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Chamber works to attract filmmakers to Twentynine Palms

Continuing its ongoing efforts to bring additional employment and retail activity, as well as more appreciation for the natural beauty of the desert, the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a meeting with the Inland Empire Film Commission to discuss attracting filmmakers to Twentynine Palms and the Morongo Basin.

Sheri Davis, director of the Inland Empire Film Commission, said the commission would like to have a list of available filming locations in Twentynine Palms with addresses or GPS coordinates and the owners' contact information. Desired locations include dry lakes, open desert, college campuses, hospitals, airports, and isolated structures such as run-down gas stations and homesteads. Through the filmmaking process, an abandoned structure has the potential to be transformed into something different.

Film crews would stimulate the local economy by spending money on necessities such as lodging and food. Davis said prospective film crews will also need a list of vendors, including water trucks, caterers, hotels, camping areas, and 24-hour gas stations.

Chamber of Commerce President Gary Daigneault said, "Attracting additional film and still photography projects to Twentynine Palms has many benefits for all businesses in the area, from retail sales, lodging opportunities, and more exposure to our unique environment."

If you own or know of an available filming location in Twentynine Palms, or if your business would be willing to provide necessities to film crews, please call the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce at (760) 367-3445.

"People participating with us are a vital part of getting more filming done in Twentynine Palms," said Jessica Wagner-Schultz, executive director of the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber is working with Joshua Tree National Park, the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council, and the City of Twentynine Palms to create a vendor list and ensure that the film permitting process is updated and efficient. The Chamber will continue to communicate with the Inland Empire Film Commission to attract film crews to Twentynine Palms.