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Supervisors to hear report on meth program

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KINGMAN - Mohave County supervisors will hear a presentation Monday on an anti-meth program aimed at county school children.

Brian Velarde, director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Colorado River, will present to the board a report on MethSMART, an anti-meth program recently funded by the county.

Programs are being conducted in Bullhead City, Fort Mojave, Mohave Valley and Kingman. MethSMART will offer programs for children 6 to 9 years old, children 10 to 13 years old and teens 14 to 18 years old.

The programs will focus on the effects of meth, knowledge of meth, resisting the drug and facing the dangers of meth. The program will also be aimed at sixth graders in the Bullhead City, Mohave Valley, Kingman and Golden Valley school districts.

Mohave County recently contributed \$117,988 to Maricopa County to be used for the Arizona Meth Project.

In other action, the board is slated to:

w Look at an agreement with the county and the Arizona Game and Fish Division to install weather monitoring and flood warning stations with the county's wilderness areas. The county would maintain two weather stations using Game and Fish's helicopter as access to the remote sites.

w Again look at a subdivision final plat for Desert Lakes Estates that would include 36 single-family residential lots on more than nine acres just south of Joy Lane and east of Highway 95.

w Look to adopt an agreement with the Golden Shores Civic Association for a \$209,224 community development block grant to make improvements to the Golden Shores Community Center.

w Be asked to transfer ownership of equipment bought from a \$381,947 Homeland Security grant fund to Bullhead City, Kingman and Lake Havasu City police departments and Golden Valley Fire District.

w Look at a request to rezone a parcel in Mohave Valley from neighborhood commercial to general commercial highway frontage. The applicant plans to put an auto and boat customizing and repair business and retail sales on the property located east of Highway 95 between Valencia Road and La Entrada Drive.

w Look at a request for a permit for a secondary residence, a single-wide mobilehome, for guests on a lot in the Mohave Mesa Acres subdivision located south of Pinion Road and Between Highway 95 and Wishing Well Drive.

w Look at a request to extend a permit for a secondary residence on a parcel in the Fort Mojave Mesa Ranchos subdivision located on Mountain View Road.

The board will hold its meeting at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Board of Supervisors auditorium at the administration building, 700 W. Beale St. in Kingman.

Nevada panel targets meth addiction

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) - A panel formed to help reduce methamphetamine addiction in Nevada delivered its preliminary recommendations, including support for some pending legislative proposals, to state lawmakers and to Gov. Jim Gibbons on Friday.

Measures endorsed by the panel, chaired by state Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto, included SB112 and AB148, identical bills that would bring Nevada law into line with a new federal law that restricts access to medicines containing pseudoephedrine - typically common cold medicines - that can be used to make meth.

The federal law restricts the amount of such drugs that a person can buy in one month and requires customers to sign a log book, while still leaving the drugs classified for over-the-counter purchases.

Also endorsed was AB149, which would allocate \$2 million to the Department of Health and Human Services to expand abuse prevention and education programs.