

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 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 Vice Chair Pena 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 Ted Mertens
Councilmember Waymond Fermon
Councilmember John Pena (**Vice Chair**)
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan
Mayor Pro Tem JR Roberts
Councilmember Iris Smotrich
Jeff Van Wagenen

AGENCY

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Travis Walker, Chief
Paul Wilson, Chief
Dale Mondary, Chief
Mike Washburn, Chief
Bryan Reyes, Chief
Kevin Nadler, Fire Chief
Eddy Moore, Deputy Chief
Jared Haringsmal, DA
Chris Wright, Chief Deputy Probation Officer
Misty Reynolds, Captain
Mike Stefanoff, Captain

Cathedral City Police
Cathedral City Fire
Desert Hot Springs Police
Indio Police Department
Palm Springs Police Department
Palm Springs Fire Department
Riverside County Fire
Riverside District Attorney's Office
County Probation Department
Thermal Sheriff Station
California Highway Patrol

MEMBERS AND EX-OFFICIOS NOT PRESENT

Councilmember Russell Betts, Chair
Margaret Muhr
Scott Garrett, Patrol Agent in Charge
Chad Bianco
Jason Huskey, Captain

City of Desert Hot Springs
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
U.S. Border Patrol
Sheriff
Palm Desert Sheriff Station

CVAG STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk, Director
Cheryll Dahlin, Management Analyst
Jodi Adams, Receptionist

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OTHERS PRESENT

Councilmember Ted Weill
Mayor Linda Evans
Jessica Vanderhoof
Pat Cooper
Greg Rodriguez
Scott Michaels
Frank Taylor

Rancho Mirage
La Quinta
LT. RSO/Thermal
Office of Supervisor Perez
Office of Supervisor Perez
Commander DA
Sheriff (Retired)

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair John Pena led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None.

6. EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS

Captain Stephanoff reported on first full year in Indio and external outreach.
Captain Reynolds and Chief Washburn reported on the Date Festival.
Chief Washburn also reported on concert planning and additional events.
Chief Mondary announced concert at Tyson Ranch and reported on marijuana legislation.
DA Haringsmal reported on new State law to adjust 1437 murder prosecution and pending appeals.
Chief Reyes reported on recent murders and announced upcoming events.
Chief Walker reported on Taste of Jalisco and traffic enforcement adjustments to address DUIs and fatalities.
Chief Nadler announced that new PSAs on wildfires are available for all cities

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve January 14, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MERTENS TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 14, 2019 MEETING MINUTES.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9 AYES, 1 ABSENT)

MEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MEMBER BEAMAN-JACINTO	AYE
MEMBER BETTS	ABSENT
MEMBER MERTENS	AYE
MEMBER FERMON	AYE
MEMBER PENA	AYE
MEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MEMBER ROBERTS	AYE
MEMBER SMOTRICH	AYE
MEMBER VAN WAGENEN	AYE

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Roy's Desert Springs Center Update Presentation** - James Grisham, RN / LMFT, Desert Region Adult Services Administrator, Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health, and Greg Rodriguez, Office of Supervisor Perez, gave an update on efforts to address mental health in Coachella Valley, including the following resources:

- Roy's Desert Springs Center: 110 new beds for long-term care (availability anticipated to begin in 15 months)
- Arcadia Health: 80 Beds for long-term care (20 for Adults, 20 for Teens 16-18 yrs, and 20 for children ages 9-16 Kids (9-16) for long term behavioral health
- CRTF Hotline 888-814-8450

B. **Riverside County District Attorney's Office Cannabis Regulation Task Force** – Following a presentation by Commander Scott Michaels, Riverside County District Attorney Bureau of Investigation, Committee discussion regarding Task Force purview and priorities included the following suggestions:

- Meet quarterly
- Establish a policy subcommittee focused on taxation and crime
- Consider cost sharing with CVAG member agencies
- Focus on public education and outreach

9. **INFORMATION**

- 1) **Committee Attendance Report**
- 2) **SCAG Regional Council and Subcommittee Openings**

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Public Safety Committee – Monday, May 13, 2019 at 9:00 am
- Executive Committee – Monday, February 25, 2019 at 4:30 pm

11. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryll Dahlin
Management Analyst