



**Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District
Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 5, 2026 – 6:00 PM
19400 Hartmann Road, Hidden Valley Lake, CA**

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1. Opening Greeting

- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call:
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Approval or Amendment of the Agenda

2. Public Discussion

The public is welcomed and encouraged to address the Board at this time on matters not on the agenda. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the Board is not permitted to act on any matter not on the agenda unless it determines an emergency exists or the need to take action arose after the posting of the agenda. This period will be limited to thirty minutes and individual speakers will be limited to five minutes.

3. Discussion and Possible Recommendation: Storm Water & Levee's

4. Discussion and Possible Recommendation: Fire Emergency Preparations and Firewise

5. Committee Member Comment

6. Adjourn

HIDDEN VALLEY LAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: February 5, 2026

Budgeted: N/A

Meeting: Emergency Preparedness

Budgeted Amount: NA

To: Emergency Preparedness Committee

Cost Estimate: NA

From: General Manager

Funding Source: NA

Written by: General Manager

Funding Account #: NA

Project Name: Storm Water & Levee's -
Update

Project #: NA

AGENDA ITEM #: 3

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Storm Water & Levee's

SUMMARY: The District has started the Pursuit of leading with what it owns and is responsible for – the Drainage way, storm water catch basin and storm water pump

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

This is an opportunity to update the Committee on a few items since the October meeting.

Staff has stepped up maintenance of the Drainage way and Catch basin. Including maintenance on the storm water pump. And is looking at ways to increase capacity of the current pump, adding a pump and / or other water release options.

The General Manager provided a report to the HVLA Board of Directors that included Storm water / levee activities to date.

The Board of Directors purchased two Mobile Hydrants that will be used for Fire emergencies, alternate water supplies, and for increasing pumping capacity at the storm water catch basin.

Continue to be in contact with the County of Lake (Water Resources on Levees and the District Supervisor).

The District is looking at releasing an RFP for digital public relations services to help with messaging on the web, social media, and other platforms.

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RECOMMENDATION: Review and Provide Input

ATTACHMENTS: GM Report to HVLA

Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District

Board of Directors:

Jim Freeman, President

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Sean Millerick

Presentation By: Paul Kelley, General Manager

January 22, 2026





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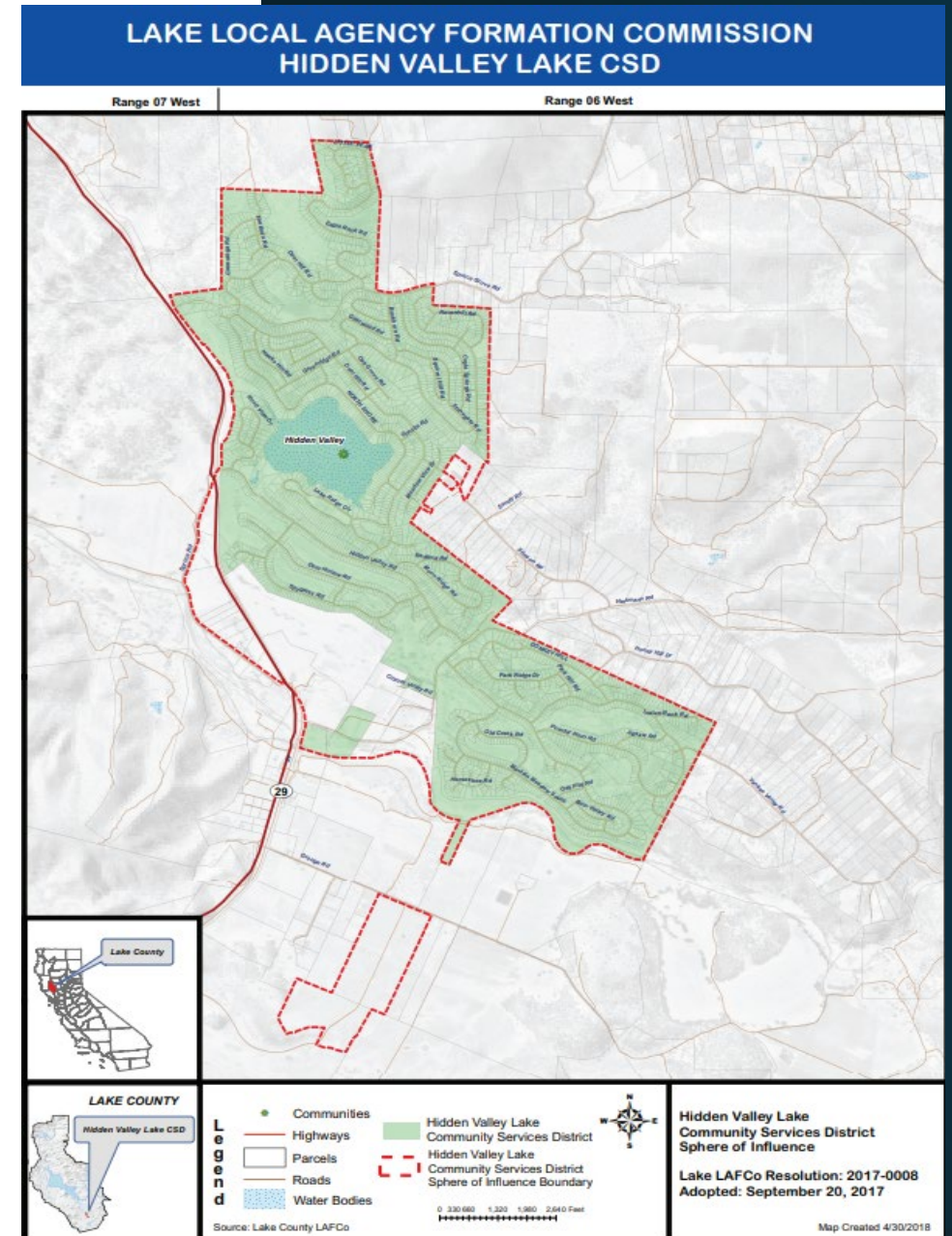
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- We anticipate resolving the problem within the timeline described in the Compliance Plan that is being reviewed by the State Water Resources Control Board.

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- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): You must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** You must notify employees of businesses located on the property.
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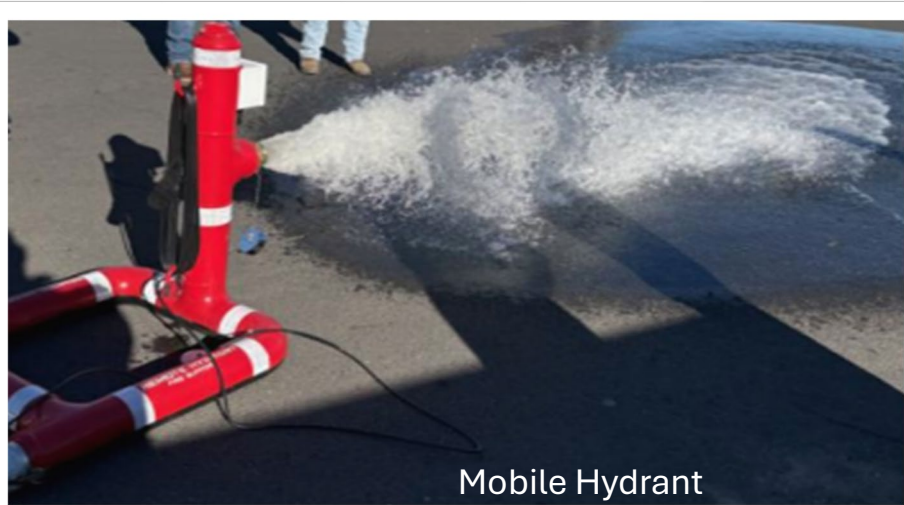
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Current: 2026

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- FLASHES
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 - Resources & Stable Electrical Rates and supply for Community





Questions

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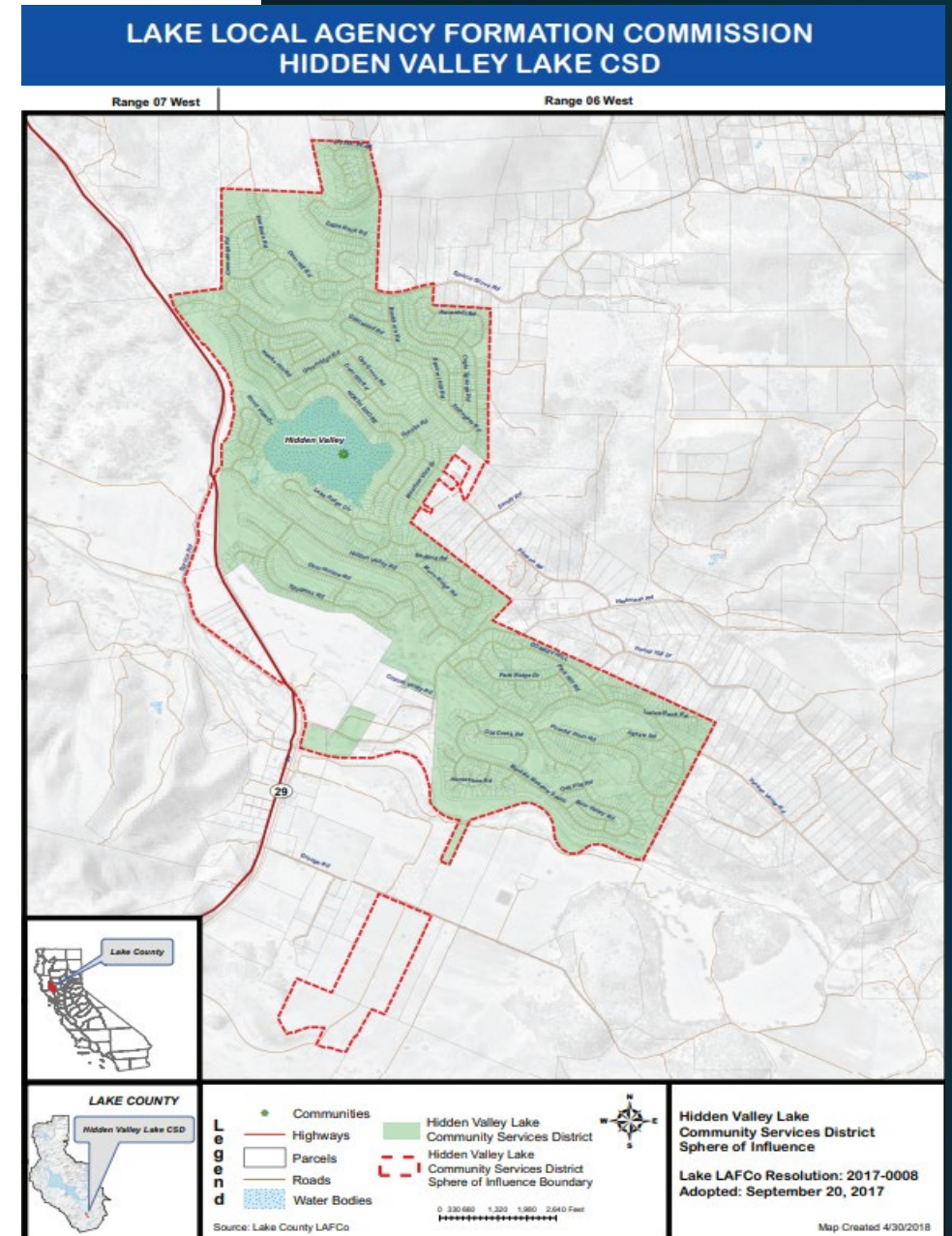
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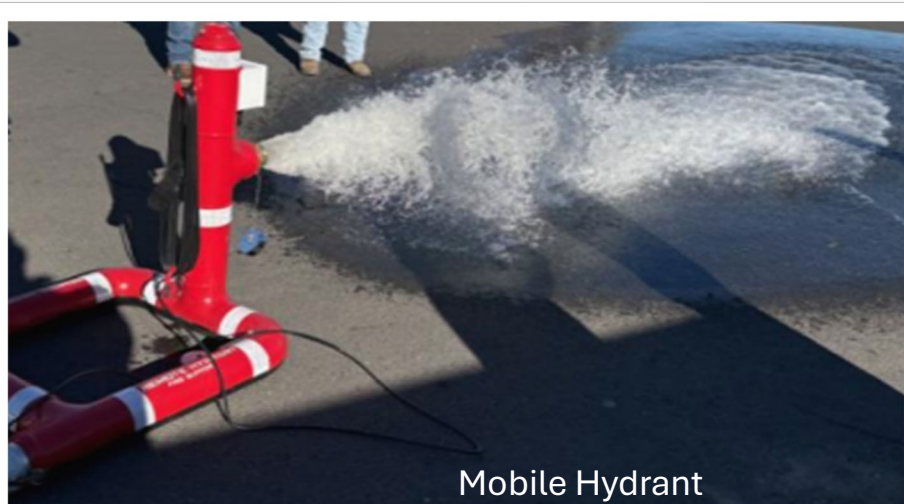
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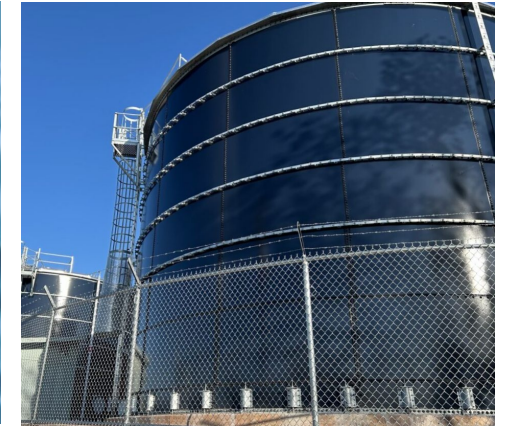
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- SCADA/Cybersecurity
 - \$250,000 Grant Award
 - Software Upgrade, Equipment Replacement, Cybersecurity Enhancement - Wastewater Treatment Plant
- FLASHES
 - Firemain Linked Auxiliary Supply/ Hydraulic Energy Storage
 - Resources & Stable Electrical Rates and supply for Community





Questions

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Meeting Date: February 5, 2026
Budgeted: N/A
Meeting: Emergency Preparedness
Budgeted Amount: NA
To: Emergency Preparedness Committee
Cost Estimate: NA
From: General Manager
Funding Source: NA
Written by: General Manager
Funding Account #: NA
Project Name: Fire Emergency Preparations and Firewise
Project #: NA

AGENDA ITEM #: 4

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Fire Emergency Preparations and Firewise

SUMMARY: The District has held yearly Committee meeting regarding Fire preparations and interactions with Firewise.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

This is an opportunity to update the Committee on a few items and keep up to date on current Fire incident preparations.

As reported to the Board, the GM has been active in participating with the re-emerging Lake County Water association. Its main focus has been working with Fire District Chiefs and Chief Sapeta on water for Fire incidents.

One of the items that is clear to Chief Sapeta is sensitivity to Water Provider needs during a major Fire Incident – including water supply, quality, cost of treated water and longevity of supply. We are working on more collaboration during incidents, using neighboring District resources when a District is impacted and more Emergency Operations Center interaction with “Water Liasons”.

On the alternate water supply item, the District worked with Chief Sapeta to purchase two Mobile Hydrants. The HVLCSD, these items provide ability to find alternate water resources during incidents, a simple hydrant for usage by those not experienced with water system hydrants, and use during flood water activities.

The GM recently had a meeting with the HVLA GM to discuss usage of what they refer to as “Fiddlers lot” – as a possible alternate evacuation route. There are other uses for the District and

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Association – like equipment and materials storage (closer to potential needs) and other property uses.

The local Firewise Council has events in April, and the District has participated in the past and should do so in the future. The District could also work with Firewise on the recently purchased Mobile Hydrants and potential of additional evacuation routes.

RECOMMENDATION: Review and Provide Input

ATTACHMENTS: None.