisors, acting as the County Fire Protection District’s Board of Directors, recently voted 3 to 2 to expand Service Zone FP-5. As stated in the resolution, the FP-5 Service Zone expansion would include all territories within the jurisdiction of the Fire District that are not currently included. As of today, FP-5 encompasses Helendale, City of San Bernardino, Needles, Twentynine Palms, Upland, and San Antonio Heights. The extension of the boundaries of FP-5 will result in needed revenues to maintain current fire protection and emergency medical services within the District’s territories.

The following are the scheduled meetings for the week of August 6, 2018:

1. August 7, 5 p.m. - City of Grand Terrace, Council Chambers, 22795 Barton Road, Grand Terrace
2. August 8, 4 p.m. - Wonder Valley, Wonder Valley Community Center, 80526 ½ Amboy Road, Twentynine Palms
3. August 8, 6:30 p.m. - City of Yucca Valley, Yucca Valley Community Center, 57090 Twentynine Palms Hwy, Yucca Valley
4. August 9, 10 a.m. - Big River, Big River CSD Park, 150351 Del Rey Drive, Big River
5. August 9, 2 p.m. - Havasu Landing, Havasu Landing Fire Station 18, 148808 Havasu Lake Road, Havasu Lake, CA

The Fire Chief will highlight the facts and benefits of the Service Zone FP-5 expansion during his presentation. After the presentation, the Fire Chief and his staff will be available to answer questions from the attending public. All Community members are encouraged to attend these open meetings. For additional information regarding the Service Zone FP-5 expansion please visit www.sbcfire.org (after August 6, 2018).

Hesperia City Council meeting: On the agenda

Rene Ray De La Cruz, Daily Press

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HESPERIA — The City Council will move up its regularly scheduled meeting time to 3 p.m. on Tuesday so that Council and staff can participate in National Night Out.

During the meeting, the Council will discuss a variety of agenda items including:

- The approval and adoption of several documents required as conditions to LAFCO's issuance of a Certificate of Completion for the reorganization, including the annexation, of the HFPD into the **San Bernardino County Fire Protection District-North Desert Service Zone**.
- The authorization to levy a special tax for Community Facilities District No. 94-01 and requesting that San Bernardino County place the levy on the tax rolls for the current fiscal year.
- The approval of a debt management policy in conformance with Senate Bill 1029, which requires that for debt issuances occurring on or after Jan. 21, 2017, the issuer must certify that it has adopted local debt policies that include specified provisions concerning the use of debt and that the contemplated debt issuance is consistent with those debt policies.
- The approval of disclosure policies and procedures to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws. The law states that when a public agency sells bonds or certificates of participation to the investing public, it is obligated to comply with certain disclosure requirements.
- The adoption of a resolution to file last fiscal year's local transportation fund — Article 8a claim in the amount of \$2,281,415 with San Bernardino County Transportation Authority. The city's monies are allocated to VVTA and a variety of related capital purchases.
- A resolution to establish a post-employment trust, which will be administered by Public Agency Retirement. As part of the annexation of the Hesperia Fire Protection District to County Fire, LAFCO is requiring that the District establish an Internal Revenue Service Section 115 irrevocable trust for the payment of CalPERS obligations.
- The adoption of a resolution that would accept \$238,146 in Senate Bill 1, Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Account - Sustainable Communities transportation planning grant funds from the California Department of Transportation.
- The adoption of a resolution that would accept the appropriation of \$23,226.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, for the purpose of partially funding operational overtime and training.
- The designation of a primary voting delegate and up to two alternate delegates to represent the city at the General Business meeting to be held during the three-day League of California Cities annual conference in September in Long Beach.

- Direction to staff regarding the composition of the Development Review Committee, which may include the addition of City Council members to the DRC currently, which is currently composed of outside agency and city staff members.

The National Night Out event is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park located at 15833 Smoke Tree Street. The free event will focus on bringing members of the community together with local law enforcement personnel and other public safety officials. It will feature safety vehicle tours, live music, food vendors, free bounce houses, free face painting, free bicycle safety course for the kids and more. The Council meeting begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Hesperia City Hall, 9700 Seventh Ave. For more information, call 760-947-1000 or visit www.cityofhesperia.us.

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