



**HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026
10:00 a.m.**

**Coachella Valley Behavioral Health
8155 JFK Court
Indio, CA 92201**

Public comment is encouraged to be emailed to the Homelessness Committee prior to the meeting at cvag@cvag.org by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the committee meeting

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, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Indio
Roll Call P4
Pledge of Allegiance
Agenda Modifications
Conflict of Interest Disclosure

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the first of two opportunities for public comment. Any person wishing to address the Homelessness Committee on items appearing on this agenda may do so at this time. At the discretion of the Chair, comments may be taken at the time items are presented. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes.

3. **CHAIR / COMMITTEE / CVAG STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- A. **Welcome from Coachella Valley Behavioral Health’s Market Chief Executive Officer Steven Hytry**

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
- A. **Approve the minutes of the September 17, 2025, Homelessness Committee Meeting** P5
- B. **Approve the minutes of the December 1, 2025, joint meeting of the Homelessness Committee and Executive Committee** P10
- C. **Adopt CVAG Resolution 2026-001 and authorize the Executive Director to submit grant applications for the CV Housing First program, including seeking \$114,225 in Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) funding for the CV Housing First outreach efforts** P19

- 4.1 **ITEMS HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**
- A. **Presentation: California’s Prohousing Designation Program – Thomas Brown, Housing Policy Analyst with the Department of Housing and Community Development** P22

Recommendation: Information
- B. **CV Housing First’s Year in Review – Candice Graff** P23

Recommendation: Receive and file the CV Housing First report for 2025, representing clients served throughout the calendar year

- C. **Overview of Coachella Valley Behavioral Health** – Byron Bonsall, the facility’s Director of Business Development P26

Recommendation: Information

- D. **Tour: Coachella Valley Behavioral Health**

Recommendation: Following the presentation, the Homelessness Committee will take a walking tour of the behavior health facility.

6. **INFORMATION**

- A. Attendance Record P27
- B. Updates from Ex Officio Members
- C. Conflict of Interest Guidance P28
- D. Riverside County Continuum of Care’s Annual Impact Report P42

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the second opportunity for public comment. Any person wishing to address the Homelessness Committee on items of general interest within the purview of this Committee may do so at this time. Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Coachella Valley Water District, Steve Robbins Administration Building Training Room, 75515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, 92260.

The January meeting of the Executive Committee is being canceled. The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Coachella Valley Water District, Steve Robbins Administration Building Training Room, 75515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, 92260.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

ITEM 1

**Homelessness Committee
Fiscal Year 2025-26 Roster**



VOTING MEMBERS	
City of Blythe	Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez
City of Cathedral City	Mayor Raymond Gregory
City of Coachella	Councilmember Yadira Perez
Desert Healthcare District	Director Carole Rogers, RN
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Jan Pye
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Toper Taylor
City of Indio	Mayor Pro Tem Waymond Fermon – <u>Chair</u>
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña
City of Palm Desert	Mayor Pro Tem Joe Pradetto
City of Palm Springs	Mayor Naomi Soto
City of Rancho Mirage	Mayor Pro Tem Michael O’Keefe
Riverside County – District 4	Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Tribal Chair Joseph Mirelez– <u>Vice Chair</u>
Ex-Officio / Non-Voting Members	
Pedro S.G. Rodriguez, Executive Director, Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	
Amanda Galindo, Executive Director, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	
Vacant, Executive Director, Home Aid Inland Empire	
Samuel Hollenbeck, Chief Executive Officer, Martha’s Village and Kitchen	
Vacant, The Salvation Army	
Angelina Coe, Executive Director, Shelter from the Storm	

CVAG Staff
Tom Kirk, Executive Director
Erica Felci, Deputy Executive Director
Candice Graff, Management Analyst

ITEM 4A

**Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2025**



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 Vice Chair Waymond Fermon, City of Indio, at 10:00 a.m. at the Coachella Valley Water District Steve Robbins Administration Building Training Room, 75515 East Hovely Lane, Palm Desert, 92260.
- 2. ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

City of Blythe	Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez
City of Coachella	Councilmember Yadira Perez*
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Jan Pye
City of Indian Wells	Councilmember Toper Taylor
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon, <i>Vice Chair</i>
City of Palm Springs	Mayor Ron deHarte
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Joe Pradetto
City of Rancho Mirage	Mayor Pro Tem Lynn Mallotto
Riverside County – District 4	Deputy Director Greg Rodriguez
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Tribal Chair Joseph Mirelez*

**arrived at item 5*

Ex-Officios Present

Shelter from the Storm	Angelina Coe
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Members and Ex-Officios Not Present

City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Mark Carnevale
Desert Healthcare District	Director Carole Rogers, RN
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña, <i>Chair</i>
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	Pedro S.G. Rodriguez
Martha's Village and Kitchen	Samuel Hollenbeck
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Darla Burkett

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Executive Director Tom Kirk led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Referencing the CV Housing First quarterly update (Item 6B), Deputy Chief Rick Sanchez and Commander Nathaniel Hanley of the Cathedral City Police Department provided an update on the department's Homeless Liaison Unit (HLU). Commander Hanley shared

that, with support from CVAG staff and the Coachella Valley Housing First team, the HLU successfully placed four unhoused individuals into permanent housing this year, and assisted another into temporary shelter. He expressed his gratitude to CVAG and the outreach team for their partnership and continued support in providing vital resources and housing solutions.

5. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Deputy Executive Director Erica Felci provided logistical details regarding the meeting room and expressed appreciation to the Coachella Valley Water District for providing the meeting room. She also announced that September is Hunger Action Month and recognized FIND Food Bank as a partner in the CV Housing First program, acknowledging their ongoing efforts to support the community.

Tribal Chair Mirelez inquired about a potential partnership with Coachella Valley Behavioral Health in Indio, now that the facility is open, and suggested organizing a tour for the committee.

Indian Wells Councilmember Toper Taylor provided an update on a recent City Council meeting, highlighting a productive discussion on homelessness. The Council voted to contribute funding to several organizations actively working to address homelessness in the region.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PRADETTO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve the minutes of the May 21, 2025, meeting of the Homelessness Committee**
- B. Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the second quarter of 2025**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT

VICE MAYOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER CARNEVALE	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER PEREZ	AYE
DIRECTOR ROGERS	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PEÑA	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER PRADETTO	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM MALLOTTO	AYE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

6.1 ITEMS HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Countywide policy to address homeless encampments

Greg Rodriguez, Deputy Director for Government Affairs and Community Engagement at Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions, presented the staff report, highlighting the governor’s encampment response initiative and outlined Riverside County’s corresponding efforts.

A robust discussion among Committee members followed, during which Mr. Rodriguez responded to questions regarding Care Court, encampment cleanups, and collaborative efforts with local school districts.

No action was taken, as the item was presented for informational purposes only.

B. Countywide trends on housing placements

Mr. Rodriguez presented the staff report detailing the Housing First model and its effectiveness.

Brief member discussion with Mr. Rodriguez responding to a question about why Riverside County has seen more success than other counties.

No action was taken, as the item was presented for informational purposes only.

C. Election of Homelessness Committee Officers

Mr. Kirk opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Tribal Chair Mirelez nominated Councilmember Fermon to become Chair. No other nominations were received.

IT WAS MOVED BY TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR DEHARTE TO ELECT COUNCILMEMBER FERMON AS CHAIR OF THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26.

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT

VICE MAYOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER CARNEVALE	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER PEREZ	AYE
DIRECTOR ROGERS	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PEÑA	ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER PRADETTO	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM MALLOTTO	AYE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

Current Vice Chair Fermon opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Councilmember Pye nominated Tribal Chair Mirelez as Vice Chair. No other nominations were received.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER PYE AND SECONDED BY CHAIR FERMON TO ELECT TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ AS VICE CHAIR OF THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26.

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT

VICE MAYOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER CARNEVALE	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER PEREZ	AYE
DIRECTOR ROGERS	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PEÑA	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER PRADETTO	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM MALLOTTO	AYE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

8. INFORMATION

A. Attendance Record

B. Updates from Ex Officio Members

Shelter From the Storm Executive Director Angelina Coe announced that October is Domestic Violence (DV) Awareness Month. As part of the observance, Thursdays will be dedicated to wearing purple in honor of those who lost their lives to domestic violence.

She also highlighted that October 16th is National Purple to Work Day, encouraging the community to wear purple and donate \$10.

C. New location of CVAG’s public meetings

D. CVAG Meeting Calendar for Fiscal Year 2025-26

E. Update on annual contributions to the CV Housing First Program

F. Unaudited financial statement through June 30, 2025

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Aleena Callismanis, a resident of La Quinta, informed the committee about a new organization she co-founded called Street Samaritan Alliance. The organization is dedicated to providing rapid and direct financial support to individuals experiencing homelessness, with the goal of fostering greater stability. More information is available at www.streetsamaritanalliance.com

Street Life Project founder Christian Jelmsberg provided an update on the organization and its recent success with getting another person off the street.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Coachella Valley Water District Steve Robbins Administration Training Room, 75515 Hovely Lane East, Palm Desert, 92260.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, September 29, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at the Coachella Valley Water District Steve Robbins Administration Training Room, 75515 Hovely Lane East, Palm Desert, 92260

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, newly elected Chair Fermon adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elysia Regalado
Deputy Clerk

ITEM 4B

**Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee and
Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2025**



The audio file for this meeting can be found at: <http://www.cvag.org/audio.htm>

1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair V, Manuel Perez, County of Riverside, at 4:01 p.m. at the Coachella Valley Water District Steven Robbins Administration Building Training Room, 75515 Hovely Lane East, in Palm Desert.

- 2. ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present. Mayor Jan Harnik, representing the City of Palm Desert, participated remotely via Zoom pursuant to the just cause provisions of Assembly Bill 2449.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Lynn Mallotto
Mayor Scott Matas
Mayor Ron deHarte
Mayor Glenn Miller
Tribal Chair Joseph Mirelez
Tribal Chair Reid Milanovich
Mayor Bruce Whitman
Mayor Nancy Ross*
Mayor Jan Harnik (via zoom)
Mayor Linda Evans
Mayor Joseph DeConinck , *Vice Chair*
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez , *Chair*

AGENCY

City of Rancho Mirage
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Palm Springs
City of Indio
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Indian Wells
City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert
City of La Quinta
City of Blythe
County of Riverside 4th District (*arrived at item 9A*)

**Mayor Ross left the meeting after Item 12, and Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory took over as the representative for Cathedral City*

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mayor Steven Hernandez
Tribal Chair Darrell Mike
Tribal Member Brenda Soulliere
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Supervisor Chuck Washington
Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez

AGENCY

City of Coachella
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
County of Riverside 1st District
County of Riverside 2nd District
County of Riverside 3rd District
County of Riverside 5th District

3. CALL TO ORDER OF THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Waymond Fermon, County of Riverside, at 4:02 p.m. at the Coachella Valley Water District Steven Robbins Administration Building Training Room, 75515 Hovely Lane East, in Palm Desert.

4. **ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
Desert Healthcare District
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
Riverside County – District 4
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

AGENCY

Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez
Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory
Councilmember Yadira Perez
Director Carole Rogers, RN
Councilmember Jan Pye
Councilmember Toper Taylor
Councilmember Waymond Fermon, *Chair*
Councilmember John Peña
Councilmember Joe Pradetto
Mayor Ron deHarte
Mayor Lynn Mallotto
Supervisor V Manuel Perez
Tribal Chair Joseph Mirelez, *Vice Chair*

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Coachella Valley Housing Coalition
Martha's Village and Kitchen
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
Shelter from the Storm

AGENCY

Pedro S.G. Rodriguez
Samuel Hollenbeck
Darla Burkett
Angelina Coe

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A. **Moment of Silence for Cathedral City Councilmember Mark Carnevale**

Homelessness Committee Chair Fermon led the Committees in the Pledge of Allegiance. The members also remembered Councilmember Carnevale, a longtime member of the Homelessness Committee who recently passed away.

6. **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (IF ANY)**

None

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON JOINT COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR / HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Committee Chair Perez provided the Committees with a recap of the Coachella Valley Dust Summit, hosted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, in partnership with his office, that took place on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at UC Riverside in Palm Desert.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Tom Kirk provided meeting logistics to the Committees, noting that ceiling-mounted microphones are in use. He also announced that the Coachella Valley Water District's board room, located near the building's entrance, would be available for members of the public to wait while the Committees are in closed session. Mr. Kirk also offered an update on recently secured transportation funding for the Coachella Valley, as well as funding allocated by the South Coast Air Quality Management District to support PM10 mitigation efforts.

10. JOINT CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Memorandum of Understanding with Beacon Associates for behavioral health referrals, authorizing a not-to-exceed amount of \$90,000 through December 1, 2027**
- B. Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the third quarter of 2025**
- C. Authorize the Executive Director to reset the CV Housing First's CV 200 prospective client list as compiled in partnership with law enforcement and local healthcare partners**

HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE:

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PENA TO APPROVE THE JOINT CONSENT CALENDAR

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 13 AYES AND NO MEMBERS ABSENT

VICE MAYOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PEREZ	AYE
DIRECTOR ROGERS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE

COUNCILMEMBER PEÑA	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PRADETTO	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM MALLOTTO	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

IT WAS MOVED BY TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MILLER TO APPROVE THE JOINT CONSENT CALENDAR

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR MALLOTTO	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR WHITMAN	AYE
MAYOR ROSS	AYE
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT

10.1 ITEMS HELD OVER FROM JOINT CONSENT CALENDAR

None

11. ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) & (3): One (1) potential case

Chair Perez moved the Committees into closed session at 4:12 p.m.

Closed session ended at 5:33 p.m. with Chair Perez announcing no reportable actions from closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Fermon adjourned the meeting of the Homelessness Committee at 5:37 p.m.

13. CONSENT CALENDAR FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MILLER AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve the minutes of the September 30, 2025, meeting**
- B. Approve the minutes of the October 27, 2025, Special Meeting**
- C. Authorize the Executive Director to 1.) increase the cost of implementation support services from Oracle by \$7,709 and add employee center licenses necessary for payment of meeting attendance stipends to elected officials; and 2.) authorize the number of end user and employee center licenses be modified annually based on allocated positions and number of committee members so long as costs remain with CVAG's approved operating budget each fiscal year**
- D. Adopt Policy No. 25-02 to establish a Claims Policy**
- E. Authorize the Executive Director to approve replacement material purchases for CV Link through June 30, 2030 at an amount not to exceed \$400,000 from Landscape Forms, Inc. and an amount not to exceed \$300,000 from Urban Solar Corporation**
- F. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Operational Activities, Maintenance, and License Agreement for CV Link between the Coachella Valley Water District and CVAG**
- G. Adopt CVAG Resolution 2025-002 to authorize the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to accept \$619,710 from the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program for the Coachella Valley Multimodal Corridor Plan, including executing the required agreements with the State of California**
- H. Approve Amendment No. 7 to the Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Indio and the County of Riverside for the Monroe Street / Interstate 10 Interchange Project, extending the time trigger to commence construction to December 31, 2026**
- I. Adopt minor technical amendments to CVAG's Federal and State Legislative Platform**
- J. Authorize the Executive Director to:**
 - 1. Execute Amendment No. 1 to the services contract with Sweeping Corporation of America for regional street sweeping services, adding an additional \$279,311 a year and extending through December 31, 2027;**
 - 2. Take the necessary steps to secure additional funding for the program, including funding from South Coast Air Quality Management District and the County of**

Riverside

3. Execute Amendment No. 7 to the AB 2766 Vehicle Registration Revenue Memorandum of Understanding with each jurisdiction, increasing the funding contribution from 75 to 100 percent and extending the term through June 30, 2028

- K. Receive and file the San Bernardino-Ontario-Riverside Metropolitan Statistical Area’s Comprehensive Climate Action Plan**
- L. Authorize the Energy & Sustainability Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and CVAG’s Executive Director to approve the 2028 I-REN application and business plan to continue existing programs and continue the advocacy for expansion of programs that benefit residential homes as well as small and medium commercial buildings**
- M. Adopt Resolution 2005-03 and approve the updated start time for the CVAG Executive Committee’s regular meetings**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR MALLOTTO	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR WHITMAN	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT

14. DISCUSSION/ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. Amending the Reimbursement Agreement for Jefferson Street Widening (Avenue 38 to Sun City Boulevard)**

Transportation Program Manager Julie Mignogna presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MILLER AND SECONDED BY MAYOR WHITMAN TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF INDIO

FOR THE JEFFERSON STREET WIDENING PROJECT (AVENUE 38 - SUN CITY BOULEVARD), INCREASING THE REGIONAL FUNDING SHARE BY \$1,953,750 AND EXTENDING THE TIME TRIGGER TO DECEMBER 31, 2027 TO ALLOW FOR COMPLETION OF THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE (PS&E)

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR MALLOTTO	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR WHITMAN	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT

B. Reimbursement Agreement Amendment for the Avenue 50 Widening (Jefferson Street to Jackson Street) Project

Transportation Program Manager Julie Mignogna presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MILLER AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MALLOTTO TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF INDIO FOR THE AVENUE 50 WIDENING PROJECT (JEFFERSON STREET TO JACKSON STREET), ADDING AN ADDITIONAL \$1,936,815 IN REGIONAL FUNDING AND EXTENDING THE TIME TRIGGER TO DECEMBER 31, 2027 TO ALLOW FOR COMPLETION OF THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE (PS&E)

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR MALLOTTO	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE

MAYOR WHITMAN	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT

C. CV Link Project Close Out

Director of Transportation Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report.

A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Hoy addressed Committee inquiries concerning completed sections still needing minor refinements and noted that a punch list would outline the outstanding items before the project's close out was complete.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MATAS AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT AND FILE NECESSARY PROJECT CLOSE OUT DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING NOTICES OF COMPLETION, FOR CV LINK

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR MALLOTTO	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR WHITMAN	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT

15. INFORMATION

- a) Executive Committee Attendance
- b) Regional Transportation Project Status Report

- c) Coordination of Clean Energy Programs for Residential, Commercial and Industrial Sectors
- d) Native Planting Palette Resources for the Coachella Valley
- e) Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty Grant - TA7 Annual Report

These items were placed in the agenda packet for members' information.

16. **LEGISLATIVE ITEMS**

- a) Update from the League of California Cities – Jesse Ramirez, Regional Affairs Manager, Riverside County Division

Mr. Ramirez joined the committee via Zoom and provided a brief update on the League's legislative efforts.

- b) Recap of CVAG's Legislative Advocacy Efforts – Emmanuel Martinez

It was announced that League Leaders event hosted by the League of California Cities in Rancho Mirage will take place on December 5-6th, with their Board meeting being held on Friday, December 5th.

17. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 10 a.m. at Coachella Valley Behavioral Health, 81555 JFK Court, Indio, 92201.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 4 p.m. at the Coachella Valley Water District, Steve Robbins Administration Building Training Room, 75515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, 92260.

181. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Perez adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elysia Regalado
Deputy Clerk

ITEM 4C

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Homelessness Committee
January 21, 2026



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Grant funding for CV Housing First

Contact: Candice Graff, Management Analyst (cgraff@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Adopt CVAG Resolution 2026-001 and authorize the Executive Director to submit grant applications for the CV Housing First program, including seeking \$114,225 in Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) funding for the CV Housing First outreach efforts

Background: CVAG's CV Housing First is primarily funded through contributions from its member jurisdictions. CVAG staff also seeks to secure grant funding for the program and round out the budget. On occasion, grants will require a formally adopted resolution as part of the grant application in order to confirm the agency has authorized staff to submit the request.

One of the funding programs that requires a resolution is the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG), which is a federally-funded grant program administered by the Riverside County Continuum of Care (COC) to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges throughout California. In October 2025, Riverside County released a request for proposals in order to distribute \$600,000 in available ESG funding for the Fiscal Year 2026-27. Funding was available for street outreach, emergency shelter services, rapid rehousing programs, service coordination, and diversion services. Of the total, about \$441,000 was set aside for youth-specific activities such as emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention and related services.

For the County's allocation, each ESG application is received, reviewed, evaluated, and rated, ESG program staff and Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) management then meet with the individual District Supervisors for their ESG funding decisions. HWS staff will provide background information on each proposal, answer questions, and provide funding recommendations if requested. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors approves the final ESG funding decisions for the County's allocation, which is a decision that's expected in summer 2026.

In December 2025, CVAG staff submitted an application seeking \$114,225 in ESG funding. Staff was informed by the County that a formal resolution confirming authorization to apply could be submitted in early 2026. With this item, staff is recommending the Executive Director be authorized broad approval to submit any grant applications for the CV Housing First program, including the ESG funding.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for approving the resolution.

If awarded, the ESG award would be incorporated into the 2026-27 Housing First budget to help support outreach services for 12 months, including mental health assessments for homeless individuals, outreach supplies, staff time and various expenses related to the CV Housing First mobile access center.

Attachment: CVAG Resolution 2026-001

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT AND FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR THE CV HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (CVAG) DOES HEREBY FIND, RESOLVE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, CVAG operates a CV Housing First program that focuses services on chronically homeless individuals residing in desert cities that have frequent contacts with law enforcement and who are likely to be shelter resistant or who have already fallen out of housing; and

WHEREAS various aspects of the CV Housing First are eligible to receive funding from a variety of funding sources; and

WHEREAS, CVAG desires to apply for additional funding opportunities, including the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program funding for street outreach services, which may be administered by or flow through the County of Riverside's Housing and Workforce Solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the organization and the public to pursue these funding opportunities to offset program costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

The Executive Director is authorized to submit and execute all documents related to securing supplemental funding. This includes, but is not limited to, applications, agreements, payment requests, and any amendments or modifications thereto, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope(s) by and through the CV Housing First Program and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Executive Committee of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, County of Riverside, State of California on February 23, 2026.

By: _____
V. Manuel Perez
CVAG Chair

Witnessed By: _____
Tom Kirk
Executive Director

ITEM 5A

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Homelessness Committee
January 21, 2026



STAFF REPORT

Subject: California’s Prohousing Designation Program

Contact: Erica Felci, Deputy Executive Director (efelci@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: California established its Prohousing Designation Program with the State’s 2019-2020 Budget Act as a way to increase the availability of housing statewide. According to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), “the Prohousing Designation Program (PDP) seeks to acknowledge and support jurisdictions that go above-and-beyond state housing law to help accelerate housing production.” Jurisdictions with a prohousing designation can get additional points in funding applications for many funding programs, including the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC), Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG), Transformative Climate Communities (TCC), Local Partnership Program (LPP), Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), and Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program (STPG).

In September 2025, Indio became the first city in the Coachella Valley to receive the designation. Applications for the designation itself are considered on a rolling basis. Applications for the Prohousing Incentive Program, which offers grants related to planning and implementation of housing opportunities, are accepted in rounds. The State is currently accepting applications for round four of the grant, with applications due in March 2026 and awards announced this summer.

HCD staff is now conducting additional technical assistance and community engagement across the state. Thomas Brown, Housing Policy Analyst with HCD’s Housing Policy Development Division, will attend the Homelessness Committee meeting to provide an overview of the designation and grant program. HCD staff will also be offering technical assistance workshops to local jurisdictions’ staffs. CVAG staff is not making any recommendation on whether local cities should consider a prohousing designation at the local level, but is offering CVAG’s Palm Desert office space for the HCD workshops.

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

ITEM 5B

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Homelessness Committee
January 21, 2026**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: CV Housing First's Year in Review

Contact: Candice Graff, Management Analyst II (cgraff@cvaq.org)

Recommendation: Receive and file the CV Housing First report for 2025, representing clients served throughout the calendar year

Background: CVAG is in its fifth year of operating the CV Housing First program with staff. The program is focused on the CV 200, a by-name list of chronically homeless individuals residing in desert cities that have frequent contacts with law enforcement and who are likely to be shelter resistant or who have already fallen out of housing. The list was developed in partnership with CVAG's member jurisdictions and local law enforcement. It is also maintained in partnership with those agencies. In late 2025, much like staff does at the end of each calendar year, CVAG staff worked with the local police departments, code enforcement and other partners to identify who needs to remain on the list in 2026 and who may not need to be on the list, either because they are being helped by other programs or because they have left the Coachella Valley.

The CV Housing First team uses two primary methods to get clients to housing solutions: rapid resolution and crisis stabilization units, which are residential units, apartments and hotel rooms that CVAG rents to case manage CV Housing First clients.

Updates on the program's metrics are provided quarterly to the Homelessness and Executive Committees. CVAG staff has committed to adjusting CV Housing First programming based on the data and based on available funding. Based on direction from their City Council, CVAG will not be serving the City of Desert Hot Springs in 2026.

CV Housing First Clients – By the Numbers through December 31, 2025

CV 200 as of 12/31/2025	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL
Clients housed in Crisis Stabilization Units (CSH)	38	37	43	47	165
Clients being helped through Rapid Resolution (RR)	0	0	0	0	0
Clients returned to the street (failures)	19	18	15	20	72

Clients moved into permanent housing from CSH (successes)	8	3	8	13	32
Clients moved into permanent housing through RR (successes)	0	0	0	0	0
Clients moved into permanent housing through Outreach (successes)*	5	4	7	5	21
TOTAL HOUSED FROM LIST OF 200	13	7	15	18	53

NON CV 200 Clients	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL
Households Housed in CSH Units	4	3	1	3	11
Households being helped through RR	0	0	0	0	0

Households returned to the street (failures)	3	2	0	2	7
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Households moved into permanent housing from CSH (successes)	1	1	0	0	2
Households moved into permanent housing from RR (successes) *	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS HOUSED	1	1	0	0	2
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS HOUSED	1	1	0	0	2

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Clients Housed	72	54	58	50	53
Clients Still Housed	18	29	44	33	46
Clients No Longer Housed	17	10	10	12	4

The data is divided by CV 200 clients – the by-name list of chronically homeless individuals that CVAG maintains in partnership with law enforcement and code enforcement – and non-CV 200 clients. The total number of clients housed or returning to the streets is less than the total helped each quarter, as the grand total includes clients who may remain in their units at the end of the quarter. CVAG continues to

refine its data metrics in order to be transparent about how many and how quickly individuals are housed. CVAG also tracks clients who are being permanently housed by the CV Housing First program via outreach efforts, and not case management based in the crisis stabilization units.

In addition to the CV 200 clients helped, there were 11 non-CV 200 clients served in 2025, two of whom were permanently housed.

CVAG staff had set a goal of permanently housing 65 individuals this calendar year; however, in 2025, CV Housing First encountered another record low in referrals for permanent supportive housing, only receiving three referrals throughout the year for CV 200 clients. CV Housing First also saw a decrease in project-based vouchers in 2025 despite the opening of projects like Aloe Palm Canyon in the City of Palm Springs. To offset the reduced referrals for permanent supportive housing and project based vouchers, the CVAG team focused on increasing referrals to affordable housing, 55+ housing projects, shared housing opportunities and other programs available for homeless individuals who suffer from untreated mental illness.

CVAG staff also tracks how long individuals are staying in the program before being housed or returning to the street. The goal is to exit clients within 90 days to permanent housing solutions. Over the past five years, it is not uncommon for the length of stay to exceed 100 days. For the fourth quarter of 2025, the CV 200 clients who successfully exited the program into permanent housing stayed in a crisis stabilization unit on average for 99 days. Those CV 200 clients who exited the program unsuccessfully stayed on average 28 days.

Staff would note that it has hit the ground running at the start of 2026. The CV Housing First program ended 2025 with 11 clients who had housing referrals and were pending move-in. Many of them were for Desert Marigold project, which is poised to open in Cathedral City.

Fiscal Analysis: The CV Housing First program, including the staffing and CV 200 program, is incorporated into the CV Housing First budget, which has been funded by contributions from cities and Riverside County grants.

ITEM 5C

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Homelessness Committee
January 21, 2026**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Overview of Coachella Valley Behavioral Health

Contact: Erica Felci, Deputy Executive Director (efelci@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: Coachella Valley Behavioral Health is state-of-the-art inpatient facility in Indio that offers 24-7 treatment for adults needing inpatient psychiatric care for conditions such as anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder as well as co-occurring substance use disorders.

The facility welcomed its first patients in December 2024 and has been phasing in the opening of the remainder of its facility throughout 2025. All told, it will offer 80 beds with additional plans to expand in the future. Coachella Valley Behavioral Health is working with regional hospitals, including emergency room case managers. Once a treatment plan is finalized and patients are stabilized, they are connected to longer-term care facilities.

Given the links between behavior health challenges and homeless, there was interest among Homelessness Committee members in touring the facility. Byron Bonsall, the facility's Director of Business Development, will provide an overview of the facility and the Committee members will have a walking tour following the presentation.

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

ITEM 6A

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE RECORD
FY2025-2026

Voting Members	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	*NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	ATTENDED
City of Blythe			●		●								2 out of 2
City of Cathedral City			○		●								1 out of 2
City of Coachella			●		●								2 out of 2
Desert Healthcare District			○		●								1 out of 2
City of Desert Hot Springs			●		●								2 out of 2
City of Indian Wells			●		●								2 out of 2
City of Indio			●		●								2 out of 2
City of La Quinta			○		●								1 out of 2
City of Palm Desert			●		●								2 out of 2
City of Palm Springs			●		●								2 out of 2
City of Rancho Mirage			●		●								2 out of 2
County of Riverside			●		●								2 out of 2
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians			●		●								2 out of 2
Total Attendance Per Meeting			10		14								

Ex Officio / Non-Voting Members	JUL	AUG	*SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	ATTENDED
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition			○		○								0 out of 2
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission			○		○								0 out of 2
HomeAid Inland Empire			○		○								0 out of 2
Martha's Village and Kitchen			○		○								0 out of 2
The Salvation Army (vacant)			○		○								0 out of 2
Shelter From the Storm			●		○								1 out of 2
Total Attendance Per Meeting			1		0								

* This was a joint meeting with the Homelessness Committee on Dec 1, 2025

No Meeting
 Vacant **
 Present ●
 Absent ○

ITEM 6C

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Homelessness Committee
January 21, 2026



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Conflict of Interest Guidance

Contact: Elysia Regalado, Deputy Clerk, (eregalado@cvaq.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: Over the years, CVAG's committee members have periodically requested clarification regarding the rules and regulations governing conflicts of interest during voting. This staff report provides a refresher on key requirements to support informed, transparent, and ethical decision-making.

A full guidance memorandum from Best Best & Krieger is included as an attachment. Key highlights are summarized below:

- **Real Property Conflicts:** Ownership of property within 500 feet of a subject parcel creates a presumed conflict of interest. Property located more than 500 feet away may still present a conflict depending on the circumstances. Staff provides parcel maps and related information with each acquisition item, and Committee members must recuse themselves from discussion and voting when a conflict exists.
- **Financial Contributions:** Campaign contributions of **\$500 or more** made within **12 months before or after** a proceeding by an individual or entity involved in the matter constitute a conflict, subject to limited exceptions. Committee members must disclose such contributions and abstain from participating in related decisions.
- **Personal Financial Interests:** Committee members must recuse themselves if they hold any financial interest that could be affected by the decision, including real property ownership, business investments, personal income, or spousal income.
- **Dual Roles and Service on Other Boards:** Serving in multiple public roles does not automatically require recusal. However, recusal is required when the matter involves real estate negotiations or potential litigation discussed in closed session. Committee members are encouraged to be transparent about dual roles to avoid any appearance of bias.
- **Disclosure and Recusal Procedures:** Committee members must publicly disclose the basis for a conflict of interest and fully recuse themselves, which includes leaving the room during deliberations and refraining from any participation in the item.

Staff also wishes to inform the Committee of upcoming changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act that will take effect in 2026. While most of these changes are not expected to apply directly to CVAG committee members because it is a joint powers authority, staff will continue to coordinate with legal counsel to ensure the Committee remains compliant with any provisions that do apply. For reference, the Brown Act guide is available for review at the following link: [Ralph M. Brown Act](#)

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

Attachment: Best Best & Krieger 2024 Key Insights Into Open Government & Ethics- *Avoiding Financial Conflicts- Should I Participate in this Decision?*



Avoiding **Financial Conflicts of Interest** — Should I Participate in this Decision?

The Political Reform Act of 1974 (Gov. Code Sections 81000–91014) forms the foundation for California’s financial conflict of interest laws for public officials. The purpose is to cover both actual and apparent conflict of interest situations between a public official’s private interest and their public duties.

The basic rule is that no public official shall make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use their official position to influence a governmental decision if they know, or have reason to know, that they have a financial interest in the decision.

Who Should Avoid Financial Conflicts of Interest?

All decision-making public officials for local government agencies which includes every member, officer, and employee of a local government agency, as well as consultants to a local agency who meet certain criteria. Public officials may also include members of public agency boards, councils, commissions, and committees with decision-making authority.

If you are a public official who may make, participate in making, or in any way influence a public agency decision, this resource will help determine whether you have a potential financial conflict of interest that has to be addressed.

Do I Have a Financial Conflict of Interest Under the Political Reform Act?

Before making a decision or discussing a future decision of your public agency, try to answer the following questions:

1. Will you be “participating in a decision?”

You are “participating in a decision” of your public agency by doing any of the following:

- **Making an actual decision** — Voting, making an appointment, or taking an action that obligates or commits your public agency.
- **Contributing to the decision-making process** — Making a recommendation or participating in negotiations about the public agency decision.
- **Influencing the decision** — Making your position known, discussing the decision with other agency officials, providing reports, or influencing others (such as staff or consultants) who are involved in the decision-making process.

2. Does the decision affect one or more of your “financial interests?”

A financial conflict of interest can exist if the public agency decision you are participating in affects (positively or negatively) any of your “financial interests” as described in the Act and listed here:

- **Business Interest:** Any for-profit business entity in which you or your immediate family (spouse and dependent children) have a direct or indirect investment worth \$2,000 or more. You also have a financial interest in any business in which you are an employee, manager, officer, director, owner, partner or trustee, regardless of whether you have an investment or receive income from the entity.
- **Source of Gross Income:** A public official has a financial interest in any source of income that is either received by or promised to the official and totals \$500 or more in the 12 months before the decision. Income is very broadly defined as “a payment received” with few exceptions. Examples of income include salary, wage, advance, dividend, interest, rent, proceeds from any sale, gift, loan, forgiveness or payment of debt, or community property interest in income of a spouse. The FPPC regulations make it clear that a conflict of interest results whenever either the amount or the source of an official’s income is materially affected by a decision. Also, a decision that foreseeably will materially affect an official’s employer would generally necessitate a disclosure and disqualification, even if the amount of income received by the official was not affected. Common exclusions from income include loans from commercial lending institutions in the ordinary course of business made on terms available to the general public, campaign contributions, government salaries and benefits, monetary inheritances, and alimony or child support payments.
- **Gift Interest:** Any gift(s) — cash, goods or services — promised or given to you in the past 12 months by a person, business, or other entity totaling \$590 or more in value. The dollar limit is adjusted biennially in odd-numbered years based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- **Real Property Interest:** Any real property interest, including ownership, mortgage, lease, easement or license, or option to acquire such interest in real property, located in the public agency’s jurisdiction owned directly or indirectly by you or your immediate family if the fair market value of the real property interest is \$2,000 or more. Month-to-month tenancies are not considered an interest in real property. Interest in real property also includes a pro rata share of a business entity’s real property or trust in which the public official or immediate family owns, directly or indirectly, a 10 percent interest or greater.

- **Personal Financial Interest:** Any personal expense, income, asset, or liability of you or your immediate family (spouse and dependent children).
- 3. Will the public agency decision have a reasonably foreseeable “material financial effect” on any of your financial interests?**

Participation in a decision that affects your financial interest creates a conflict of interest only if it is reasonably foreseeable (a realistic possibility) and the effect is “material.”

In general, if the financial effect can be recognized as a realistic possibility and more than hypothetical or theoretical, it is reasonably foreseeable. If the financial result can be expected only in extraordinary circumstances not subject to the public official’s control, it is not reasonably foreseeable. In determining whether a governmental decision will have a reasonably foreseeable financial effect on a financial interest other than an interest explicitly involved, described above, the following factors should be considered:

- a. The extent to which the occurrence of the financial effect is contingent upon intervening events.
- b. Whether you should anticipate a financial effect on your financial interest as a potential outcome under normal circumstances when using appropriate due diligence and care.
- c. Whether you have a financial interest that is of the type that would typically be affected by the terms of the governmental decision.
- d. Whether the governmental decision will provide or deny an opportunity, or create an advantage or disadvantage for one of your financial interests, including whether the financial interest may be entitled to compete or be eligible for a benefit resulting from the decision.

This is not an exclusive list of all the relevant facts that may be considered in determining whether a financial effect is reasonably foreseeable.

“Material” means important or significant, and often depends upon whether or not the interest is explicitly involved. For each financial interest you identified as potentially affected by the decision, review the corresponding analysis below to determine whether the effect is material.

- **Business, Source of Income, and Gift Financial Interests — Explicitly Involved:** If your financial interest is explicitly involved (i.e., the subject of or a named party in the decision), the financial effect of the decision on your financial interest is presumed to be material unless you can demonstrate that the decision will not have a financial effect on your financial interest.
- **Business, Source of Income, and Gift Financial Interests — Not Explicitly Involved:** A reasonably foreseeable financial effect on a business entity is material if it results in 1) a change in gross revenues or in the value of assets or liabilities by at least \$1 million or 5 percent of annual gross revenues, or 2) a change in business expenses of \$250,000 or more or of 1 percent of annual gross revenues and the change is at least \$2,500; or if the business entity owns property that is the subject of the decision or would be substantially effected by the decision.
- **Real Property Interest — Explicitly Involved:** When your real property interest is explicitly involved in a public agency decision, the reasonably foreseeable financial effect is presumed material. A real property interest is explicitly involved when the decision includes matters such as the property's zoning, annexation, sale, lease, licensed or permitted use, taxes, fees, or improved services to the property.
- **Real Property Interest — Not Explicitly Involved:** When the real property is not explicitly involved, a decision's reasonably foreseeable financial effect is presumed material if, among other things, any part of the property in which you have a financial interest is within a 500-foot radius of the real property involved in the decision, unless it is clear the decision will not have a measurable impact on your property. If your property is located more than 500 feet, but less than 1,000 feet, from the property line of the property involved in the decision, the financial effect is material if the decision would have certain specified impacts, such as changing the parcel's view, noise or traffic level, development or income-producing potential, best use, character, or market value.

If the real property in which you have a financial interest is 1,000 feet or more from the property involved in the decision, the financial effect of the decision on your real property interest is presumed not to be material unless the specific circumstance of the decision and the nature of your property interest make it reasonably foreseeable that the decision will have a significant financial effect on your real property interest. Factors include the development potential of the property, use of the property, and character of the neighborhood.

- **Real Property Interest — Leasehold Interest:** If you have a leasehold interest in real property as opposed to an ownership interest, your leasehold interest in the property is material if the decision changes the termination date of the lease, affects the potential rental value of the property, changes your actual or legally allowable use of the property, or impacts your use and enjoyment of the property
- **Personal Financial Interest:** The financial effect of a decision on your personal financial interest is material if the decision may result in you or your immediate family member receiving a financial benefit or loss of \$500 or more in any 12-month period due to the decision.

5. Does the decision affect your financial interests differently from the “public generally?”

Even if you answered “yes” to the first three questions, you have a financial conflict of interest only if the decision affects you differently from the public in general. The financial effect of a decision is indistinguishable from its effect on the public generally if you establish that a significant segment of the public is affected and the effect on your financial interest is not unique compared to the effect on the significant segment.

A significant segment of the public is at least 25 percent of:

- **Business Interest —** All businesses or nonprofit entities within your jurisdiction.
- **Real Property Interest —** All real property, commercial real property, or residential real property within your jurisdiction.
- **Individuals —** All individuals within your jurisdiction.

If you are elected to represent a specific district/area in the public agency, your “jurisdiction” is that district/area; otherwise, your jurisdiction is the agency’s jurisdiction.

A significant segment of the public is at least 15 percent of residential property within your agency’s jurisdiction if the only interest you have in the decision is your primary residence.

Specific rules exist for special circumstances involving public service and utility charges, general use or licensing fees, decisions with limited neighborhood effects, rental properties, required representative interests as part of a board or commission membership, states of emergency, and governmental interests.

What Should I Do if a Financial Conflict Exists?

1. Do not participate in the decision.

If you answered “Yes” to all four questions above, you most likely have a financial conflict of interest and you are prohibited from participating in the decision-making process. Do not participate in the discussion or render any opinion or advice, and do not act in any way that might influence the decision.

2. Disclosure and recusal are required.

State law requires you to publicly disclose your financial conflict of interest on the record and excuse yourself from the meeting while the matter is being considered in open session. You generally do not have to excuse yourself on consent calendar items unless the item is pulled, but must publicly disclose the type of your financial interest (i.e., business entity, real property, etc.) that gives rise to the conflict of interest.

3. Do not commit violations of the Political Reform Act (PRA)

Violation of the PRA can result in administrative fines, civil penalties, and criminal sanctions.

Other Conflict of Interest Laws

Two other key financial conflict of interest laws apply to public officials that you may encounter as either a board or council member, public employee, or consultant in the decision-making process:

1. Self-Interested Contracts (Government Code Section 1090)

This key law prohibits you, as a local official or employee, from voting on, discussing, or negotiating a proposed contract or sale with your public agency if you could receive some financial gain or loss from the contract or sale. Even if you abstain as a board or council member, the entire board or council is prohibited from entering into the contract unless an exception applies. Any contract signed by a public agency board or council in violation of Section 1090 is void. The rule is different if you are a decision-making employee not on the board or council. A public agency employee may disclose their financial interest in the public agency contract and be disqualified from any involvement, allowing the board or council to enter the contract legally. Violation of this law will void the contract or sale and may result in permanent forfeiture of office for elected officials. There are limited exceptions to this law that are beyond the scope of this resource.

2. Campaign Contributions (Government Code Section 84308)

If you are a directly elected or appointed public official, this law (known as the Levine Act) prohibits you from participating in proceedings involving licenses, permits, or other entitlements for use that affect a person, business, or other entity from which you have received a campaign contribution of more than \$250 within the preceding 12 months, and requires you to disclose on the record the receipt of any such contribution. In addition, this law prohibits you from accepting campaign contributions of more than \$250 from a party or participant in the proceeding for 12 months after a final decision is rendered in a proceeding.



Conflict in Government Contracts — Government Code **Section 1090**

Generally, government officials or employees with personal financial interests in a government contract cannot participate in or influence the creation of that contract. California Government Code section 1090 (“Section 1090”) prohibits members of the Legislature, state, county, district, judicial district, and city officers or employees (and certain consultants) from having a financial interest in any contract made by them in their official capacity or by any governmental body or board of which they are members.

A contract made in violation of Section 1090 carries with it serious consequences. With certain exceptions for independent contractors, a willful violation is punishable as a felony and the offending person may be banned from office for life. Prosecutors and the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) can sue for civil penalties or impose administrative fines. Contracts made in violation of Section 1090 are void, even when the contract is to the advantage of the government agency. All benefits flowing from the contract obtained by the non-government entity may be restored to the agency (disgorged) without any offset to the other contracting party for goods or services provided.

Members of state or local governing bodies and state or local employees are generally subject to Section 1090. Consultants of an agency may be subject to Section 1090 if they have responsibilities for contracting decisions, act in a “staff capacity,” or are otherwise involved in the making of a government contract unless they fall under the exceptions outlined in Section 1097.6. If you believe that Section 1090 may apply to your situation, you should engage qualified legal counsel to help you navigate these issues.

Do I Have a Disqualifying Conflict of Interest Under Section 1090?

The FPPC is the state body responsible for ensuring that California state and local governments operate ethically under the requirements of the Political Reform Act. The FPPC applies a six-step analysis to determine whether an official or employee has a disqualifying conflict of interest under Section 1090.

1. Is the official or employee subject to the provisions of Section 1090?

All state, county, district, judicial district and city officers and employees are subject to the law. Independent contractors may be subject to Section 1090 as well unless they fall under the exceptions outlined in Section 1097.6, which went into effect on January 1, 2024. Now, independent contractors who enter into a contract with a public agency to perform one phase of a project and seek then to enter into a subsequent contract for a later phase of the same project are not “officers” under Section 1090 if their duties and services related to the initial contract did not include assisting the public agency with any portion of a request for proposals,

request for qualifications, or any other subsequent or additional contract with the agency. However, even if independent contractors assist the public agency with contracting matters, they may enter into a subsequent contract with the public agency for a later phase of the same project so long as: (1) their prior participation during an initial stage of a project was limited to conceptual, preliminary, or initial plans or specifications; and (2) all bidders or proposers for the subsequent contract have access to the same information, including all conceptual, preliminary, or initial plans or specifications.

2. Does the decision or action at issue involve a contract?

One looks to general principles of contract law to determine whether a contract is involved in a process or decision. Sections 1090 and 1097 require that all transactions be viewed in a broad manner and avoid narrow and technical definitions of “contract.” Under this law, “a contract” includes a request for proposal, MOU, construction contract, lease or other real property agreements, purchase orders and agreements, any exchange of goods or services for consideration whether in writing or not and grants of money or property or other things of value. Generally, a contract exists when two or more parties agree to exchange goods or services with the expectation that each will receive something of value in return.

3. Is the official or employee participating in the making of a contract?

“Making a contract” is broadly construed and includes any participation in the making of the contract including, but not limited to involvement in preliminary discussions, negotiations, compromises, reasoning, planning, drawing of plans and specifications, solicitation for bids and other actions. The understanding of “participation” is very broad and requires careful analysis. Also, in relation to a public body, such as a city council or district board, when members of a public board, commission or similar body have the power to execute contracts, each member is presumed to be involved in the making of all contracts by his or her board regardless of whether the member actually participates in the making of the contract. The presence of one person with a financial conflict of interest in a contract prevents the entire body from acting on that contract. Thus, when council or board members are involved, it is irrelevant whether or not they recuse themselves from the decision because the law usually presumes that the official was involved in entering the contract.

4. Does the official or employee have a “financial interest” in the contract?

A person has a financial interest in a contract if he or she might profit or suffer a loss from the contract in any way. Said another way, any kind of financial impact – good or bad – causes a conflicting financial interest. The impact need not even be certain. Although Section 1090 does not specifically define “financial interest,” the term is liberally and broadly construed to include indirect, as well as direct interests. An indirect interest often arises when an official or employee has a business or financial relationship with a person or entity who is contracting with the government entity. A person is conflicted under Section 1090 when their financial interest might in any way prevent the person from exercising absolute loyalty and undivided allegiance to the best interests of the public agency. Any separate, personal interest of an officer or employee in a government-made contract may constitute an indirect interest. An official has a conflict of interest when that official’s spouse has a financial interest in the making of the contract. This is because the law presumes that an official is financially interested in his or her spouse’s income or financial interest.

5. Does either a “remote interest” or non-interest apply?

By law, there are various statutory exceptions to Section 1090’s prohibition against an entire board or agency making a contract. Where the financial interest involved is deemed a “remote interest,” as defined in Section 1091, the contract may be made if: 1) the officer in question discloses his or her financial interest in the contract to the public agency, 2) such interest is noted in the entity’s official records and 3) the officer abstains from any participation in the making of the contract.

Section 1091 provides a list of 16 “remote interests.” These provisions are complex and one should not rely on the application of these exceptions without first consulting with counsel or seeking the advice of the FPPC.

Non-interests apply to all persons covered by Section 1090: Non-interests are set forth in Section 1091.5. There are 13 of these statutory non-interests. In essence, these constitute a legislative recognition that certain financial interests are so remote or speculative as to not require disqualification from participating in the making of a contract, or which are designed to serve or accommodate some other public policy, such as one’s interest in one’s own salary from a government entity or the receipt of public

services. A non-interest means a person is not disqualified from participating in the making of a contract. Some non-interests do still require the official to disclose the interest in the official records. Again, as with “remote interests,” these non-interest exceptions are complex and one should seek the advice of legal counsel or the FPPC before relying on one of these statutory exceptions.

6. Does the Rule of Necessity apply?

The Rule of Necessity applies only to government entities, not individuals. In very limited circumstances, a Rule of Necessity has been applied to allow the making of a contract that Section 1090 would otherwise prohibit. Under the Rule of Necessity, a government agency may acquire an essential good or service in an emergency when to delay the contract would be to the public detriment, or when no source other than that which triggers the conflict is available. When the Rule of Necessity applies, due to a conflict with an official on a multi-member board or body, the interested official must abstain from any participation in the decision.

What Are the Consequences if Section 1090 is Violated?

- With certain exceptions for independent contractors, a willful violation or aiding and abetting a willful violation of Section 1090 is punishable as a felony and carries a sentence of up to three years in state prison and a lifetime ban from holding office.
- A prosecutor or the FPPC can bring a civil action to collect civil fines of up to \$10,000 or three times the amount of the benefit received under the contract.
- The FPPC can impose administrative fines of up to \$5,000 per violation.
- The contract is void and suit may be brought to have the contract declared void.
- All proceeds, payments and profits received or obtained as a result of the contract must be returned to the government entity.
- Because most Section 1090 violations also violate the Political Reform Act’s prohibition against having a financial interest in a governmental decision, the full array of penalties available under that Act also apply, including misdemeanor criminal liability, civil penalties, administrative fines and injunctive relief.

ITEM 6D

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Homelessness Committee
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STAFF REPORT

Subject: Riverside County Continuum of Care's Annual Impact Report

Contact: Erica Felci, Deputy Executive Director (efelci@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: A Continuum of Care is well-established model for streamlining effective homeless services. They are made up of groups of organizations, including local government agencies and homeless service providers, that set shared goals and performance measurement mechanisms in order to redistribute pooled resources for homelessness response in a specific geographic area. CoCs are designated by and beholden to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. In return, CoCs receive direct allocation of state and federal funds.

Over the years, the CVAG Homelessness Committee has received updates on the efforts led by Riverside County's COC and its Board of Governance (BOG). In November 2025, the Riverside County COC published its Annual Impact Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25. The report is attached for members' information.

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

Attachment: Riverside County COC Annual Impact Report



County of Riverside

Continuum of Care

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

FY 2024/2025

County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC) is a planning body made up of over 200 stakeholders who are responsible for coordinating services to individuals at-risk of or experiencing homelessness.



21,975*

Individuals Assisted

20% Increase**



245

Programs

8% Increase**



9,151

Total Housed

25% Increase**



15,359

Households Assisted

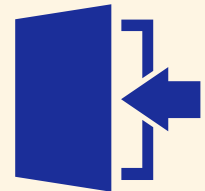
9% Increase**



6,916

Newly Housed

21% Increase**



6,712

Coordinated Entry

**Increases are based on percent change from FY 2023/2024 to FY 2024/2025

Program Outcomes



5,454

Street Outreach



5,282

Emergency Shelter

32%
of Households
housed on
exit



1,803

Services Only



**HOMELESS
SERVICES**



1,734

Transitional Housing

51%
Increase in
Housed
Individuals



2,343

Homelessness
Prevention



2,293

Permanent
Supportive Housing



6,027

Rapid Re-Housing

96%
of Households
housed on
exit

28%
Increase in
individuals
housed**

*Individuals Assisted represents unduplicated counts of individuals received services during the reporting range. Data reflected on this page includes duplicate enrollments as one client can be served under multiple interventions.



3 IN 5 YEAR HOMELESS ACTION PLAN

	<i>Action item</i>	<i>Results</i>
 1	Number of people successfully exiting to housing each month/year exceeds the people entering homelessness each year.	6,916 individuals placed into housing 4,476 individuals entered homelessness On Track 
 2	50% reduction in the length of stay for people experiencing homelessness.	27% reduction in the length of stay for clients in ES, SO, & TH on Track 
 3	75% reduction in the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness discharged from institutions or re-entering from the homeless response system.	17% reduction rate in the number of individuals re-entering homelessness. On Track 
 4	25% increase in the number of crisis housing beds in the system , geographically distributed.	29% increase in the number of beds Goal Met 
 5	Increase the number of permanent housing units by 75% from baseline year.	47% increase in permanent housing units On Track 
 6	75% reduction in the number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time.	9% Increase in the number of new clients. Goal not yet met 

NOTE: HUD defines 'newly homeless' as no HMIS entry in past 24 months.

