



## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA**

**MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa  
71333 Dinah Shore Dr.  
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270**

Public Comment is encouraged to be emailed to the General Assembly prior to the Meeting at [cvag@cvag.org](mailto: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 Ted Weill, Mayor, City of Rancho Mirage

**2. ROLL CALL**

**A. Member Roster**

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**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Vice Chair V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor, County of Riverside

American Legion Post 739 Color Guard

Christine Love, performer

**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 2024-25**

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Approve the June 24, 2024 General Assembly Minutes**

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**7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. CVAG Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget**

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**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No. 2025-001 adopting CVAG's 2025-26 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions

**B. CVAG Officer Rotation for Fiscal Year 2025-26**

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**Recommendation:** Elect Riverside County's Fourth District Supervisor 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

8. **PRESENTATION**

9. **ADJOURNMENT BY CVAG INCOMING CHAIR**

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 26, 2026, at 6 p.m. at a location to be announced.

# Coachella Valley Association of Governments

## General Assembly Roster 2025



### **CITY OF BLYTHE**

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

### **CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY**

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

### **CITY OF COACHELLA**

Mayor Steven Hernandez  
Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delgado  
Councilmember Stephanie Virgen  
Councilmember Frank Figueroa  
Councilmember Yadira Perez

### **CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**

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

### **CITY OF INDIAN WELLS**

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

### **CITY OF INDIO**

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

### **CITY OF LA QUINTA**

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

### **CITY OF PALM DESERT**

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

### **CITY OF PALM SPRINGS**

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

### **CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE, CHAIR**

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

### **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, VICE 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 Reid D. Milanovich  
Tribal Vice Chair Anthony Purnel  
Tribal Sec/Treas Savana R. Saubel  
Tribal Councilmember Virginia Siva Gillespie  
Tribal Councilmember John R. Preckwinkle III

### **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 24, 2024**



**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The June 24, 2024, General Assembly meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chair Scott Matas, Mayor, City of Desert Hot Springs, at the Desert Hot Springs Recreation Center, 11-750 Cholla Drive, in Desert Hot Springs.

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

*City of Coachella:*

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

*City of Desert Hot Springs, Chair:*

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

*City of Indian Wells:*

Councilmember Dana Reed

*City of Indio:*

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

*City of La Quinta:*

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

*City of Palm Desert:*

Mayor Karina Quintanilla, Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik, Councilmember Evan Trubee, and Councilmember Gina Nestande

*City of Palm Springs:*

Mayor Jeffery Bernstein and Mayor Pro Tem Ron deHarte

*City of Rancho Mirage, Vice Chair:*

Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill, Councilmember Meg Marker, Councilmember Lynn Mallotto and Councilmember Michael O'Keefe

*County of Riverside:*

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

*Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:*

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

**MEMBER JURISDICTIONS NOT PRESENT**

*Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians*

*Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians*

*Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians*

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

American Legion Post 519 Color Guard led the presentation of colors and the National Anthem was sang by Desert Hot Springs resident Candess Tarrant

Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill, CVAG Vice Chair, led the General Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public comments.

**5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

**A. Highlights from Fiscal Year 2023/2024**

CVAG Executive Director Tom Kirk acknowledged the General Assembly sponsors and presented the accomplishments and project highlights from Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF COACHELLA TO:**

**A. APPROVE THE JUNE 26, 2023, GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 MEMBER JURSIDITION AYES AND 3 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	ABSENT
TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS	ABSENT
TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	ABSENT

**7. DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**A. CVAG Fiscal Year 2024/2025**

The staff report was presented to the General Assembly.

**IT WAS MOVED BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-003 ADOPTING CVAG’S 2024/25 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL BUDGET, SALARY SCHEDULE, AND ALLOCATED POSITIONS**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 MEMBER JURSDICTION AYES AND 3 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	ABSENT
TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS	ABSENT
TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	ABSENT

**B. CVAG Officer Rotation for FY 2024/2025**

The staff report was presented to the General Assembly.

**IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS TO 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**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 MEMBER JURSDICTION AYES AND 3 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	ABSENT
TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS	ABSENT
TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	ABSENT

**8. PRESENTATION**

Dinner was served.

Executive Director Tom Kirk introduced Joseph Parker, former client of the CV Housing First Program, who detailed how his life changing experience with the program lead to him being successfully housed in the City of Cathedral City and thanked the CV Housing First staff for their relentless efforts to help him get back on his feet.

Mr. Kirk then introduced David Koneck, General Manager of the newest Amazon Robotics Fulfillment Center in Ontario, California, who provided details on the newest fulfillment center and impacts growth will have on the regional infrastructure.

Mr. Kirk acknowledged Chair Matas' leadership over the fiscal year. The gavel was handed to incoming Chair Weill, who led the rest 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 30, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the City of Rancho Mirage

With no further business, Incoming Chair Weill adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elysia Regalado*

Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst

**ITEM 7A**

Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
General Assembly  
June 30, 2025



**STAFF REPORT**

**Subject:** CVAG Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget

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

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**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No. 2025-001 adopting CVAG's 2025-26 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions

**Finance Committee:** Approved moving the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget forward to the Executive Committee for review and consideration. (Meeting of May 27)

**Executive Committee:** This item will be presented when the Executive Committee meets prior to the General Assembly on June 30, 2025.

**Background:** The CVAG Finance Committee met on May 27 to review CVAG's preliminary budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-26. Following this, staff incorporated relevant updates and presented an in-depth review of the budget to the Executive Committee on June 2, 2025. 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 30, 2024. The budget is now being presented for adoption.

The CVAG Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget can be found online: <https://cvag.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/CVAG-Budget-2025-26-Draft.pdf>

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

**Attachment:** CVAG Resolution No. 2025-001

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026  
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, 2025, through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative/Personnel Committee and the Executive Committee have recommended a 2.9 percent cost of living increase effective July 1, 2025 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 2024-2025 salary schedule effective July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2025-26 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 2025-2026 Annual Budget.
2. The General Assembly adopts the CVAG Salary Schedule and allocation of positions as presented in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 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 expenses as set forth on the "Overall Agency Summary" in the "Fiscal Overview" on page 21 under budget line "Personnel" and as further described in the "Budget Overview"

on page 13 of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the General Assembly of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, County of Riverside, State of California on June 30, 2025.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ted Weill  
CVAG Chair

Witnessed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Kirk  
Executive Director

**ITEM 7B**

Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
General Assembly  
June 30, 2025



**STAFF REPORT**

**Subject:** CVAG Officer Rotation for Fiscal Year 2025-26

**Contact:** Tom Kirk, Executive Director ([tkirk@cvag.org](mailto:tkirk@cvag.org))

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**Recommendation:** Elect Riverside County’s Fourth District Supervisor 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

**Administrative/ Personnel Committee:** Concurred (Meeting of April 28)

**Executive Committee:** This item will be presented when the Executive Committee meets prior to the General Assembly meeting on June 30, 2025.

**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 the representative from the City of Rancho Mirage serving as CVAG Chair and the Riverside County Fourth District Supervisor 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 term “previous year” is not defined within the Bylaws. When this item was reviewed by the Administrative/ Personnel Committee in April, it was noted that the County Supervisor had missed one of seven Executive Committee meetings in Fiscal Year 2023-24 and one of three Executive Committee meetings that had been held so far, but staff would note that has now achieved the attendance benchmark for Fiscal Year 2024-25. The City of Blythe has had perfect attendance in the past year.

CVAG staff presented the recommendation to the Administrative/Personnel Committee when it met on April 28, and they confirmed the nomination. This item will be presented to the Executive Committee when it meets on June 30, 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.