

ROLE OF TOWN ADVISORY BOARDS & CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCILS

Town Advisory Boards (TABs) were formed pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 269.576 and Chapter 3.30 of the Clark County Code (CCC), and Citizens Advisory Councils (CACs) pursuant to NRS 244.1945 and Chapter 3.32 of the CCC, to *assist the Clark County Board of County Commissioners (County Commission) in an advisory capacity* with the decision-making process in supplying public services to the unincorporated towns and areas of Clark County.

If an unincorporated town is established in a county whose population is 700,000 or more and is located 25 miles or more from an incorporated city whose population is 500,000 or more the County Commission shall, by ordinance, provide for the election by the registered voters of the unincorporated town of five (5) qualified electors who are residents of the unincorporated town to serve as the TAB members. If seats are left vacant on one of the elected TABs following the general election, the County Commission can appoint as many members as necessary to fill the vacant seats. The elected TABs in Clark County are Bunkerville, Laughlin, Moapa, Moapa Valley, and Searchlight.

All other TABs and the CACs are appointed by the County Commission. All TABs must have five (5) members, and the CACs may be comprised of three (3) or (5) members.

TAB and CAC members are subject to the Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS Chapter 241) and Nevada Ethics in Government Law (NRS Chapter 281).

Town Advisory Boards

An unincorporated town means a specific unincorporated area within the county in which one (1) or more governmental services are provided by the county in addition to those services provided in the general unincorporated area of the county, for which the residents of such area pay through ad valorem taxes or for which other revenue is secured from within the area.

Under state law, such services may include, but are not limited to, parks and recreation, streets, roads, fire protection, and utilities. Unincorporated town status provides a vehicle through which revenue can be generated to offset the costs of those services. All financial and legal responsibilities for such services are assumed by the County Commission. Each separate town is considered as an individual taxing district under state law.

Unincorporated town status also provides a mechanism by which the County Commission may *obtain input from the residents* of these towns regarding matters of importance to their communities. TABs serve as formal direct channels to the County Commission allowing for greater input into the future of their towns.

TABs hold regular, public meetings throughout the year. The meetings accomplish the following functions:

1. The TABs are informed of matters pertaining to the unincorporated town (long-term planning, zoning changes, public works projects, planning ordinances, etc.) and ***provide input*** regarding these matters to the County Commission.
2. The TABs ***forward concerns*** or problems of unincorporated town residents to the County Commission or county staff for resolution and publicly recognize positive contributions to their respective communities.
3. The TABs ***disseminate information*** of interest that they receive from the County Commission and county staff to the residents of the unincorporated town.

Elected and nonelected Town Advisory Boards have been formed for the following unincorporated towns:

Bunkerville (Elected)	Enterprise
Laughlin (Elected)	Indian Springs
Moapa (Elected)	Mt. Charleston
Moapa Valley (Elected)	Paradise
Searchlight (Elected)	Spring Valley
	Sunrise Manor
	Whitney
	Winchester

Citizens Advisory Councils

In addition to the 13 TABs, six (6) ***Citizens Advisory Councils (CACs) have been created by the County Commission to provide input from unincorporated areas.*** Unlike unincorporated towns, unincorporated areas do ***not*** have ***revenue-generating*** capabilities afforded by unincorporated town status.

CACs are created by ordinance and function in the same ***advisory capacity*** to the County Commission regarding the affairs of their communities as TABs.

CACs hold regular, public meetings throughout the year. The meetings accomplish the following functions:

1. The CACs are informed of matters pertaining to the unincorporated area (long-term planning, zoning changes, public works projects, planning ordinances, etc.) and ***provide input*** regarding these matters to the County Commission.
2. The CACs ***forward the concerns*** or problems of the unincorporated area residents to the County Commission or county staff for resolution and publicly recognize positive contributions to their respective communities.
3. The CACs ***disseminate information*** of interest to residents of their unincorporated area that it receives from the County Commission and county staff.

CACs have been formed in the following unincorporated areas:

Goodsprings
Mountain Springs
Sandy Valley

Lone Mountain
Red Rock
Lower Kyle Canyon