



GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Desert Hot Springs Recreation Center
11-750 Cholla Dr.
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

Public Comment is encouraged to be emailed to the General Assembly prior to the Meeting at cvag@cvag.org by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the committee meeting. Comments intended to be read aloud should be no more than 300 characters.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CVAG CHAIR

Chair Scott Matas, Mayor, City of Desert Hot Springs

2. ROLL CALL

A. Member Roster

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3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & NATIONAL ANTHEM

Vice Chair Ted Weill, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Rancho Mirage

American Legion Post 519 Color Guard

Candess Tarrant, Resident of the City of Desert Hot Springs

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the General Assembly on agenda and non-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/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

A. Highlights from Fiscal Year 2023/2024

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve the June 26, 2023 General Assembly Minutes

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7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. CVAG Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget

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Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2024-003 adopting CVAG's 2024/25 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions

B. CVAG Officer Rotation for FY 2024/2025

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Recommendation: Elect the representative from the City of Rancho Mirage to serve as Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Chair and Riverside County's Fourth District Supervisor to serve as Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Vice Chair

8. **PRESENTATION**

9. **ADJOURNMENT BY CVAG INCOMING CHAIR**

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 30, 2025 at 6 p.m. in the City of Rancho Mirage.

Coachella Valley Association of Governments General Assembly Roster



CITY OF BLYTHE

Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez
Councilmember Joseph Halby III
Councilmember Sam Burton

CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY

Mayor Mark Carnevale
Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Ross
Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez
Councilmember Raymond Gregory
Councilmember Rita Lamb

CITY OF COACHELLA

Mayor Steven Hernandez
Mayor Pro Tem Stephanie Virgen
Councilmember Neftali Galarza
Councilmember Denise Delgado
Councilmember Frank Figueroa

CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS

CHAIR

Mayor Scott Matas
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Pye
Councilmember Russell Betts
Councilmember Roger Nuñez
Councilmember Gary Gardner

CITY OF INDIAN WELLS

Mayor Greg Sanders
Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitman
Councilmember Ty Peabody
Councilmember Dana Reed
Councilmember Donna Griffith

CITY OF INDIO

Mayor Lupe Ramos Amith
Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Miller
Councilmember Elaine Holmes
Councilmember Waymond Fermon
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz

CITY OF LA QUINTA

Mayor Linda Evans
Mayor Pro Tem John Peña
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Councilmember Deborah McGarrey
Councilmember Steve Sanchez

CITY OF PALM DESERT

Mayor Karina Quintanilla
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik
Councilmember Evan Trubee
Councilmember Gina Nestande
Councilmember Kathleen Kelly

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS

Mayor Jeffrey Bernstein
Mayor Pro Tem Ron deHarte
Councilmember Christy Holstege
Councilmember Lisa Middleton
Councilmember Grace Garner

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE

VICE CHAIR

Mayor Steve Downs
Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill
Councilmember Meg Marker
Councilmember Lynn Mallotto
Councilmember Michael O'Keefe

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries – District 1
Supervisor Karen Spiegel – District 2
Supervisor Chuck Washington – District 3
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez – District 4
Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez – District 5

AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS

Tribal Chair Reid D. Milanovich
Tribal Vice Chair Candace Patencio Anderson
Tribal Sec/Treas Savana R. Saubel
Tribal Councilmember Virginia Siva Gillespie
Tribal Councilmember John R. Preckwinkle III

CABAZON BAND OF CAHULLA INDIANS

Tribal Chair Douglas Welmas
Tribal Vice Chair San Juanita Callaway
Tribal Sec/Treas Helen Ruth Callaway
Tribal Liaison Alexis Nichols
Tribal Councilmember at Large Brenda Soulliere

TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS

Tribal Chair Thomas Tortez, Jr.
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez
Tribal Treasurer Elena Loya
Tribal Secretary Altrena Santillanes

TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

Tribal Chair Darrell Mike

ITEM 6A

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023**



1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 26, 2023, General Assembly meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Steven Hernandez, Mayor, City of Coachella, at Desert Island Country Club's The Penney and Parlour, 71-777 Frank Sinatra Drive, in Rancho Mirage.

2. ROLL CALL

It was determined a quorum was present.

MEMBER JURISDICTIONS PRESENT

City of Blythe:

Mayor Joseph DeConinck and Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez

City of Cathedral City:

Mayor Rita Lamb, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Carnevale, Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez, and Councilmember Raymond Gregory

City of Coachella:

Mayor Steven Hernandez, Councilmember Stephanie Virgen, Councilmember Densie Delgado, and Councilmember Frank Figueroa

City of Desert Hot Springs:

Mayor Scott Matas, Mayor Pro Tem Gary Gardner, Councilmember Jan Pye and Councilmember Roger Nuñez

City of Indian Wells:

Mayor Donna Griffith and Councilmember Dana Reed

City of Indio:

Mayor Oscar Ortiz, Mayor Pro Tem Lupe Ramos Amith, Councilmember Elaine Holmes, Councilmember Waymond Fermon, and Councilmember Glenn Miller

City of La Quinta:

Mayor Linda Evans, Mayor Pro Tem Steve Sanchez, Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick, and Councilmember John Peña

City of Palm Desert:

Mayor Kathleen Kelly, Mayor Pro Tem Karina Quintanilla, and Councilmember Jan Harnik

City of Palm Springs:

Mayor Grace Garner, Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Bernstein, Councilmember Lisa Middleton, and Councilmember Ron deHarte

City of Rancho Mirage:

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Downs, Councilmember Ted Weill and Councilmember Lynn Mallotto

County of Riverside:

Supervisor Karen Spiegel and Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Tribal Vice Chair Candace Patencio Anderson, Tribal Secretary/Treasure Savana R. Saubel, Tribal Councilmember Virginia Siva-Gillespie and Tribal Councilmember John R. Preckwinkle III

Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Tribal Councilmember Brenda Soulliere

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:

Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez and Tribal Secretary Altrena Santillanes

MEMBER JURISDICTIONS NOT PRESENT

Twentynine Palms Band of Mission Indians

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Scott Matas, CVAG Vice Chair, led the General Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

CVAG Executive Director, Tom Kirk, acknowledged the General Assembly sponsors and presented the highlights of the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 projects.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF INDIO AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF LA QUINTA TO:

A. APPROVE THE JUNE 27, 2022, GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 14 MEMBER JURISDICTION AYES AND 1 ABSENT.

CITY OF BLYTHE	AYE
CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY	AYE
CITY OF COACHELLA	AYE
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS	AYE
CITY OF LA QUINTA	AYE
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS	AYE

CITY OF INDIO	AYE
CITY OF PALM DESERT	AYE
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS	AYE
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE	AYE
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	AYE
AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	AYE
CABAZON BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	AYE
TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS	AYE
TWENTYNINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	ABSENT

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. CVAG Fiscal Year 2023/2024

The staff report was presented to the General Assembly.

IT WAS MOVED BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND SECONDED BY THE TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-002 ADOPTING CVAG'S 2023/24 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL BUDGET, SALARY SCHEDULE, AND ALLOCATED POSITIONS

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 14 MEMBER JURSDICTION AYES AND 1 ABSENT.

CITY OF BLYTHE	AYE
CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY	AYE
CITY OF COACHELLA	AYE
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS	AYE
CITY OF LA QUINTA	AYE
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS	AYE
CITY OF INDIO	AYE
CITY OF PALM DESERT	AYE
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS	AYE
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE	AYE
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	AYE
AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	AYE
CABAZON BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	AYE
TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS	AYE
TWENTYNINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	ABSENT

B. CVAG Officer Rotation for FY 2023/2024

The staff report was presented to the General Assembly.

IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF INDIO TO ELECT THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS TO SERVE AS FY 2023/2024 CHAIR AND THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE TO SERVE AS FY 2023/2024 VICE CHAIR

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 14 MEMBER JURSDICTION AYES AND 1 ABSENT.

CITY OF BLYTHE	AYE
CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY	AYE
CITY OF COACHELLA	AYE
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS	AYE
CITY OF LA QUINTA	AYE
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS	AYE
CITY OF INDIO	AYE
CITY OF PALM DESERT	AYE
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS	AYE
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE	AYE
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	AYE
AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	AYE
CABAZON BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	AYE
TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS	AYE
TWENTYNINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	ABSENT

8. **PRESENTATION AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION**

Master of Ceremonies Brooke Beare and Mr. Kirk led the General Assembly in several games and provided video presentations and stories about memorable moments in CVAG’s 50-year history.

Outgoing Chair Hernandez was recognized for his service. He provided some departing remarks and introduced Chair-elect Matas, who shared his vision for the year ahead.

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

There were no public comments.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the City of Desert Hot Springs.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair-elect Matas adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elysia Regalado

Elysia Regalado
Management Analyst

ITEM 7A

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
General Assembly
June 24, 2024



STAFF REPORT

Subject: CVAG Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget

Contact: Claude T. Kilgore, Director of Finance/Administration (ckilgore@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2024-003 adopting CVAG's 2024/25 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions

Finance Committee: Approved moving the proposed Fiscal Year 2024/25 budget forward to the Executive Committee for review and consideration. (Meeting of May 22)

Executive Committee: This item will be presented when the Executive Committee meets prior to the General Assembly on June 24, 2024.

Background: The CVAG Finance Committee met on May 22 to review CVAG's preliminary budget for the Fiscal Year 2024/25. Following this, staff incorporated relevant updates and presented an in-depth review of the budget to the Executive Committee on June 3, 2024. Staff did not receive any additional comments or updates since the meeting.

The budget will be presented for approval when the Executive Committee meets prior to the General Assembly on June 24, 2024. The budget is now being presented for adoption.

The CVAG Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget can be found online: [CVAG Budget FY 2024–25 \(PDF\)](#)

Fiscal Analysis: The fiscal analysis is included within the budget itself.

Attachment: CVAG Resolution No. 2024-003

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-003

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/25
ANNUAL BUDGET, SALARY SCHEDULE, AND
ALLOCATED POSITIONS**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS DOES HEREBY FIND, RESOLVE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Coachella Valley Association of Governments was established under Joint Powers Agreement established on or about November 1973 under and pursuant to Government Code Section 6500 et seq. and other pertinent provisions of law; and

WHEREAS, under Section 4.1 of the Joint Powers Agreement as amended, the General Assembly shall adopt an annual budget for the ensuing fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, this budget pertains to Fiscal Year July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative/Personnel Committee and the Executive Committee have recommended a 2.9 percent cost of living increase effective July 1, 2024 on the existing base membership dues for the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative/Personnel Committee and the Executive Committee have recommended a 2.9 percent cost of living increase to the Fiscal Year 2023/24 salary schedule effective July 1, 2024, inclusive of positions created during the 2023/24 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget was presented to the General Assembly at a duly noticed public meeting for its consideration and adoption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The General Assembly adopts the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Annual Budget.
2. The General Assembly adopts the CVAG Salary Schedule and allocation of positions as presented in the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year budget, inclusive of a 2.9% cost of living adjustment.
3. The General Assembly acknowledges that the Administrative/Personnel Committee is empowered to and may modify the personnel classification system and the salary schedule, and is hereby granted authority to make changes to employment agreements including that with program managers, directors and the Executive Director, so long as these changes remain within the limits of the personnel expenses as set forth on the Overall Agency Summary in the Fiscal Overview on page 23 under budget

line "Total Personnel" and as further described in the Budget Overview on page 15 of the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Annual Budget.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the General Assembly of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, County of Riverside, State of California on June 24, 2024.

By: _____
Scott Matas
CVAG Chair

Witnessed By: _____
Tom Kirk
Executive Director

ITEM 7B

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
General Assembly
June 24, 2024



STAFF REPORT

Subject: CVAG Officer Rotation for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

Contact: Tom Kirk, Executive Director (tkirk@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Elect the representative from the City of Rancho Mirage to serve as Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Chair and Riverside County’s Fourth District Supervisor to serve as Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Vice Chair

Administrative/ Personnel Committee: Concurred (Meeting of April 29)

Executive Committee: This item will be presented when the Executive Committee meets prior to the General Assembly meets on June 24, 2024.

Background: The CVAG Executive Committee annually provides a nomination for the CVAG officers to the General Assembly, which meets each June. In 2019, the CVAG Executive Committee discussed the need for a more formal process of choosing the incoming officers. This led to an update to the CVAG By-Laws, which established a rotation that would elect a member jurisdiction’s representative rather than a specific individual. The By-Laws also state that “*Based on a recommendation of the Administrative/Personnel Committee, the Executive Committee may in making its nominations deviate from the strict rotation set forth above if determined to be in CVAG’s best interests.*”

CVAG’s officers are now based on jurisdiction and not individual elected officials. The rotation was last updated at the 2021 General Assembly meeting to reflect additional tribal members. The approved rotation is as follows: *Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Indio, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians, Palm Springs, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Rancho Mirage, Riverside County’s Fourth Supervisorial District, Blythe, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Cathedral City, Indian Wells, Riverside County’s Fifth Supervisorial District.*

CVAG’s current officers are the representative from the City of Desert Hot Springs serving as CVAG Chair and the representative from the City of Rancho Mirage serving as Vice Chair.

The By-laws include a stipulation that requires 75 percent attendance or more of the Executive Committee meetings “in the previous year.” Representatives from both the City of Rancho Mirage and Riverside County’s Fourth Supervisorial District have had perfect attendance in the past year. Therefore, staff is recommending the representative from the City of Rancho Mirage serve as FY 2024/2025 Chair and the supervisor from Riverside County’s Fourth District serve as the FY 2023/2024 Vice Chair.

CVAG staff presented the recommendation to the Administrative/Personnel Committee when it met on April 29, and they confirmed the nomination. This item will be presented to the Executive Committee when it meets on June 24, 2024, just prior to the General Assembly meeting.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no additional fiscal impact as CVAG officers receive the same per diem as other members.