

MOUNTAIN VALLEY ASSOCIATION

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MVA NEWS

Hello to all our members. I hope everyone is having a pleasant spring and thinking about getting ready for fire season! June and the Kern County Fire Department brush clearance deadline will be upon us before we know it and with the recent moisture, the weeds are growing, well, like weeds.

Bill Gerring was willing to step up after the resignation of long-time director Joan Tyer and he has been appointed to fill her remaining term. Thank you, Bill, for volunteering and thank you Joan, for your years of service! We have several other board members that are also considering stepping down and this would be a very good time for members to let us know who is willing to serve. If we are unable to find volunteers willing to serve, we could find ourselves unable to obtain a quorum which could cause us considerable legal and financial jeopardy. Remember, any financial difficulties ultimately trickle down to all members with increased assessments and special assessments.

You may also have noticed that very little work has been accomplished on our roads. There are several reasons for the slow-down, the first and foremost was the fall-out from all the Covid rules the State put in place for employers. While we don't have any paid staff, the rules also applied to volunteers. With our small size it would have been extremely difficult and costly to comply, so the decision was made to postpone any activities until the rules were relaxed. Prior to Covid, we had also realized that we no longer had very many volunteers willing to come out and help. Without volunteers, we will be faced with the need to either hire paid staff or contractors. Both have advantages and disadvantages but either one will increase our costs considerably meaning increased assessments. Among the volunteers needed is someone to coordinate and schedule volunteers as well as document time worked and work completed. Until we can fill this need, maintenance will be very limited.

We did get an opportunity to use the last of our donated cold mix to fill-in some of the worst potholes in the pavement on Sand Canyon and the Board has approved the purchase of more cold mix to continue with the work filling potholes but again, volunteers will be needed to get the work done!

To sum it all up, if members are not willing to step up and volunteer to serve on the board and to do needed maintenance, we may well end up with a defunct organization at which point nothing will get done and individual landowners will become exposed to the liabilities of not maintaining the association. Please plan to attend the next board meeting on June 11th at 9:00am at the Water District Office to see how you can help. If you have any questions or would like to get involved sooner, email us at one of the email addresses below.

Remember, MVA is your association, and it is up to you to keep it going!

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