



GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023

6:00 p.m.

**The Penney and Parlour
Desert Island Country Club
71777 Frank Sinatra Dr.
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270**

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 Steven Hernandez, Mayor, City of Coachella

2. **ROLL CALL**

A. **Member Roster**

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3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Scott Matas, Mayor, City of Desert Hot Springs

American Legion Color Guard Post 739

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 2022/2023**

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Approve the June 27, 2022 General Assembly Minutes**

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7. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

A. **CVAG Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget**

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Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2023-002 adopting CVAG's 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions

B. **CVAG Officer Rotation for FY 2023/2024**

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Recommendation: 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

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

9. **ADJOURNMENT BY CVAG INCOMING CHAIR**

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.

Coachella Valley Association of Governments General Assembly Roster



CITY OF BLYTHE

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

CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY

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

CITY OF COACHELLA, CHAIR

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

CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, VICE CHAIR

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

CITY OF INDIAN WELLS

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

CITY OF INDIO

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

CITY OF LA QUINTA

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

CITY OF PALM DESERT

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

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS

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

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE

Mayor Richard W. Kite
Mayor Pro Tem Steve Downs
Councilmember Ted Weill
Councilmember Meg Marker
Councilmember Lynn Malotto

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Supervisor Chuck Washington
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez

AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS

Tribal Chair Reid D. Milanovich
Tribal Vice Chair Candace Patencio Anderson
Tribal Sec/Treas Savana R Saubel
Tribal Member Virginia Siva-Gillespie
Tribal Member 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 Member at Large Brenda Soulliere

TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS

Tribal Chair Thomas Tortez
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez
Tribal Treasurer Rosemarie Morreo
Tribal Secretary Altrena Satillanes
Tribal Member Richie Lopez

TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

Tribal Chair Darrell Mike

ITEM 6A

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022**



1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 27, 2022, General Assembly meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Christy Holstege, Councilmember, City of Palm Springs, via Zoom videoconference, which was pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

2. ROLL CALL

It was determined a quorum was present.

MEMBER JURISDICTIONS PRESENT

City of Blythe:

Mayor Dale Reynolds, Vice Mayor Joseph DeConinck and Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez

City of Cathedral City:

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

City of Coachella:

Mayor Steven Hernandez

City of Desert Hot Springs:

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

City of Indian Wells:

Mayor Dana Reed and Councilmember Rob Bernheimer

City of Indio:

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

City of La Quinta:

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

City of Palm Desert:

Mayor Jan Harnik and Councilmember Kathleen Kelly

City of Palm Springs:

Mayor Lisa Middleton and Councilmember Christy Holstege

City of Rancho Mirage:

Mayor Charles Townsend, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Kite, Councilmember Steve Downs and Councilmember Ted Weill

County of Riverside:
Supervisor Karen Spiegel and Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Tribal Chairman Reid Milanovich, Tribal Member Jessica Norte and Tribal Member John R. Preckwinkle III

Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Tribal Member Brenda Soulliere

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez and Tribal Secretary Altrena Satillanes

MEMBER JURISDICTIONS NOT PRESENT

Twentynine Palms Band of Mission Indians

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mayor Steven Hernandez led the General Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Barry Minniefield, Palm Springs resident and contestant on The Voice, sang the National Anthem

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Chair Holstege made brief welcoming remarks and expressed her gratitude to her colleagues and CVAG staff for all the accomplishments over the last year despite the pandemic.

CVAG Executive Director, Tom Kirk, acknowledged the General Assembly sponsors and presented the highlights of the fiscal year 2021/2022 projects.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF PALM DESERT TO:

A. APPROVE THE JUNE 28, 2021, GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES.

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

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| 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 2022/2023 – Claude Kilgore

The staff report was presented to the General Assembly.

IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF INDIAN WELLS AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF LA QUINTA TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-005 ADOPTING CVAG’S 2022/23 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL BUDGET, SALARY SCHEDULE, AND ALLOCATED POSITIONS

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

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| 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 2022/2023 – Jennifer Nelson

The staff report was presented to the General Assembly.

IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF INDIAN WELLS AND SECONDED BY THE TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS TO ELECT THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF COACHELLA TO SERVE AS FY 2022/2023 CHAIR AND THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS TO SERVE AS FY 2022/2023 VICE CHAIR

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

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| 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 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Executive Director Tom Kirk recognized the members' hard work over the year. He then introduced Palm Springs Mayor Lisa Middleton, a member of the CalPERS Board of Administration, who provided an introduction to Marci Frost, CEO of CalPERS. Ms. Frost provided an update on the status of CalPERS investments and the hiring challenges faced during the pandemic.

Following the presentation, members played an interactive "Guess Who" game featuring baby photos of Executive Committee members. The winners were Mayor Linda Evans, Mayor Steven Hernandez, Councilmember Kathleen Kelly, Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez.

Outgoing Chair Holstege was recognized for her service. She provided some departing remarks and introduced Chair-elect Hernandez, who shared his goals as Chair.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 6 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair-elect Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Felci

Erica Felci
Assistant Executive Director

ITEM 7A

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
General Assembly
June 26, 2023



STAFF REPORT

Subject: CVAG Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget

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

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2023-002 adopting CVAG's 2023/24 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions

Finance Committee: Approved moving the proposed FY 2023/2024 budget forward to the Executive Committee for review and consideration. (Meeting of May 25)

Executive Committee: This item will be presented when the Executive Committee meets prior to the General Assembly on June 26, 2023.

Background: The CVAG Finance Committee met on May 25 to review CVAG's preliminary budget for the Fiscal Year 2023/24. Following this, staff incorporated relevant updates and presented an in-depth review of the budget to the Executive Committee on June 5, 2023. Staff did not receive any additional comments or updates since the meeting. It will be presented for approval when the Executive Committee meets prior to the General Assembly on June 26, 2023.

The budget is now being presented for adoption.

The CVAG Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget can be found online:

[CVAG FY 2023 2024 Budget](#)

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

Attachment: CVAG Resolution No. 2023-002

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-002

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/24
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, 2023, through June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative/Personnel Committee and the Executive Committee have recommended an 7.3 percent cost of living increase effective July 1, 2023 on the existing base membership dues for the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative/Personnel Committee and the Executive Committee have recommended a 4 percent cost of living increase to the Fiscal Year 2022/23 salary schedule effective July 1, 2023, inclusive of positions created during the 2022/23 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, CVAG's Executive Committee and General Assembly has previously delegated to its Administrative/ Personnel Committee the various tasks such as implementing the Classification and Total Compensation Study and conducting an annual evaluation of the Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2023/24 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 2023/24 Annual Budget.
2. The General Assembly adopts the CVAG Salary Schedule and allocation of positions as presented in the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year budget plus a 4% 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 21 under budget line "Total Personnel" of the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Annual Budget.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the General Assembly of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, County of Riverside, State of California on June 26, 2023.

By: _____
Steven Hernandez
CVAG Chair

Witnessed By: _____
Tom Kirk
Executive Director

ITEM 7B

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
General Assembly
June 26, 2023**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: CVAG Officer Rotation for FY 2023/2024

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

Recommendation: 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

Administrative/ Personnel Committee: Concurred (Meeting of April 24)

Executive Committee: This item will be presented when the Executive Committee meets prior to the General Assembly meets on June 26, 2023.

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 Coachella serving as CVAG Chair and the representative from the City of Desert Hot Springs 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." The representative from the City of Desert Hot Springs has missed only one meeting this fiscal year, or an 80 percent attendance record. The City of Rancho Mirage have had perfect attendance. Therefore, staff is recommending the Executive Committee confirm the representative from the City of Desert Hot Springs will serve as FY 2023/2024 Chair and the representative from the City of Rancho Mirage will serve as the FY 2023/2024 Vice Chair.

CVAG staff presented this item to the Administrative/Personnel Committee when it met on April 24, and the members concurred with the rotation. The item will be presented to the Executive Committee when it meets on June 26, 2023, 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.