

# Mecca-North Shore Community Council & County Service Area 97

6 p.m. Wednesday, November 14, 2018

North Shore Beach & Yacht Club Community Center, 99-155 Sea View Dr., North Shore, CA 92254

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of the Minutes**
4. **New Business:** Presenters must direct their report to the council. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chair may allow questions. Each speaker must first be recognized by the Chair.
  - A. **Presentation from Riverside County Transportation Department: Updates on the Bridge on 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Box Canyon Road (information only)**  
Patricia Romo, Director of Riverside County Transportation Department, (951) 955-6747, [promo@rivco.org](mailto:promo@rivco.org)
  - B. **Presentation from Desert Recreation District: Update on the North Shore Community Park (information only)**  
Troy Strange, Director of Planning and Public Works, (760) 347-3484, [tstrange@drd.us.com](mailto:tstrange@drd.us.com)
  - C. **Presentation from Maria Machuca: Approval of Christmas Light Parade in Mecca (information only)**  
Maria Machuca, Community Program Specialist II, (760) 777-2513, [mamachu@riversidedpss.org](mailto:mamachu@riversidedpss.org)
  - D. **Action Item: Southern Coachella Valley Community Services District potential annexation of North Shore and measure for assessment increase**
    - a. **Draft Motion:** Formal support of the Community Council for the proposed annexation and assessment increase.
    - b. **Record of Action:**
    - c. **Background:** The Southern Coachella Valley Community Services District (SCVCSD) is a law enforcement agency that was formed in 1985 to serve Thermal, Oasis, Mecca and Vista Santa Rosa through an assessment charge. In 1989, the District also started handling trash pickup through a contract with Burtec.

At one point, the SCVCSD's contract with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department funded five sheriff's deputies, today, the District is down to two. This is primarily due to the rising costs associated with hiring sheriffs (approximately \$150,000 per year). SCVCSD is considering annexing North Shore, which would serve a dual purpose: North Shore can possibly obtain a dedicated sheriff and the SCVCSD would have additional funding to ensure they don't drop to one sheriff.

Since 1986, the assessment charge has remained at \$66 per residential unit, \$88 per commercial unit, and \$1 per acre (\$20 minimum). Meanwhile, sheriff employment costs have increased over the years and will continue to do so. The SCVCSD is proposing to annex North Shore and within 2-3 years of the annexation they would like to ask voters for an increase in the assessment to offset the rising law enforcement contract services. The proposed assessment increase would be \$75 - \$85 per residential unit, \$100 per commercial unit, with no current plan to increase the acreage assessment. Please note that these dollars amounts may be subject to change in the future. Sheriffs employed by SCVCSD are strictly dedicated to communities within the district. These dedicated sheriffs proactively investigate crimes such as burglaries, theft, vandalism, assault, fraud, and other localized and non-emergency calls. In other words, they are able to take care of calls the Patrol Division may not be able to address based on the prioritization of the call.

Without the North Shore annexation and assessment increase, there will be a decrease in supplemental law enforcement services, elimination of community based programs (TOM site, cleanups, etc.), and the eventual dissolution of SCVCSD. The district plans on petitioning the

Local Agency Formation Committee (LAFCO) to request and pay for the annexation of North Shore. They also plan on sending informational mailers to residents regarding the assessment increase and eventually putting it to a vote in the community. The District has an office at the Mecca Library in case there are any questions.

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- I. Desert Recreation District – Christine Pimentel (Mecca coordinator), 760-702-6722, [cpimentel@drd.us.com](mailto:cpimentel@drd.us.com)  
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- J. Other Departments and Public Agencies

**6. Public comments:**

All persons wishing to address the Council on items not specifically on the agenda or on matters of general interest should do so at this time. Please limit your remarks to 3 minutes.

**7. Agenda Items for next meeting**

**8. Adjourn meeting**

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