

Community Focus Statement A: Restore, preserve, and enhance the rural characteristics of Homestead Valley

Action Statement A.1: Advocate for San Bernardino County to adopt and enforce “Dark Skies” requirements for buildings and outdoor lighting to minimize light pollution.

IN PROCESS

Benchmark: A local International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) chapter or group is organized that has leadership, meets regularly, and continues to function and promote dark skies protection for a period of at least three years.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: \$300–\$1,200

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Contact residents and organize volunteers to establish an IDA chapter or volunteer group.	Champion	Month 1	Resources and the application form to start an IDA chapter can be found at: http://darksky.org/about/chapters/ Dark skies compliant lighting fixture information can be found at: http://darksky.org/fsa/fsa-products/ Dark skies outreach materials and resources can be found at: http://darksky.org/resources/public-outreach-materials/ Homestead Valley Community Council http://www.hvccsite.org/
2. Select a leader to serve as chair who will provide leadership and champion the chapter/group. This person will also be the main contact with the County.	IDA chapter/group	Month 2	
3. Develop a list of community goals and strategies/actions to promote dark skies protection.	IDA chapter/group	Months 2 – 3	
4. Review County Development Code sections related to lighting requirements and propose amendments.	IDA chapter/group	Months 2 – 3	
5. Organize community-wide communications and outreach events to promote dark skies protection.	IDA chapter/group, with support from Homestead Valley Community Council (HVCC), Johnson Valley Improvement Association (JBIA) and Local Organizations	Month 3 – On-going	
6. Work with local stores to stock dark sky complaint light fixtures and bulbs	IDA chapter/group, with support from HVCC, JVIA, and Local Organizations	Month 4 – On-going	
7. Work with homeowners, homeowner’s associations, business property owners, and/or business improvement associations to recommend shielded and motion-activated outdoor light fixtures that reduce light pollution.	IDA chapter/group, with support from HVCC, JVIA, business improvement associations, business property owners, homeowners	Month 5 – On-going	