

Community Focus Statement E: Improve communication and coordination between Mentone and the County.

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Action Statement E.1: Establish an effective communication process between Mentone, the County, and adjacent cities that increase information and understanding of planning projects and initiatives.

Benchmark: Meet regularly and communicate with the County of San Bernardino and local cities to discuss relevant land use issues.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community **Estimated Cost:** Less than \$500 annually.



Public agency hearing and coordination. Photo source: [Nuclear Regulatory Commission](#)

To improve communication with San Bernardino County departments, adjacent cities, and other local public agencies, a community-specific process should be developed for regular meetings and the exchange of information pertinent to Mentone. Regular communications should occur with County departments including the Land Use Services Department, Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, Public Works, and Transportation. Other public agencies could include the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Caltrans, or other state/federal agencies. Regular meetings could be held with adjacent cities such as the City of Redlands, City of Highland, and the City of Yucaipa.

Existing community organizations, such as the Mentone Area Community Association, could take a lead role in coordinating communication efforts with local public entities. Communication could take the form of regularly held meetings, conference calls, or email newsletters. For example, the Mentone Area Community Association could meet quarterly with the City of Redlands to discuss relevant development proposals, transportation, or other infrastructure issues that affect both Redlands and Mentone. Communication with other public entities could involve regular "check-ins," such as reviewing all development applications submitted to the County Land Use Services Department. Mentone residents could generate a report for all development proposals submitted in the community and provide feedback or input to the County as needed.

As a neighborhood organization takes a lead role in improving and coordinating communication with the County and other public agencies, information could be spread to the appropriate residents. Mentone would have the opportunity to provide input or collaborate on issues affecting the community and develop meaningful relationships with agency staff.



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Create a task force to serve as a liaison between Mentone, the County, and adjacent cities.	Champion	Month 1	San Bernardino County Land Use Services http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/ApplicationsAccepted.aspx
2. Select a leader to serve as chair of the task force.	Mentone coordination task force	Month 2	
3. Schedule meetings with the County and adjacent municipalities to discuss development proposals, transportation, and infrastructure issues.	Mentone coordination task force	Quarterly	
4. Communicate information to the appropriate Mentone community groups.	Mentone coordination task force	Quarterly	