

ITEM 7A

Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2024



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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chair Waymond Fermon, City of Indio, at 9:01 a.m. at the Indio Police Department Auditorium, 46-800 Jackson Street, Indio, 92201.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

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

Ex-Officio Members Present

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

Members & Ex-Officios Not Present

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Quintanilla led the committee in the pledge of allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

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

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

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

6. EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS

None

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

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

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Update on Regional Coordination After Tropical Storm Hilary

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

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

No vote was taken as this was an informational item.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. Attendance Record

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

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst