

# CVAG Chronicle

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## **HOT TOPIC:** COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/09

By Gary Leong

CVAG's budgeting process begins in April when the various departments consult with their committees to set programs and goals for the upcoming year. These agreed upon programs and goals are then incorporated into the budget document for each departmental budget. The following discussion highlights the Coachella Valley Association of Governments' (CVAG) adopted balanced budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009.

CVAG's operating cost decreased by \$32,216, or 4%, from a restated amount of \$905,810 in the FY 2007/08 Operating Budget to \$873,594 in the FY 2008/09 Adopted Operating Budget mainly due to allocation of some Administrative payroll to specific grants. An additional staff person was hired in FY 2007/08 to assist in the Homelessness Program. After increasing the base Member Agency Contributions by \$100,000 in FY 2007/08, CVAG in the upcoming budget year, increased the base contributions of \$326,160 by \$13,700. Total dues for FY2008/09, including contributions from the tribes, amount to \$362,393. This represents a 4.2% increase, in line with the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Staffing is currently at 18 fully funded positions, with the possibility of adding an Accounting Assistant position, to be filled when the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission is in full operation. On March 28, 2005, the Personnel Committee approved a four-year compensation package. FY 2008/09, the fourth and final year of the implementation plan, resulted in an increase of 5.1% over the FY 2007/08 budgeted payroll expenditure. The major Capital Improvement Program projects scheduled for activity in FY 2008/09 amount to \$78,018,736. This amount is not all-inclusive but manifests the direction of the Executive Committee to complete the named Measure "A" Projects as a priority. Finally,

in the absence of a General Reserve policy, CVAG is continuing to aim for a reserve of approximately one year of anticipated operating expenses to be prudent. The projected General Fund Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance on June 30, 2009 is projected to be \$970,461. A summary of the overall adopted budget for CVAG is as follows:

Revenue	\$85,969,446
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 2,169,253
Non-personnel/Other	\$ 2,816,477
Construction/Project Costs	\$79,121,070

The Transportation Program continues to be the dominant program of CVAG. Of the total revenue budget of \$86.0M, \$83.3M or approximately 96.9% is generated by the program. CVAG is the Regional Transportation Planning Authority for the Coachella Valley, charged with all transportation planning and administration of a multi-million dollar regional arterial construction program designed to keep traffic flowing smoothly. The main funding sources are Measure "A" and the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF), anticipated to provide \$11.5M and \$12.3M in revenues respectively. CVAG also participates in the Riverside County Transportation Commission's commercial paper funding to advance construction of arterial projects that were approved by the Executive Committee. CVAG has projected \$22.4M from this funding source. The Transportation Program's eight main program areas are as follows:



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## CVAG Department Heads

**John Wohlmuth**  
Executive Director

**Gary Leong, CPA**  
Administrative Services

**Allyn Waggle**  
Transportation

**Aurora Wilson**  
Community Resources

**Katie Barrows**  
Energy & Environment

**Jim Sullivan**  
GIS Program Director

**Toni Eggebraaten**  
General Counsel



- Transportation Department Operations, Project Management and Contract Administration,
- Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Programs, Planning, Programming and Monitoring Program,
- Miscellaneous Programs,
- Congestion Management/Air Quality Programs,
- Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program, and
- Governmental and Special Projects.

## COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

FISCAL YEAR  
2008/09  
BUDGET

June 30, 2008

The Community Resources Program generates \$1.7M, or 2.0%, of the total revenue budget of CVAG. Of the total, \$328,731 is funded by the CVAG Membership dues. A bulk of the revenue has been budgeted for Street Sweeping on various regional arterials in all CVAG jurisdictions. The Community Resources Program's six program areas are as follows:

- Community Resources,
- Public Safety,
- Homelessness,
- CMAQ-SAFETEA-LU,
- AB2766 Air Quality, and
- Regional Air Quality Enhancement Program.

The Energy and Environmental Resources Program provides \$0.9M, or 1.0%, of

CVAG's total revenues. Of the total, \$33,662 of its total revenue is derived from the CVAG Membership dues. As in previous years, most of the funding will be used for the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. The Energy and Environmental Resources Program's Work Plan will include the following program areas:

- Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan,
- Energy and Environmental Resources Committee,
- Solid Waste,
- Water Conservation and Water Quality;
- Sustainable Resource Use,
- Salton Sea Restoration, and
- Energy Conservation.

The Administration Program completes the four major programs of CVAG. Revenues for this program amount to \$34,000, or 0.1%, of the total CVAG revenues. A majority of the program's funding, \$532,588, is derived from allocations from the other programs. The Work Plan for the Administration Program remains unchanged from the prior years and is as follows:

- General Assembly,
- Executive Committee, and
- Technical Advisory Committee.

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## General Assembly Meeting June 30, 2008

- Approved the recommendation of the Nomination Committee for the FY 2008/09 Chair as Mayor Eduardo Garcia, City of Coachella and Vice Chair as Stephen Pougnet, City of Palm Springs.
- Approved Resolution No. 08-005 adopting CVAG's 2008/2009 fiscal year annual budget, salary schedule and allocated positions.

## Executive Committee Meeting June 30, 2008

### ACTION TAKEN

- Recommend that the General Assembly approve the recommendation of the Nomination Committee for the FY 2008/09 Chair as Mayor Eduardo Garcia, City of Coachella and Vice Chair as Stephen Pougnet, City of Palm Springs.
- Approved the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Melanie Fesmire, City of Indio, to represent CVAG on the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) District # 66 Regional Council (RC) seat.
- Approve Resolution No. 08-005 adopting CVAG's 2008/2009 fiscal year annual budget, salary schedule and allocated positions.
- Acknowledged there is no present interest in changing the date of collection of the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) from building permit issuance to the date of final inspection; and authorized a delay, to January 1, 2010, for implementation of the currently scheduled July 1, 2009, TUMF increase.
- Approved accessing reserves from CVAG's regional road funds pool in the amount of \$4.1 million to provide 100% funding for the approved list of Tier 2, 15% State Highway Projects; due to lack of funds, rescinded the authorization for a call for Tier 3, 15% State Highway Projects; and directed staff to return with options to provide construction funding for additional improvements on Highway 111.
- Authorized payment of 75% of the cost, estimated at \$100,000, for completing a project study report for widening the Ramon Road bridge over the Whitewater River Channel.
- Approved the development of a County-wide Sub-regional Travel Demand Model for Riverside County.
- Approved payment of 75% of a total estimated cost not to exceed \$345,000 to fund settlement costs for acquisition of property from the Los Lagos Homeowners Association.
- Approved the agreement for professional services with Harris & Associates for the Interstate 10 Project Management Consultant Position for the five interchanges currently under design.
- Approved an agreement with the City of La Quinta to provide 75% of the total estimated cost of \$1,430,789 for the project to widen Fred Waring Drive between Washington Street and Adams Street.
- Approved an agreement with the County of Riverside to provide 75% of the total estimated cost of \$700,000 for the engineering design and environmental documents for the widening of Fred Waring Drive between Adams Street and Port Maria Road.
- Determined a reasonable nexus exists between the TUMF and facilities proposed for improvement in CVAG's Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS) and Regional Arterial Cost Estimate (RACE), dated February 2006.
- Accepted the Close Out Report from Clean Street for the Regional Street Sweeping Program.
- Extended the current contract through Amendment Four with Nick Nickerson of NAI Consulting until the balance of funds are expended.
- Approved an agreement with Dr. Emily Nelson for professional services for fiscal year 2008-09 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 from Regional AB2766 funds.

## UPCOMING CVAG MEETINGS JULY 2008

**Executive Committee**  
July 28- 4 p.m. (Suite 119)

**Technical Advisory Committee**  
July 11 - 8:30 a.m. (Suite 119)

**Transportation Committee**  
July 14 - 12:00 noon (Suite 119)

**Transportation Technical Advisory Subcommittee**  
July 25 - 10 a.m. (Suite 119)

**Energy & Environmental Resources Committee**  
July 10 - 12 noon (Suite 119)

**Coachella Valley Conservation Commission**  
July 10 12 - 11 a.m. (Suite 119)

**Energy Conservation Subcommittee**  
July 17 - 8 a.m. (Suite 119)

**AB939 Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group**  
July 14 - 3 p.m. (Suite 119)

**Public Safety Committee**  
September 8 - 10 a.m. (Suite 119)

**Homelessness Committee**  
July 16 - 10:30 a.m. (Suite 119)

**Human & Community Resources Committee**  
July 16 - 12 noon (Suite 119)

**CVAG committees will be dark during the month of August, however our offices will remain open during normal business hours.**



CVAG's Executive Committee comprises 32 members. Voting members (18) are Riverside County supervisors, mayors and chairs of CVAG cities and tribes or their designés. Nonvoting members (14) are county, city and tribal managers.

## **Executive Committee Roster**

**Councilmember Richard W. Kite**, City of Rancho Mirage

**CVAG CHAIR**

**Mayor Eduardo Garcia**, City of Coachella

**CVAG VICE CHAIR**

**Vice Mayor Beverly Mays**, City of Blythe

**Mayor Kathy DeRosa**, City of Cathedral City

**Mayor Yvonne Parks**, City of Desert Hot Springs

**Mayor Mary Roche**, City of Indian Wells

**Councilmember Ben Godfrey**, City of Indio

**Mayor Don Adolph**, City of La Quinta

**Mayor Jean Benson**, City of Palm Desert

**Mayor Stephen Pougnet**, City of Palm Springs

**Supervisor Marion Ashley, Supervisor Roy Wilson,**

**Supervisor Bob Buster, Supervisor John Tavaglione,**

**and Supervisor Jeff Stone**, County of Riverside

**Tribal Chair Richard Milanovich**, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

**2nd Tribal Vice Chair David Roosevelt**, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

**Tribal Chair Raymond Torres**, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians



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