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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 and the findings made by CVAG, this meeting will only be conducted via video/teleconferencing.

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ACTION MAY RESULT ON ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Waymond Fermon, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Indio

2. **ROLL CALL**
 - A. **Member Roster** 4

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the Public Safety Committee on agenda items. At the discretion of the Chair, comments may be taken at the time items are presented. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes.

5. **CHAIR /COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS**

6. **EX-OFFICIO UPDATES**
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Recommendation: Information

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

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the Public Safety Committee on items of general interest within the purview of this committee. Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Public Safety Committee** will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 9 a.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Item 2A

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
Member Roster
2021-2022**



| Voting Members | |
|--|--|
| Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians | Councilmember John Preckwinkle III |
| City of Blythe | Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez |
| Cabazon Band of Mission Indians | Vacant |
| City of Cathedral City | Councilmember Mark Carnevale |
| City of Coachella | Councilmember Megan Beaman-Jacinto – VICE CHAIR |
| City of Desert Hot Springs | Councilmember Roger Nuñez |
| City of Indian Wells | Councilmember Greg Sanders |
| City of Indio | Mayor Pro Tem Waymond Fermon - CHAIR |
| City of La Quinta | Councilmember John Pena |
| City of Palm Desert | Councilmember Karina Quintanilla |
| City of Palm Springs | Councilmember Grace Garner |
| City of Rancho Mirage | Councilmember Iris Smotrich |
| County of Riverside | Supervisor V. Manuel Perez |
| Ex-Officio Members | |
| Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians | Robert Bradbury, Emergency Services Manager |
| California Highway Patrol | Dennis Woodbury, Commander |
| Cathedral City Fire | John Muhr, Fire Chief |
| Cathedral City Police | George Crum, Chief of Police |
| Desert Hot Springs Police | Jim Henson, Chief of Police |
| District Attorney's Office | Michael Hestrin, District Attorney |
| Indio Police | Mike Washburn, Chief of Police |
| Palm Desert Sheriff Station | Dean Agnoletto, Captain |
| Palm Springs Fire | J. Kevin Nalder, Fire Chief |
| Palm Springs Police | Melissa Desmarais, Acting Chief of Police |
| Riverside County Fire Department | Robert Fish, Deputy Chief |
| Riverside County Probation Department | Ron Miller, Chief Probation Officer |
| Riverside County Sheriff's Department | Sheriff Chad Bianco |
| Thermal Sheriff Station | Herman Lopez, Captain |
| U.S. Border Patrol | David Kim |

ITEM 7A

Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2021



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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chair Waymond Fermon, City of Indio, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom videoconference, pursuant to Gov. Newsom's executive order governing how public meetings are held during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Roll call taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

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| Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians | Councilmember John Preckwinkle (arrived during Item 5) |
| City of Blythe | Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez (present at Items 5-8B) |
| City of Cathedral City | Councilmember Mark Carnevale |
| City of Coachella | Councilmember Megan Beaman-Jacinto, Vice Chair |
| City of Desert Hot Springs | Councilmember Roger Nuñez |
| City of Indian Wells | Councilmember Greg Sanders |
| City of Indio | Mayor Pro Tem Waymond Fermon, Chair |
| City of La Quinta | Councilmember John Peña |
| City of Palm Desert | Councilmember Karina Quintanilla (arrived during Item 8A) |
| City of Palm Springs | Councilmember Grace Garner (arrived during Item 4) |
| City of Rancho Mirage | Councilmember Iris Smotrich |
| County of Riverside | Juan Perez, Chief Operating Officer |

Ex-Officio Members Present

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| City of Desert Hot Springs Police | Chief Jim Henson |
| City of Indio Police | Chief Mike Washburn |
| City of Palm Springs Police | Acting Chief Melissa Desmarais |
| City of Palm Springs Fire | Chief J. Kevin Nalder |
| Riverside County Fire | Deputy Chief Robert Fish |
| Agua Caliente | Emergency Services Mgr. Robert Bradbury |
| California Highway Patrol | Commander Dennis Woodbury |

Members & Ex-Officios Not Present

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| City of Cathedral City Police | Chief George Crum |
| City of Cathedral City Fire | Chief John Muhr |
| Riverside County Sheriff | Sheriff Chad Bianco |
| Riverside County DA | Mike Hestrin |
| Riverside County Probation | Ron Miller |
| U.S. Customs and Border Patrol | Assistant Chief Patrol Agent David Kim |
| Palm Desert Sheriff's Substation | Capitan Dean Agnoletto |
| Thermal Sheriff Station | Captain Herman Lopez |

Others Present

CVAG

Tom Kirk
Erica Felci
Joanna Stueckle
Oscar Vizcarra
Margaret Vinci
Pat Cooper
Greg Rodriguez
Kim Saruwatari
Kristen Nelson

Caltech Seismological Lab
Riverside County – District 4

Riverside County Public Health
City of Indian Wells

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Moment of Silence for U.S. Marine Cpl. Hunter Lopez

Chair Fermon led the Committee in the pledge.

Chair Fermon asked for a moment of silence to honor Cpl. Hunter Lopez, who was one of the U.S. service members killed during the Kabul attack.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Erica Felci announced a new ex-officio member of the Public Safety Committee, Palm Springs Police Acting Chief Melissa Desmarais. Councilmember Grace Garner also provided introductory remarks before Acting Chief Desmarais made brief comments to the Committee.

Councilmember John Peña noted the upcoming funeral services for Cpl. Lopez and noted the community should remain patient as the cross-valley procession will result in traffic and road detours.

Councilmember Mark Carnevale welcomed Acting Chief Desmarais and noted how the neighboring cities work together closely.

Juan Perez provided an update to the recent storms that knocked out power for hundreds in the eastern Coachella Valley, and recapped the work that the County, Imperial Irrigation District and others were doing to restore help North Shore residents.

Chair Fermon provided details for the processional and funeral of Cpl. Lopez, which includes services from Sept. 16-18.

6. EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS

Chief Mike Washburn, City of Indio, provided information on graffiti abatement as well as the transition of radio communications to the County's Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) system.

Committee members expressed interest in graffiti removal resources in the Coachella Valley, and staff stated an informational roundup would be provided at an upcoming meeting and shared with the Committee members as well.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER PENA AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARNEVALE TO:

- A. Approve the June 14, 2021 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**
- B. Receive and file an update on the continued conversation on race, diversity and policing**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 2 ABSTENTIONS ON 7A, AND WITH 11 AYES AND 1 ABSTENTION ON 7B

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| Councilmember John Preckwinkle | AYE |
| Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez | AYE |
| Councilmember Mark Carnevale | AYE |
| Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto | ABSTAIN/ AYE |
| Councilmember Roger Nuñez | AYE |
| Councilmember Greg Sanders | AYE |
| Mayor Pro Tem Waymond Fermon | AYE |
| Councilmember John Peña | AYE |
| Councilmember Karina Quintanilla | AYE |
| Councilmember Grace Garner | ABSTAIN |
| Councilmember Iris Smotrich | AYE |
| Chief Operating Officer Juan Perez | AYE |

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Earthquake Education and the Great California ShakeOut

Ms. Felci introduced Margaret Vinci from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) Seismological Laboratory, who manages the Office of Earthquake Programs. Ms. Vinci provided an update to the Great California ShakeOut in October. She also discussed the importance of earthquake early warning systems and the tips to remember in reacting to a quake. Community discussion ensued, including questions about gas and electric lines.

Committee members asked that a copy of the presentation be sent to members and local school districts. There was no action taken as this was an information item.

B. Update on COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

Kim Saruwatari, Director of Riverside County's Public Health, provided an overview of the COVID-19 current conditions, including the distribution of the vaccine and the rates of hospitalization in both adults and children. Member conversation ensued, with many questions focused on the impact that COVID-19 was having on school-aged children and how contact tracing and information sharing is done with schools.

There was no action taken as this was an information item.

C. Election of Public Safety Committee Officers

Tom Kirk introduced the item and asked for nominees. The only nomination was for the current officers to serve another term. During the discussion, both Chair Fermon and Vice Chair Megan Beaman Jacinto expressed interest in continuing to serve and working with the committee to further regional coordination on public safety issues.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER PENA AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMOTRICH TO NOMINATE INDIO MAYOR PRO TEM WAYMOND FERMON AS PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR AND COACHELLA COUNCILMEMBER MEGAN BEAMAN JACINTO AS PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR FOR FY 2021/22

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT

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|---|---------------|
| Councilmember John Preckwinkle | AYE |
| Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez | ABSENT |
| Councilmember Mark Carnevale | AYE |
| Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto | AYE |
| Councilmember Roger Nuñez | AYE |
| Councilmember Greg Sanders | AYE |
| Mayor Pro Tem Waymond Fermon | AYE |
| Councilmember John Peña | AYE |
| Councilmember Karina Quintanilla | AYE |
| Councilmember Grace Garner | AYE |
| Councilmember Iris Smotrich | AYE |
| Chief Operating Officer Juan Perez | AYE |

9. INFORMATION – The following items were provided for information only:

A. Attendance Record

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Public Safety Committee** will be held on Monday, November 8, 2021, at 9 a.m. either via Zoom webinar or in-person, depending on the State’s guidance and finalization of logistics.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

12. ADJOURN

Prior to the meeting’s end, Chair Fermon asked for additional information on active shooter training to be included at an upcoming committee agenda. Members also expressed appreciation

for the committee's collaboration, and it was requested that staff refine the process of including ex-officio updates in the meeting.

Chair Fermon adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Felci
Assistant Executive Director

ITEM 7B

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
November 8, 2021



STAFF REPORT

Subject: CVAG's CV Housing First Program Update and Next Steps

Contact: Erica Felci, Assistant Executive Director (efelci@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Receive and file an update on CVAG's CV Housing First program and the coordinated response with local law enforcement to provide services to the chronically homeless in the Coachella Valley

Background: CVAG has been a leading partner in regional homelessness services in Coachella Valley for more than a decade. After many years of funding an emergency overnight shelter, CVAG's committees in 2017 launched what is now called CV Housing First. The program is based on national best practices with proven success. It follows an integrated throughput from outreach to intake to temporary housing – all following the "housing first" principle that once someone no longer has to deal with the stress of living on the street, they are better equipped to tackle those issues that led to becoming homeless in the first place. The program last year transitioned from an outsourced program to one operated by CVAG staff. In September 2021, the CVAG Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to continue the program into 2022 and beyond.

CV Housing First prioritizes services for unsheltered chronically homeless individuals and families, meeting a distinct need in the Coachella Valley. Outreach is conducted regularly in direct coordination with police officers to find and help the homeless people with whom they most frequently come into contact, which also helps reduce strain on stretched law enforcement resources and first responders. The program primarily uses crisis stabilization housing units, where clients are provided a 30-to-90-day bridge between homelessness and longer-term housing in order to receive intensive case management and referrals to services like job training, medical care, substance abuse treatment, mental health care, and legal aid. Clients also receive help obtaining the documentation needed to obtain housing, benefits and employment. It also involves rapid resolutions to help address lower barriers that individuals have to securing permanent housing solutions.

The program relies on partnerships with local law enforcement and other providers in order to leverage the available services. In developing the program, CVAG staff worked with local law enforcement to develop the CV 200, a by-name list of chronically homeless individuals. These were individuals who were identified as being familiar faces to law enforcement, code enforcement and other social programs. By getting them off the streets and into permanent housing solutions, the idea was that CVAG would help relieve some of these services. CVAG staff has provided the Homelessness Committee with quarterly updates that use data and metrics to measure the program's success, and an update will be provided to the Homelessness Committee at its November meeting. In the first six months of the program, 49 individuals on the CV 200 were successfully helped through the CV Housing First program and placed in permanent housing

solutions. These are some of the toughest cases among the Coachella Valley's homeless population and, while staff would caution that the clients' cases will only get tougher, it does demonstrate the momentum on which the program can build.

CVAG staff has also established a coordinated outreach program across the desert cities. Each week, outreach staff collaborates with local law enforcement, county outreach teams and other services to contact unhoused individuals and families living in places not meant for habitation, such as cars and encampments. Staff provides linkages to services and directly assists in the field with items such as vital documents and referrals to legal advocates, whose assistance includes accessing Social Security benefits. A grant-funded mobile access center is being deployed this month to allow the team and partners to provide assistance to the unhoused at the location where they are residing. CVAG staff is working with individual jurisdictions – and local police departments – to schedule the locations of outreach, and Committee members will soon see the mobile access center at various locations around the Coachella Valley.

The CV Housing First program will continue to grow and evolve. But in its first nine months of operations, CVAG staff has demonstrated considerable success and is now looking ahead at how to refine the program in 2022. Later this month, CVAG staff will recommend to the Homelessness Committee that the program revisit the CV 200 list – which was CV 151 after six months of the program, based on the 49 individuals who were placed in permanent housing. With the Committee's support, CVAG staff anticipates reaching out to all the local police departments, code enforcement and healthcare partners to identify what other individuals should be added to the list. The goal would be to reset the list back to 200 individuals so CVAG can reset the program metrics and tracking once the new year arrives.

Fiscal Analysis: This informational item has no additional cost.

CVAG's adopted budget for the CV Housing First program identified about \$1.3 million in program expenses for the current fiscal year. This includes six full-time staff positions and necessary programming to address the CV 200 clients. The budget is funded by contributions from cities, Riverside County and the Desert Healthcare District/Foundation, which has a \$500,000 agreement for the program. The program has also secured grant funding, including one that allowed CVAG to launch a mobile access center and fund the necessary staffing.

ITEM 8A

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
November 8, 2021



STAFF REPORT

Subject: COVID-19 Public Health Crisis & Vaccine Distribution

Contact: Erica Felci, Assistant Executive Director (efelci@cvaq.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, Riverside County public health officials have provided regular updates to the Public Safety Committee. These updates were centered on sharing the latest data for active COVID-19 cases. In recent months, the briefings have increasingly focused on distribution of vaccines.

Riverside County public health officials announced on October 26, 2021 that the County is now offering booster shots for all three types of vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnsons. The Pfizer and Moderna boosters are eligible for those who are 65 years of age, older adults with underlining medical conditions or those who are at-risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional settings. The Johnson & Johnsons booster is available to individuals who are 18 years old and older, and those who are two months or more from receipt of their first dose.

COVID-19 data in Riverside County is updated regularly online: <https://rivcoph.org/coronavirus>

At the November 8th meeting of the Public Safety Committee, county officials will highlight the distribution of vaccines and booster shots. Officials will also discuss the plans that are forming for the roll out of vaccines in school-age children.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for this update.

ITEM 8C

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
November 8, 2021**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Partnership for Cooperative Land Management on Habitat Lands

Contact: Kathleen Brundige, Conservation Program Manager (kbrundige@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: The Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) is a sister agency to CVAG whose membership includes the nine Coachella Valley cities, County of Riverside, Coachella Valley Water District, Mission Springs Water District and Imperial Irrigation District. The CVCC oversees the implementation of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP). The visionary 75-year plan outlines a path to conserve nearly 240,000 acres of land valley-wide and protect 27 plants and animals, including Peninsular bighorn sheep, desert tortoises and the Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard. In exchange for guaranteeing habitat conservation, developers benefit from a streamlined environmental permit process and critical freeway projects and interchanges can get built without delays.

The CVCC now owns almost 12,000 acres within the CVMSHCP conservation areas. Many of the lands CVCC has acquired are located in more urbanized areas, either adjacent to or in the vicinity of development. One of the needs to ensure effective management of CVCC lands is to provide law enforcement to address illegal and unauthorized uses.

CVCC owns and manages lands that are subject to a variety of impacts including dumping and unauthorized off-highway vehicle use. CVCC installs signage and fencing or other barriers to limit unauthorized access. Regular visits are made to the properties to attempt to control these unauthorized impacts. However, effective management of these impacts will require visits or patrols by trained and certified law enforcement officers who can issue citations to offenders. In some cases, visiting CVCC properties may present safety considerations for staff and the presence of a law enforcement officer is needed.

Since CVCC does not have law enforcement capacity, the Commission has been focused on establishing agreements with local law agencies that have trained law enforcement personnel. Last year, CVCC staff worked with former Cathedral City Police Chief Stan Henry to tour some of the CVCC lands where habitat disturbance from unauthorized OHV use, vehicle trespass, and other unauthorized activities is a significant problem. That led to agreements being approved with both the Desert Hot Springs Police Department and Riverside County Sheriff's Department, who are now working under the terms of memorandums of understanding with the CVCC to cover some of these problematic areas.

This is an example of a unique partnership that helping protect properties throughout the Coachella Valley, and the CVCC staff will provide an overview of these partnerships to the CVAG Public Safety Committee at its November meeting.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for this update.

Item 9A

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE RECORD
FY2021-2022

| Voting Members | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | ATTENDED | | |
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| Aqua Caliente | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| City of Blythe | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| Cabazon Band - Vacant | | | * | | | | | | | | | | 0 | out of | 1 |
| City of Cathedral City | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| City of Coachella | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| City of Desert Hot Springs | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| City of Indian Wells | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| City of Indio | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| City of La Quinta | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| City of Palm Desert | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| City of Palm Springs | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| City of Rancho Mirage | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| Riverside County | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| Total Attendance Per Meeting | | | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Ex Officio / Non-Voting Members | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | ATTENDED | | |
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| Agua Caliente | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| California Highway Patrol | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| Cathedral City Fire | | | ○ | | | | | | | | | | 0 | out of | 1 |
| Cathedral City Police | | | ○ | | | | | | | | | | 0 | out of | 1 |
| County Probation Department | | | ○ | | | | | | | | | | 0 | out of | 1 |
| Desert Hot Springs Police | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| District Attorney's Office | | | ○ | | | | | | | | | | 0 | out of | 1 |
| Indio Police | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| Palm Desert Sheriff Station | | | ○ | | | | | | | | | | 0 | out of | 1 |
| Palm Springs Fire | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| Palm Springs Police | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| Riverside County Fire | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | 1 | out of | 1 |
| Riverside County Sheriff | | | ○ | | | | | | | | | | 0 | out of | 1 |
| Thermal Sheriff Station | | | ○ | | | | | | | | | | 0 | out of | 1 |
| U.S. Border Patrol | | | ○ | | | | | | | | | | 0 | out of | 1 |
| Total Attendance Per Meeting | | | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Scheduled Dark Month
 Vacant *
 Present ●
 Absent ○

ITEM 9B

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
November 8, 2021



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Resources for Graffiti Abatement in the Coachella Valley
Contact: Erica Felci, Assistant Executive Director (efelci@cvaq.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: At the September meeting of the Public Safety Committee, Indio Police Chief Mike Washburn provided an update from his department that included highlighting the police-managed Graffiti Abatement Team. The update led to a discussion among Committee members, who expressed interest in receiving more information on graffiti removal resources in the Coachella Valley.

Below is a roundup of graffiti hotlines and online resources that are provided by CVAG jurisdictions. These resources are provided by code enforcement, street crews and local law enforcement:

- *City of Blythe:* No hotline, but reports can be submitted by email to graffitiblytheca@gmail.com
- *City of Cathedral City:* 760-770-8286 or <https://www.cathedralcity.gov/i-want-to/service-request>
- *City of Coachella:* 760-398-4978
- *City of Desert Hot Springs:* 888-562-3822 or <https://desert-hot-springs-ca.proudcity.com/issues/graffiti/>
- *City of Indian Wells:* 760-776-0237
- *City of La Quinta:* 760-777-7095 or <https://www.laquintaca.gov/residents/report-a-maintenance-issue-gorequest>
- *City of Indio:* 760-391-4143
- *City of Palm Desert:* 760-776-6450 or <https://www.cityofpalmdesert.org/our-city/report-a-problem/palm-desert-in-touch>
- *City of Palm Springs:* (760) 778-8469
- *City of Rancho Mirage:* (760) 770-3224
- *Unincorporated Riverside County:* 951-955-3333 or <https://www.rcwaste.org/graffiti>

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for this update.