



## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Monday, November 18, 2019**  
**9:00 am**

CVAG Offices  
73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119  
Palm Desert, CA 92260  
760-346-1127

THIS MEETING IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE.  
ACTION MAY RESULT ON ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – *Chair Russell Betts, Councilmember, Desert Hot Springs*
2. **ROLL CALL**
  - A. **Member Roster** [P3](#)
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Any person wishing to address the Public Safety Committee on items appearing ON the agenda may do so at this time. Please limit comments to 3 minutes. Additional time may be permitted at the discretion of the Chair.
5. **COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**
6. **EX-OFFICIO UPDATES**
7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
  - A. **Approve June 10, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes** [P4](#)
8. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**
  - A. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair for FY19/20 – Tom Kirk**

**Recommendation:** Elect a Committee Chair and Vice Chair for FY19/20
  - B. **Responding to the Unexpected: Lessons From Crisis Management – Mayor Steve Manos, City of Lake Elsinore**

**Recommendation:** Information only

**C. The CV100: Coordinated Approach to Addressing Unsheltered Homelessness in Coachella Valley – Tom Cox**

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**Recommendation:** Endorse the CV100 to address unsheltered homelessness throughout Coachella Valley with compassion through coordinated street outreach and supportive services.

**9. INFORMATION**

**A. Attendance Record**

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**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Any member of the public wishing to address the Committee on items not appearing on the agenda may do so at this time. Please limit comments to 2 minutes. Additional time may be permitted at the discretion of the Chair.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming meetings at CVAG, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, Palm Desert:

- Executive Committee – Monday, December 2, at 4:30 pm
- Public Safety Committee – Monday, January 13 at 9 am

**12. ADJOURN**

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COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
 FY 2019-2020 (revised 10/21/2019)



**Public Safety Committee Members Roster**

City of Blythe	Vacant
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Raymond Gregory
City of Coachella	Councilmember Megan Beaman-Jacinto
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Russell Betts— <b>CHAIR</b>
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Ted Mertens
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Pena— <b>VICE CHAIR</b>
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Sabby Jonathan
City of Palm Springs	Councilmember JR Roberts
City of Rancho Mirage	Mayor Iris Smotrich
County of Riverside	Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Vacant
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians	Vacant

**Ex-Officio Members (non-voting)**

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Margaret Muhr, Emergency Services Manager
Cathedral City Police	Anthony Yoakum, Acting Chief
Cathedral City Fire	Paul Wilson, Fire Chief
Desert Hot Springs Police	Jim Henson, Chief of Police
Thermal Sheriff Station	Misty Reynolds, Captain
Indio Police	Mike Washburn, Chief of Police
Riverside County Sheriff's Department	Sheriff Chad Bianco
Palm Desert Sheriff Station	Joseph Belli, Captain
Palm Springs Police	Bryan Reyes, Chief of Police
Palm Springs Fire	J. Kevin Nalder, Fire Chief
Riverside County Fire Department	Eddy Moore, Division Chief
California Highway Patrol	Mike Stefanoff, Commander
U.S. Border Patrol	David Kim
District Attorney's Office	Michael Hestrin, District Attorney
Riverside County Probation Department	Ron Miller, Interim Chief Probation Officer

**CVAG Support Staff**

Tom Kirk, Executive Director	Tom Cox, Management Analyst	Libby Carlson
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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 10, 2019**



*The audio file for this committee meeting can be found online at: <http://www.cvag.org/audio.htm>*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Betts at 9 am at CVAG, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, Palm Desert, CA.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance:

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilmember Raymond Gregory  
Councilmember Megan Beaman-Jacinto  
Councilmember Russell Betts, Chair  
Mayor Pro Tem Ty Peabody  
Councilmember Waymond Fermon  
Councilmember John Peña  
Mayor Pro Tem JR Roberts  
Mayor Iris Smotrich  
Jeff Van Wagenen

**AGENCY**

City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage  
County of Riverside

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT**

Anthony Yoakum, Acting Chief  
Paul Wilson, Chief  
Jim Henson, Acting Chief  
Mike Washburn, Chief  
Bryan Reyes, Chief  
Eddy Moore, Deputy Chief  
Michael Hestrin  
Chris Wright, Chief Deputy PO  
Misty Reynolds, Captain  
Mike Stefanoff, Commander  
David Kim, Assistant Chief Patrol Agent

Cathedral City Police  
Cathedral City Fire  
Desert Hot Springs Police Department  
Indio Police Department  
Palm Springs Police Department  
CALFIRE - Riverside County Fire East Ops  
Riverside County District Attorney's Office  
Riverside County Probation Department  
Thermal Sheriff Station  
California Highway Patrol  
U.S. Customs and Border Patrol – El Centro

**MEMBERS AND EX-OFFICIOS NOT PRESENT**

Margaret Muhr  
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan  
Jason Huskey, Captain  
Kevin Nalder, Chief  
Chad Bianco

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
City of Palm Desert  
Palm Desert Sheriff Station  
Palm Springs Fire Department  
Riverside County Sheriff

**CVAG STAFF PRESENT**

Tom Kirk  
Cheryll Dahlin  
Libby Carlson

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**OTHERS PRESENT**

Councilmember Ted Weill  
Stephen Aryan  
Pat Cooper  
Frank Taylor  
Carol Camelot

Rancho Mirage  
City of Palm Desert  
Office of Supervisor Perez  
Sheriff’s Captain (Retired)  
Disaster Survival Training

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Peabody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.**

**5. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS – None.**

**6. EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS**

- Chief Wilson, Cathedral City FD, reported on outreach regarding fireworks.
- Acting Chief Henson, Desert Hot Springs PD, introduced himself.
- Chief Washburn, Indio PD, reported on a grant application.
- Chief Reyes, Palm Springs PD, thanked US Border Patrol Agent Kim for attending.
- Captain Reynolds, Thermal Sherriff Station, reported on peer counseling program for public safety officers.
- Deputy Chief Moore, CALFIRE, reported on weather and field conditions.
- Captain Stefanoff, California Highway Patrol, reported on two grants for traffic safety.
- Michael Hestrin, Riverside County DA’s Office, announced that a new DA would be appointed in July.
- Chris Moore, Riverside County Probation Office, introduced himself.
- Agent Kim, US Customs & Border Patrol, introduced himself.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Approve May 13, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM ROBERTS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM PEABODY TO APPROVE THE MAY 13, 2019 MEETING MINUTES.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, 1 ABSENT**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER BEAMAN-JACINTO</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER BETTS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM PEABODY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER FERMON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM SANCHEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM ROBERTS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR SMOTRICH</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MEMBER VAN WAGENEN</b>	<b>AYE</b>

## 8. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Riverside County Update on Asylum Seeker Humanitarian Assistance** – Jeff Van Wagenen, Assistant CEO, Riverside County, presented background on the recent increase in number of asylum seekers coming into the US, gave an overview of the County’s response to-date, and outlined next steps. Mr. Van Wagenen also reported that the State has recognized Riverside County’s response model as a best practice to be replicated in other regions.

David Kim, Assistant Chief Patrol Agent, US Customs and Border Patrol El Centro Station, provided additional information, including an overview of the intake process.

Carol Camelot, Disaster Survival Training, addressed the Committee.

In response to Committee discussion, Chair Betts stated that inquiries or offers of help may be referred to Mr. Van Wagenen or Mr. Kim via CVAG staff.

**B. CVAG Representative on Riverside County Emergency Medical Care Committee** – The Committee referred this appointment to the Executive Committee.

**C. Update on Fires in Southern Coachella Valley** – Eddy Moore, Deputy Chief, Riverside County Fire East Operations, gave a presentation on recent fires in the area and reported on contributing conditions.

9. **INFORMATION** - The following items were submitted for Committee information only:

1. **Attendance Record**

2. **FY19/20 Meeting Schedule**

3. **General Assembly 2019**

## 10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming meetings at CVAG, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, Palm Desert:

- Executive Committee – Monday, September 30 at 4:30 pm
- Public Safety Committee – Monday, September 9 at 9 am

Upcoming meeting at Agua Caliente Casino Resort, 32-250 Bob Hope Dr, Rancho Mirage:

- General Assembly – Monday, June 24 at 6 pm

11. **ADJOURN** - The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Libby Carlson

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
Public Safety Committee  
November 18, 2019**



**Staff Report**

**Subject:** The CV100: Coordinated Approach to Addressing Unsheltered Homelessness In Coachella Valley

**Contact:** Tom Cox ([tcox@cvag.org](mailto:tcox@cvag.org))

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**Recommendation: Endorse the CV100 to address unsheltered homelessness throughout Coachella Valley with compassion through coordinated street outreach and supportive services.**

**Background:** The number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Coachella valley is unacceptably high and increasing. According to Riverside County's 2019 Point In Time Count, nearly a quarter of the homeless population for the entire County is located in our region. At the same time, the number of outreach workers and police units specialized in homeless issues deployed in Coachella Valley has also increased in recent years.

While resources have grown, systematic and consistent coordination between the public safety officers who regularly come into contact with unsheltered homeless individuals and the service providers who could help them get off the streets and into housing has lagged behind. CV100 is an effort to close this gap through the following:

1. Coachella Valley By Name List. A by name list is a tool commonly used in the social service sector to keep track of homeless populations, service delivery, and outcomes. Officers from each city will contribute to the CV100 list of the unsheltered chronically homeless individuals they most frequently come into contact with, often on a daily basis. This list will be actively used by service providers to prioritize help and keep track of progress.
2. Coordinated Street Outreach. Trained outreach workers will join officers in the field and attempt to engage unsheltered individuals in services beyond temporary shelter. Acceptance of services will not be mandatory, but may preferable depending on the circumstances that led to contact with public safety in the first place. When possible, an intake form will be administered at the time of engagement in order to get services started. In other cases, the individual will be referred to an appropriate service provider for intake and assessment.
3. Ongoing Communication. Service providers, public safety officers, and probation officers will meet regularly to discuss progress, outcomes, and trends.

Cultivating consistent coordination between public safety and social services is not a new concept. Palm Springs, for example, has the HHOPE Team that functions similarly. Furthermore, coordination among public safety, first responders, and service providers is an essential

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component of the 25 Familiar Faces Pilot Project in Palm Springs that will prioritize help and transitional housing for the most visible unsheltered chronically homeless individuals as they work to exit from homelessness to more sustainable housing situations. CV100 will build off these examples and take them one step further by strengthening coordination throughout the entire Valley.

Early discussion with public safety officers has indicated widespread interest in this proposed approach. Partnering officers with outreach workers from Path of Life Ministries under their existing scope of work for CV Housing First could begin immediately, with planning and referrals conducted during the day, primarily out of the former Boxing Club in Palm Springs to start. (Although the Boxing Club would be home base for CV100, outreach will be conducted Valley-wide.)

**Fiscal Impact:** None. CV100 will leverage existing resources.



**ITEM 9A**

Coachella Valley Association of Governments

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBER & EX-OFFICIO ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

X = in attendance    absent

CALENDAR YEAR 2019		DARK		DARK		DARK		DARK		DARK		DARK		ATTENDED
CVAG JURISDICTIONS	JAN	FEB 13	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC		
Cathedral City	X	x			x	x								4 out of 4
Coachella	absent	x			x	x								3 out of 4
Desert Hot Springs	X	absent			x	x								3 out of 4
Indian Wells	X	x			x	x								4 out of 4
Indio	X	x			x	x								4 out of 4
La Quinta	X	x			x	x								4 out of 4
Palm Desert	X	x			x	absent								3 out of 4
Palm Springs	X	x			x	x								4 out of 4
Rancho Mirage	X	x			x	x								4 out of 4
Riverside County	X	x			x	x								4 out of 4
<b>ATTENDANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>								
<b>EX-OFFICIO AGENCIES</b>														
Agua Caliente	absent	absent			absent	absent								0 out of 4
Cathedral City Police	X	x			x	x								4 out of 4
Cathedral City Fire	absent	x			x	x								3 out of 4
Desert Hot Springs Police	X	x			absent	x								3 out of 4
Indio Police	X	x			x	x								4 out of 4
Thermal Sheriff Station	X	x			x	x								4 out of 4
Palm Desert Sherriff Station	X	absent			x	absent								2 out of 4
Palm Springs Police	X	x			x	x								4 out of 4
Palm Springs Fire	X	x			x	absent								3 out of 4
Riverside County Fire	X	x			x	x								4 out of 4
California Highway Patrol	X	x			x	x								4 out of 4
U.S. Border Patrol	absent	absent			absent	x								1 out of 4
District Attorney's Office	X	x			x	x								4 out of 4
County Probation Department	X	x			x	x								4 out of 4
<b>ATTENDANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>								