



GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026
6:00 p.m.

**Fantasy Springs Resort
Special Events Center- Hall B
84-245 Indio Springs Parkway
Indio, CA 92203**

Public Comment is encouraged to be emailed to the General Assembly 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 ADA ACCESSIBLE.
ACTION MAY RESULT ON ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA.**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CVAG CHAIR

Chair V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor, Riverside County's Fourth District

2. ROLL CALL

A. Member Roster

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3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & NATIONAL ANTHEM

Vice Chair Joseph DeConinck, Mayor, City of Blythe

American Legion Post 739 Color Guard

Chase Huna, Saxophonist & Recording Artist

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 2025-26

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve the June 30, 2025 General Assembly Minutes

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7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. CVAG's Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27

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Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2026-003 adopting CVAG's 2026-27 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions

B. CVAG Officer Rotation for Fiscal Year 2026-27

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Recommendation: Elect the representative from the City of Blythe to serve as Fiscal Year 2026-27 Chair and the representative from the City of La Quinta to serve as Fiscal Year 2026-27 Vice Chair

8. **PRESENTATION**

9. **ADJOURNMENT BY CVAG INCOMING CHAIR**

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 28, 2027, at a time and location to be announced.

Coachella Valley Association of Governments

General Assembly Roster 2026



CITY OF BLYTHE- VICE CHAIR

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

CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY

Mayor Raymond Gregory
Mayor Pro Tem Ernesto Gutierrez
Councilmember Rita Lamb
Councilmember Nancy Ross
Councilmember Christina Gordon

CITY OF COACHELLA

Mayor Frank Figueroa
Councilmember Stephanie Virgin
Councilmember Yadira Perez
Councilmember Denise Delgado
Councilmember Juan Martinez

CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS

Mayor Scott Matas
Mayor Pro Tem Dirk Voss
Councilmember Daniel Pitts
Councilmember Jan Pye
Councilmember Gary Gardner

CITY OF INDIAN WELLS

Mayor Toper Taylor
Mayor Pro Tem Brian Penna
Councilmember Greg Sanders
Councilmember Dana Reed
Councilmember Bruce Whitman

CITY OF INDIO

Mayor Elaine Holmes
Mayor Pro Tem Waymond Fermon
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz
Councilmember Benjamin Guitron, IV
Councilmember Glenn Miller

CITY OF LA QUINTA

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

CITY OF PALM DESERT

Mayor Evan Trubee
Mayor Pro Tem Joe Pradetto
Councilmember Gina Nestande
Councilmember Karina Moreno
Councilmember Jan Harnik

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS

Mayor Naomi Soto
Mayor Pro Tem David H. Ready
Councilmember Grace Garner
Councilmember Jeffrey Bernstein
Councilmember Ron deHarte

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE. CHAIR

Mayor Lynn Mallotto
Mayor Pro Tem Michael O'Keefe
Councilmember Steve Downs
Councilmember Eve Fromberg Edelstein
Councilmember Ted Weill

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE- CHAIR

Supervisor Jose Medina – *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 Jeff L Grubbe
Tribal Vice Chair Anthony W. Purnel
Tribal Sec/Treas Savana R. Saubel
Tribal Councilmember Vincent Gonzales III
Tribal Councilmember Moraino J. Patencio

CABAZON BAND OF CAHUILLA 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 Joseph Mirelez
Tribal Vice Chair RoseMarie Morreo
Tribal Secretary Augustina 'Tina' Jimenez-Adair
Tribal Treasurer Elena Loya
Tribal Councilmember Gary Resvaloso

TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

Tribal Chair Darrell Mike

ITEM 6A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025



1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 24, 2025, General Assembly meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chair Ted Weill, Mayor, City of Rancho Mirage at the Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa, 71333 Dinah Shore Dr, in Rancho Mirage.

2. ROLL CALL

It was determined a quorum was present.

MEMBER JURISDICTIONS PRESENT

City of Blythe:

Mayor Joseph DeConinck, Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez, Councilmember Samuel Burton and Councilmember Summer Spraggins

City of Cathedral City:

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

City of Coachella:

Mayor Steven Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delgado Councilmember Stephanie Virgen and Councilmember Frank Figueroa

City of Desert Hot Springs:

Mayor Scott Matas, Mayor Pro Tem Gary Gardner, Councilmember Jan Pye, Councilmember Daniel Pitts and Councilmember Dirk Voss,

City of Indian Wells:

Councilmember Toper Taylor

City of Indio:

Mayor Glenn Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Holmes, Councilmember Waymond Fermon, Councilmember Oscar Ortiz and Councilmember Ben Guitron

City of La Quinta:

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

City of Palm Desert:

Mayor Jan Harnik, Mayor Pro Tem Evan Trubee, Councilmember Gina Nestande and Councilmember Joe Pradetto

City of Palm Springs:

Mayor Pro Tem Naomi Soto and Councilmember David Ready

City of Rancho Mirage, Chair:

Mayor Ted Weill, Mayor Pro Tem Lynn Mallotto, Councilmember Steve Downs, Councilmember Eve Fromberg Edelstein and Councilmember Michael O'Keefe

County of Riverside, Vice Chair:

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and Supervisor Karen Spiegel

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Tribal Chair Reid Milanovich, Tribal Vice Chair Anthony Purnel, Tribal Secretary/Treasurer Savana R. Saubel, and Tribal Councilmember Virginia Siva-Gillespie

Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Tribal Councilmember Brenda Soulliere

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:

Tribal Chair Joseph Mirelez, Tribal Vice Chair RoseMarie Morreo, Tribal Secretary Tina Jimenez- Adair, Tribal Treasurer Elena Loya and Tribal Proxy Lupe Sanchez

MEMBER JURISDICTIONS NOT PRESENT

Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

American Legion Post 739 Color Guard led the presentation of colors and the National Anthem was sung by Christine Love. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, CVAG Vice Chair, led the General Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

One public comment was received via email from Brad Anderson, resident of Rancho Mirage, expressing his discontent with how CVAG handles public comments and the time limits provided to commenters.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

A. Highlights from Fiscal Year 2024-25

CVAG Executive Director Tom Kirk acknowledged the General Assembly sponsors and presented the accomplishments and project highlights from Fiscal Year 2024-25.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. APPROVE THE JUNE 24, 2024, 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 INDIAN WELLS	AYE
CITY OF INDIO	AYE
CITY OF LA QUINTA	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
TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	ABSENT

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. CVAG Fiscal Year 2025-26

Chair Weill presented the budget to the General Assembly.

IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE AND SECONDED BY TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-001 ADOPTING CVAG'S 2025-26 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL BUDGET, SALARY SCHEDULE, AND ALLOCATED POSITIONS

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 INDIAN WELLS	AYE
CITY OF INDIO	AYE
CITY OF LA QUINTA	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
TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	ABSENT

B. CVAG Officer Rotation for FY 2025-26

Chair Weill presented the item to the General Assembly.

IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF INDIO AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF PALM DESERT TO ELECT RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S FOURTH DISTRICT TO SERVE AS FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 CHAIR AND THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF BLYTHE TO SERVE AS FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 VICE CHAIR

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 INDIAN WELLS	AYE
CITY OF INDIO	AYE
CITY OF LA QUINTA	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
TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	ABSENT

8. PRESENTATION

Dinner was served.

Executive Director Tom Kirk introduced U.S. Representative Ken Calvert, who shared insights into his journey to Congress. Representative Calvert reflected on his tenure, highlighted key achievements, and outlined his current priorities while in office. Following his remarks, Mr. Kirk returned to lead a brief question and answer session with Rep. Calvert.

Mr. Kirk invited outgoing Chair Weill to the stage, expressing appreciation for his dedication and leadership over the fiscal year. A parting gift was presented in recognition of his service. The ceremonial passing of the gavel then took place, with incoming Chair Perez assuming leadership and guiding the remainder of the meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT BY CVAG INCOMING CHAIR

It was noted that the next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 29, 2026, at 6 p.m. at a location to be announced.

With no further business, Incoming Chair Perez adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst

ITEM 7A

Coachella Valley Association of Governments General Assembly June 29, 2026



STAFF REPORT

Subject: CVAG's Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27

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

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2026-003 adopting CVAG's 2026-27 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions

Finance Committee: Approved moving the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget forward to the Executive Committee for review and consideration. (Meeting of May 26)

Executive Committee: This item will be presented when the Executive Committee meets prior to the General Assembly on June 29, 2026.

Background: The CVAG Finance Committee met on May 26 to review CVAG's preliminary budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-27. Following this, staff incorporated relevant updates and presented an in-depth review of the budget to the Executive Committee on June 1, 2026, where staff received some initial feedback on the budget text related to air quality that has been included in the revised draft. Staff has also budgeted additional funding related to a possible Interstate 10 intersection and ramp improvement design project, which will go forward for consideration in the fall based on the initial support from the Transportation Committee's cash flow ad hoc committee.

The budget is now being presented to the Executive Committee for recommendation of adoption. Upon the Executive Committee's recommendation, the budget will be presented for adoption at the General Assembly meeting on June 29, 2026.

The CVAG Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget can be found online: [CVAG Fiscal Year 2026-27 Proposed Budget](#)

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

Attachment: CVAG Resolution No. 2026-003

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-003

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27
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, 2026, through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative/Personnel Committee and the Executive Committee have recommended a 3.2 percent cost of living increase effective July 1, 2026 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 2025-26 salaries and salary schedule effective July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2026-27 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 2026-27 Annual Budget.
2. The General Assembly adopts the CVAG Salary Schedule and allocation of positions as presented in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual 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 expenditures as set forth in the "Overall Agency Wide Budget Summary" table under budget line "Personnel" and as further described in the "Budget Overview" section in the sixth paragraph under "Expenditures" of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Budget.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the General Assembly of the Coachella Valley Association of

Governments, County of Riverside, State of California on June 29, 2026.

By: _____
V. Manuel Perez
CVAG Chair

Witnessed By: _____
Tom Kirk
Executive Director

ITEM 7B

Coachella Valley Association of Governments General Assembly June 29, 2026



STAFF REPORT

Subject: CVAG Officer Rotation for Fiscal Year 2026-27

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

Recommendation: Elect the representative from the City of Blythe to serve as Fiscal Year 2026-27 Chair and the representative from the City of La Quinta to serve as Fiscal Year 2026-27 Vice Chair

Administrative/ Personnel Committee: Concurred (Meeting of April 27)

Executive Committee: This item will be presented when the Executive Committee meets prior to the General Assembly meeting on June 29, 2026.

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.

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.*

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 current officers are Riverside County Fourth District Supervisor serving as CVAG Chair and the representative from the City of Blythe 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." Both the City of Blythe and the City of La Quinta have had perfect attendance in the past year. The Administrative/ Personnel Committee reviewed this item at its April meeting and confirmed the representative from the City of Blythe should serve as Fiscal Year 2026-27 Chair and the representative from the City of La Quinta should serve as Fiscal Year 2026-27 Vice Chair.

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