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MBCA Annual Meeting to focus on Seeking Housing Solutions for the Morongo Basin

At this year's Annual Meeting, the Morongo Basin Conservation Association will spotlight the continuing lack of affordable and appropriate housing for a variety of populations in the Morongo Basin and to offer ideas for community involvement in finding solutions.

The meeting begins at 9:30 AM on Saturday, January 21 at the Yucca Valley Community Center, with a light breakfast and poster displays on view to highlight the issues. At 10:00 AM the program begins, with a break for a light lunch around noon, then Open Mic for Non-Profits and Question and Answer sessions to follow. The entire program will be recorded and will be available via the MBCA website shortly after the event.

MBCA formerly addressed housing issues related to the explosion of short-term rental properties in the Basin in a [video](#) released in spring 2022. At the Annual Meeting, MBCA will present an overview of problem areas, describe existing efforts to meet needs, and propose additional community-based efforts that bring together government and non-profit partners to advance solutions.

Local government officials and non-profit representatives are scheduled to speak. Twentynine Palms City Manager Frank Luckino and Yucca Valley Town Manager Curtis Yakimow will share current efforts and future plans to address housing in their communities. San Bernardino County Chairman of the Board and Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe will represent the County and its unincorporated areas. Joshua Tree National Park Superintendent David Smith, Copper Mountain College President Daren Otten, and a representative from the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center will each present their experience of housing difficulties for their constituencies. Non-profit representatives Astrid Johnson of Morongo Basin ARCH and Wayne Hamilton of Morongo Unified School District will also speak about working with homeless and

unhoused populations.

Attendees are asked to RSVP on [this page](#) of the MBCA website, MBConservation.org.

ABOUT MBCA

Incorporated in 1969, [MBCA](#) is dedicated to preserving the economic and environmental welfare of the [Morongo Basin](#), advocating for the healthy desert environment that nurtures our rural character, cultural wealth, and economic well-being.

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