



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

**MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

**CVAG Conference Room
73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104
Palm Desert, CA 92260**

**Members of the Committee and the public may attend and participate by
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**3600 Lime Street
Riverside, CA**

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

**UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ALL ACTION ITEMS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL APPROVAL.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Waymond Fermon, Councilmember, City of Indio

2. **ROLL CALL**

A. **Member Roster**

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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**

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Approve the minutes from the February 12, 2024 meeting of the Public Safety Committee**

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8. **DISCUSSION/ ACTION**

A. **Earthquakes** – Mark Benthien, Director of Communication, Education & Outreach at the Statewide California Earthquake Center

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Recommendation: Information

B. **Update on the Looming Closure of Chuckawalla Valley State Prison** – Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez

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Recommendation: Following a presentation by the City of Blythe, authorize the Chair and/or Executive Director to advocate for a public hearing by the Governor’s Office and/or the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to address the planned closure of Chuckawalla Valley State Prison

9. **INFORMATION**

A. **Attendance Record**

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B. **Phased Opening of the Palm Springs Navigation Center**

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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, June 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Item 2A

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
Member Roster
2023-2024**



Voting Members	
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Tribal Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
City of Blythe	Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Raymond Gregory – VICE CHAIR
City of Coachella	Councilmember Frank Figueroa
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Roger Nuñez
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitman
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon - CHAIR
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña
City of Palm Desert	Mayor Karina Quintanilla
City of Palm Springs	Councilmember Grace Garner
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Meg Marker
County of Riverside	Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Tribal Councilmember Desiree Franco
Ex-Officio Members	
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Robert Bradbury, Emergency Services Manager
California Highway Patrol	Dennis Woodbury, Commander
Cathedral City Fire	Michael Contreras, 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	Brian Tully, Chief of Police
Palm Desert Sheriff Station	Dean Agnoletto, Captain
Palm Springs Fire	Paul Alvarado, Fire Chief
Palm Springs Police	Andrew Mills, 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	Michael Bianco, Captain
U.S. Border Patrol	David Kim

ITEM 7A

Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2024



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 9:01 a.m. at the Indio Police Department Auditorium, 46-800 Jackson Street, Indio, 92201.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Tribal Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
City of Blythe	Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez
City of Coachella	Councilmember Frank Figueroa
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Roger Nuñez
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitman (<i>arrived at item 8B</i>)
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon, <i>Chair</i>
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña
City of Palm Desert	Mayor Karina Quintanilla
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Meg Marker

Ex-Officio Members Present

Desert Hot Springs Police	Deputy Chief Steve Shaw
Indio Police Department	Chief Mike Washburn
Riverside County Fire	Deputy Chief, Robert Fish
Riverside County Probation	Chief Probation Officer Ron Miller

Members & Ex-Officios Not Present

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Emergency Services Manager Robert Bradbury
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Raymond Gregory, <i>Vice Chair</i>
City of Palm Springs	Councilmember Grace Garner
County of Riverside	Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Tribal Councilmember Desiree Franco
California Highway Patrol	Commander Dennis Woodbury
Cathedral City Fire	Fire Chief Michael Contreras
Cathedral City Police	Chief of Police George Crum
District Attorney's Office	Assistant DA Rodney Tethal
Palm Desert Sheriff's Substation	Captain Dean Agnoletto
Palm Springs Fire	Fire Chief Paul Alvarado
Palm Springs Police	Chief Andrew Mills
Riverside County Probation	Chief Probation Officer Ron Miller
Riverside County Sheriff's Department	Sheriff Chad Bianco
Thermal Sheriff Station	Captain Michael Bianco
U.S. Customs and Border Patrol	Assistant Chief Patrol Agent David Kim

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Quintanilla led the committee in the pledge of allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci thanked Indio Police Department for hosting the site tour today and thanked the committee members for attending.

Mayor Quintanilla announced the City of Palm Desert now has an app ‘Palm Desert In Touch’ that allows its residents to report issues directly to the City.

Chair Fermon commended the cities and their response to issue sandbags for the latest weather events. He also thanked the Quality-of-Life team for their efforts in the City of Indio.

6. EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS

None

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve the November 13, 2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR QUINTANILLA AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PENA TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember John Preckwinkle	AYE
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	AYE
Councilmember Raymond Gregory	ABSENT
Councilmember Frank Figueroa	AYE
Councilmember Roger Nuñez	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitman	ABSENT
Councilmember Waymond Fermon	AYE
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Karina Quintanilla	AYE
Councilmember Grace Garner	ABSENT
Councilmember Meg Marker	AYE
Supervisor V Manuel Perez	ABSENT
Councilmember Denise Franco	ABSENT

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Update on Regional Coordination After Tropical Storm Hilary

Chief Operation Officer Erica Felci presented the staff report, including how CVAG is addressing ongoing air quality concerns.

Member discussion ensued with Ms. Felci answering questions from the committee.

No vote was taken as this was an informational item.

B. Presentation: Building for the Future in the City of Indio

Indio Chief of Police Mike Washburn gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee to highlight the new Public Safety Campus, which is under construction. He also discussed the logistics of the tour.

The Chief introduced Project Manager Juan Perezchica from Tilden-Coil Constructors, who gave an update on the construction progress of the project.

C. Tour: Construction of Indio’s Public Safety Campus

Mr. Perezchica and Indio Police led Committee members and attendees on a tour of the Public Safety Campus. This included a tour of the building that will hold dispatch operations once construction is completed.

Following the tour, the Committee returned to the auditorium to finish the remainder of the meeting.

9. INFORMATION – The following item was provided for information only:

A. Attendance Record

B. Recap of Riverside County’s Fourth District Homeless Symposium

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Public Safety Committee** will be held on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fermon adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst

ITEM 8A

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee**

May 13, 2024



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Presentation: Preparing for the Big One in the Coachella Valley

Contact: Erica Felci, Chief Operating Officer (efelci@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: Given the geographic proximity to the San Andreas fault line, earthquake preparedness is of utmost importance for the Coachella Valley. It also has been a longstanding topic of interest for CVAG's committees. In 2009, the CVAG Executive Committee approved CVAG's participation to co-lead the creation and implementation of the Coachella Valley Regional Earth Early Warning System (CREWS) with the Coachella Valley Emergency Managers Association (CVEMA). Now, the Coachella Valley CREWS system has stand-alone, non-networked earthquake warning systems and four dispatch centers.

In recent years, Public Safety Committee members have been provided with various updates on the Earthquake Warning California (EWC), which is the state's earthquake preparedness system. That included a 2020 presentation on the MyShake app, which is a component of the EWC system that serves as a useful tool to help families, businesses, and communities prepare for earthquakes to "Drop, Cover, and Hold on" in advance of an earthquake. In September 2021, in anticipation of International Shakeout Day, the Committee heard from the manager of the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) Seismological Laboratory's Office of Earthquake Programs.

Recent advancements such as the first-in-the-nation Earthquake Early Warning System have allowed Californians to be better prepared. This includes work by the Southern California Earthquake Center, which is headquartered at University of Southern California. With funding from the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Geological Survey, the center has transitioned to become the Statewide California Earthquake Center (SCEC). It is now leading research and collaboration opportunities that span across California and stretch to western Nevada to Baja California and Cape Mendocino.

Mark Benthien, SCEC's Director of Communication, Education and Outreach, will join the Public Safety Committee meeting by Zoom to discuss some key issues for the Coachella Valley and what resources SCEC has for local communities.

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

Attachment:

Earthquake preparedness resources: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2024/04/05/april-is-national-earthquake-preparedness-month/>

ITEM 8B

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
May 13, 2024**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Update on the Looming Closure of Chuckawalla Valley State Prison

Contact: Erica Felci, Chief Operating Officer (efelci@cvaq.org)

Recommendation: Following a presentation by the City of Blythe, authorize the Chair and/or Executive Director to advocate for a public hearing by the Governor’s Office and/or the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to address the planned closure of Chuckawalla Valley State Prison

Background: In February 2023, the CVAG Executive Committee supported the Public Safety Committee’s Recommendation to direct the Executive Director to assist the City of Blythe in its request to reexamine and reconsider the closure of Chuckawalla Valley State Prison and, if that closure appears to move forward, to advocate for the repurposing of the facility and meaningful mitigation measures.

CVAG’s vote came just months after the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) announced in December 2022 that it was starting the process to close Chuckawalla Valley State Prison in the City of Blythe, with an anticipated closure in March 2025. The decision coincides with a plan to end its lease at the California City Correctional Facility in Kern County.

Chuckawalla Valley State Prison, which opened in 1988, occupies about 125 acres and is adjacent to Ironwood State Prison. Chuckawalla was designed to house for 1,738 inmates but had 2,733 inmates as of 2019, which were the most recent statistics presented on the CDCR website. Chuckawalla includes four Level II Non-Designated Programming Facility Yards and one Level I Non-Designated Programming Facility Yard. The prison also maintains operation of a fire house, water treatment plant, waste water treatment plant, the vehicle maintenance garage, and a recycling and salvage program.

In announcing the prison closure (news release attached), state officials said the decision was part of the 2022-23 budget and that Chuckwalla was chosen after an analyzing “several factors including cost to operate, impact of closure on the surrounding communities and the workforce; housing needs for all populations; long-term investments in state-owned and operated correctional facilities; public safety and rehabilitation; and durability of the state’s solution to prison overcrowding.”

The CDCR statement also noted that “*the Administration plans to work directly with community stakeholders in Riverside County to help support workers and foster a bottom-up economic resilience plan for the community impacted by the closure.*” Additionally, the state pledged to minimize the impact to staff and the communities, including identifying opportunities for employee transfers. Inmates will be rehoused at appropriate level prisons.

Representatives from the CDCR – including Prison Closure Manager Charles "Chuck" Callahan, External Affairs Deputy Chief David Maldonado and Deputy Director of EDD Workforce Javier Romero – attended the February meeting of CVAG's Public Safety Committee to provide an update of the plans. This gave the Public Safety Committee a chance to have questions answered prior to acting on a request from the City of Blythe to actively oppose the decision.

Blythe city officials have expressed strong concerns about the economic impacts that will result from the closure of Chuckawalla Valley State Prison, not just in terms of job loss but also on the positive impact the prison has in maintaining facilities for the city. There was an effort to convince the staff to keep Chuckawalla open, and instead phase out the California Rehabilitation Center in Norco, an older facility which, if closed, was expected to have less of an economic hit. Those efforts have proven unsuccessful and city officials have said that sections of Chuckawalla have started to close.

The Blythe City Council in January 2023 authorized contracts with both a lobbying firm and a public relations firm to address the planned closure. A "Save Chuck" campaign has gotten some attention. The County of Riverside also commissioned a resiliency study, led by Kosmont Companies, to look at the potential economic drivers for Blythe should the closure go through. The results were presented to the Blythe City Council in March 2025.

City officials have repeatedly expressed frustration that their voices are falling on deaf ears. In April 2024, CVAG staff attended the 66th Annual Community Outlook Conference, where the prison closure was discussed at length. City officials are now pressing for a public hearing or workshop in the community so that residents can voice their concerns directly to state officials.

Blythe Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez and Interim City Manager Mallory Crecelius will provide an update to the Public Safety Committee when it meets in May. Following the presentation, CVAG staff is recommending that CVAG broaden its current authorization and authorize that the Chair and/or Executive Director advocate for a public hearing, held in the City of Blythe, by either the Governor's Office and/or the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to address the planned closure of Chuckawalla Valley State Prison.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for this update. Advocacy efforts related to Chuckawalla Valley State Prison are covered under the existing contract with Politico Group and staff time.

Attachments:

1. Announcement from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on the Planned Closure of Chuckawalla Valley State Prison, December 6, 2022
2. Save Chuck advocacy: <https://savechuck.org/>

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Announces the Planned Closure of Chuckawalla Valley State Prison

DECEMBER 6, 2022

State will support local community and workforce with an economic resiliency plan and workers will be offered transfers to nearby facilities

SACRAMENTO — As outlined in the 2022-23 budget with an eye toward fiscal responsibility, CDCR is moving forward with closing one prison and ceasing operation of another leased facility as a state prison, and will deactivate some facilities within six prisons.

CDCR and the Administration are working to minimize impact to staff and the communities. CDCR will work to limit the impact to employees affected by these closures and deactivations. This will include options to transfer both within and outside of impacted counties, and identification of employees for redirection to neighboring prisons where there are existing identified vacancies.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) will begin the process to close Chuckawalla Valley State Prison (CVSP) in Blythe, with an anticipated closure in March 2025. Similar to the recent announcement by the Administration (<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.labor.ca.gov%2F2022%2F12%2F01%2Fcalifornia-supports-workers-and-fosters-bottom-up-economic-resilience-in-lassen-county%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cvicky.waters%40cdcr.ca.gov%7Ce31cbe249e8b40954ef808dad7aa8005%7C0662477dfa0c4556a8f5c3bc62aa0d9c%7C0%7C0%7C638059424541538766%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoilV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVC16Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FK3xQ2B34W65QcoPP%2F8Jo%2FBPgr8C1bXTuEQ2DTI8H6w%3D&reserved=0>) for workers impacted by the pending closure of the California Correctional Center in Lassen County, the Administration plans to work directly with community stakeholders in Riverside County to help support workers and foster a bottom-up economic resilience plan for the community impacted by the closure of CVSP.

Additionally, the department will exit the \$32 million, annual lease with CoreCivic for California City Correctional Facility, terminating the contract in March 2024, effectively ending the use of that facility as a state prison.

The department is also planning the deactivation of certain facilities in six prisons, including: Folsom Women's Facility; Facility C in Pelican Bay State Prison; West Facility in California Men's Colony; Facility A in California Rehabilitation Center; Facility D in California Institution for Men; and Facility D in California Correctional Institution. Should a significant need for capacity arise in the future due to a natural disaster or other serious need, this option gives the State the possibility to re-activate these facilities at a later date.

Incarcerated people at these locations will be rehoused into appropriate level prisons.

The two prisons were chosen pursuant to criteria set forth by the Legislature in Penal Code Section 2067. CDCR's leadership carefully evaluated the options for prison closures, pursuant to the 2022-23 budget and Penal Code requirements, and took into account several factors including cost to operate, impact of closure on the surrounding communities and the workforce; housing needs for all populations; long-term investments in state-owned and operated correctional facilities; public safety and rehabilitation; and durability of the state's solution to prison overcrowding.

California City Correctional Facility is the last contract facility in CDCR. It is a leased facility with our CoreCivic partners since 2013, and was necessary to help address overcrowding in state prisons. Now that the term of the lease is expiring and there is additional space at nearby facilities, it makes sense to transition our staff and population into our state-owned facilities.

The Department will also engage with impacted employees in the coming months and years, providing employees with State Restrictions of Appointment (SROA)/Surplus status, which affords them hiring preference for their impacted classifications as well as all other classifications for which they may have lateral transfer options throughout the state as well as for all state agencies. These efforts have been successful in prior closures and are subject to labor negotiation. Incarcerated people in the impacted prisons and facilities will be transferred to other institutions or yards based on their housing, custody and rehabilitative needs. All of their rehabilitative, educational and self-help program credits will transfer with them.

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Item 9A

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE RECORD
FY2023-2024

Voting Members	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	ATTENDED		
Aqua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians			○		○			●					1	out of	3
City of Blythe			●		●			●					3	out of	3
City of Cathedral City			●		●			○					2	out of	3
City of Coachella			●		●			●					3	out of	3
City of Desert Hot Springs			●		○			●					2	out of	3
City of Indian Wells			●		●			●					3	out of	3
City of Indio			●		●			●					3	out of	3
City of La Quinta			●		●			●					3	out of	3
City of Palm Desert			●		●			●					3	out of	3
City of Palm Springs			●		○			○					1	out of	3
City of Rancho Mirage			●		●			●					3	out of	3
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians			○		○			○					0	out of	3
Riverside County			●		●			○					2	out of	3
Total Attendance Per Meeting			11		9			9							

Ex Officio / Non-Voting Members	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	ATTENDED		
Agua Caliente			○		●			○					1	out of	3
California Highway Patrol			○		○			○					0	out of	3
Cathedral City Fire			●		●			○					2	out of	3
Cathedral City Police			●		●			○					2	out of	3
County Probation Department			○		○			●					1	out of	3
Desert Hot Springs Police			●		●			●					3	out of	3
District Attorney's Office			●		●			○					2	out of	3
Indio Police			●		●			●					3	out of	3
Palm Desert Sheriff Station			○		○			○					0	out of	3
Palm Springs Fire			○		○			○					0	out of	3
Palm Springs Police			○		○			○					0	out of	3
Riverside County Fire			●		○			●					2	out of	3
Riverside County Sheriff			○		○			○					0	out of	3
Thermal Sheriff Station			○		○			○					0	out of	3
U.S. Border Patrol			○		○			○					0	out of	3
Total Attendance Per Meeting			6		6			4							

No Meeting
 Vacant *

Present ●

Absent ○

ITEM 9B

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
May 13, 2024



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Phased Opening of the Palm Springs Navigation Center

Contact: Erica Felci, Chief Operating Officer (efelci@cvaq.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: In March 2024, the first phase of the Palm Springs Navigation Center opened in the City of Palm Springs. CVAG's Homelessness Committee received an update at its February meeting from Palm Springs Deputy City Manager Flinn Fagg. Given the overlap between homelessness and general public safety concerns, a written update is being provided to the Public Safety Committee.

The campus was designed as a location where shelter, food and a full suite of support services can be co-located to expand the region's network of services for homeless individuals and reduce secondary impacts that can negatively impact quality of life. The first phase is an early entry facility and the rest of the campus open in July 2024. The project was highlighted at the February 1 homelessness symposium that was hosted by Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez.

The navigation center is located on 3.64 acres along McCarthy Road in the City of Palm Springs. The site has three existing buildings totaling 46,760 square feet. The campus will consist of a shelter facility, 80 modular housing units and full wrap-around services that will include behavioral health care, workforce training, linkage to state and county services, and other resources to get unhoused individuals linked to permanent housing.

The center's focus will be to provide services to help individuals transition into permanent housing. In the future, in addition to providing services directly to homeless individuals, the City and the County have identified the potential to provide services to housed residents such as childcare; assisting individuals with securing health, disability, social security, and other benefits; computer skills, access to internet, employment support and assessments; basic first aid; computer labs; and referrals to other resources. An appropriately sized facility and property could also provide an opportunity to co-locate other services, including the county's mental and/or behavioral health programs, or to have an on-site medical clinic.

CVAG's Homelessness Committee will have its June 2024 meeting at the Navigation Center, which will include a tour of the facility.

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

City and county officials have noted that the project's estimated costs have gone up as overall costs of construction have risen. More than \$40 million was secured for the creation and operation of the campus. In August 2022, Riverside County and the City of Palm Springs announced they

were receiving a \$19 million grant from the state's Homekey Program to build and operate the Palm Springs Navigation Center. Riverside County contributed \$18 million and the City of Palm Springs contributed \$8.16 million.

In addition to funding design, renovations and construction, the City and County has secured funding for operational dollars for Martha's Village & Kitchen, which has been selected by the city as the center's operator.

Attachment:

Palm Springs Navigation Center project website: <https://engagepalmsprings.com/homeless-navigation-center-2>