

**COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2016**



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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Iris Smotrich, Councilmember, City of Rancho Mirage, at CVAG offices, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Conference Room 119, Palm Desert, California 92260-2516.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Following roll call it was determined that a quorum was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilmember Ted Mertens  
Councilmember Lee Osborne  
Mayor Bob Spiegel  
Councilmember Iris Smotrich (**Chair**)  
Sheriff Stan Sniff Jr.  
Councilmember Betty Sanchez (**Vice-Chair**)  
Councilmember Mark Carnevale  
Mayor Glenn Miller  
Mayor Robert Moon  
Councilmember Russell Betts

**AGENCY**

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

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT**

H. Peeters, Police Commander  
Evan Petersen, Lieutenant  
Peter Nolan, Supervising DDA  
Andrew Shouse, Captain  
Laura Quattlebaum, Captain  
Walter Combs, Captain  
Dale Mondary, Chief  
Mark Hake, Chief

Indio Police Department  
Riverside County Sheriff – PD, RM & IW  
Riverside County District Attorney  
Riverside County Sheriff – Coachella/LQ  
California Highway Patrol  
Palm Springs Police Department  
Desert Hot Springs Police Department  
Riverside County Probation

**MEMBERS AND EX-OFFICIOS NOT PRESENT**

Margaret Muhr  
Chief George Crum  
Chief Paul Wilson  
Kevin Nadler, Fire Chief  
Dorian Cooley, Deputy Fire Chief

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
Cathedral City Police Department  
Cathedral City Fire Department  
Palm Springs Fire Department  
Riverside County Fire Department

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Gus Torres, CHP  
Frank Taylor, Captain, SERT

**CVAG STAFF PRESENT**

Gary Leong, Deputy Executive Director

Cheryll Dahlin, Management Analyst

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Mertens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Frank Taylor gave an update and invitation of a preview of the Sentera Phoenix 2.

**5. COMMITTEE MEMBER/DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Russell Betts would like future consideration of trespassers in abandoned homes and an update on Gang Task Force.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER SPIEGEL AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MERTENS TO:**

**A. APPROVE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES.**

|                         |     |
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| COUNCILMEMBER CARNEVALE | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER SANCHEZ   | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER BETTS     | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER MERTENS   | AYE |
| MAYOR MILLER            | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER OSBORNE   | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM SPIEGEL   | AYE |
| MAYOR MOON              | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER SMOTRICH  | AYE |
| SHERIFF STAN SNIFF      | AYE |

**7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. DUI Ad Hoc Committee Update—Cheryll Dahlin**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MERTENS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SPIEGEL TO:**

**DISBAND THE DUI AD HOC TASK FORCE, THE TASK FORCE WILL MEET AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES:**

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| COUNCILMEMBER CARNEVALE | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER SANCHEZ   | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER BETTS     | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER MERTENS   | AYE |
| MAYOR MILLER            | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER OSBORNE   | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM SPIEGEL   | AYE |

MAYOR MOON  
COUNCILMEMBER SMOTRICH  
SHERIFF STAN SNIFF

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**B. Consider FY 16/17 Goals for Public Safety Committee—Cheryll Dahlin**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MERTENS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SPIEGEL TO:**

**APPROVE GOALS FOR FY 16/17**

**1) SERVE AS A CONDUIT OF INFORMATION RELATED TO REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS; INCLUDING BY NOT LIMITED TO MONITORING THE EFFECTS OF:**

- **AB 109**
- **PROPOSITION 47**

**2) SUPPORT REGIONAL REFORM AND RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS FOR PAROLEES IN ORDER TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM; INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

- **RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT: DAY REPORTING CENTER IN INDIO**

**3) SUPPORT BEST PRACTICES IN LOCAL POLICING.**

**4) MONITOR AND EVALUATE LEGISLATION REGARDING CANNABIS (MARIJUANA) IMPAIRED DRIVING AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS RELATED TO ANY PROPOSED ACTION BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE.**

**THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS CURRENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES AND REVIEW STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT AFFECT THE COACHELLA VALLEY REGION.**

**C. Retail Tobacco Permitting Program Presentation—James Jo, DrPH, MPG, Tobacco Control Project Director, Riverside University Health System—Public Health**

**The Committee received a presentation**

**8. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER UPDATES**

- A. FIRE CHIEFS-None**
- B. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL-None**
- C. BORDER PATROL-None**
- D. DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE-None**

E. **COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**-Chief Hake invited the committee to Indio Day Reporting Center on May 31<sup>st</sup> and gave an update on probation.

F. **SHERIFF/POLICE CHIEFS-None**

9. **INFORMATION**

1) Committee Attendance Report

2) California League of Cities Legislative Update: Public Safety Bills

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

DUI Ad Hoc Task Force – Cancelled

Public Safety Committee - Monday, June 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 119

Executive Committee - Monday, June 6, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

11. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cheryll Dahlin*

Management Analyst

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