



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024
9:00 a.m.

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

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL APPROVAL.**

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

A. **Member Roster**

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3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the first of two opportunities for public comment. Any person wishing to address the Public Safety 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.

5. **CHAIR /COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS**

6. **EX-OFFICIO UPDATES**

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Approve the minutes from the June 10, 2024 meeting of the Public Safety Committee**

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B. **Approve the minutes from the September 18, 2024 joint meeting of the Homelessness and Public Safety Committees**

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C. **Adopt CVAG’s Legislative Platform for the next two-year legislative cycle**

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7.1 **ITEMS HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

8. **DISCUSSION/ ACTION**

A. **Presentation: Riverside County Child Exploitation Team (RC CET)** – Jason Polanco, Riverside County District Attorney’s Office Senior Investigator, and K9 Solo

B. **Local approaches to addressing street racing** – Indio Police Chief Brian Tully and Lt. Andrew Leyva

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Recommendation: Information

- C. **Good Neighbor Policy for Homelessness Coordination – Erica Felci** P31

Recommendation: Provide direction on a model resolution that reinforces the commitment to regional homelessness solutions and establishes a good neighbor policy among CVAG member jurisdictions

- D. **Election of Public Safety Committee Officers – Tom Kirk** P36

Recommendation: Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the Public Safety Committee for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

9. **INFORMATION**

- A. **Attendance Record** P38

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the second opportunity for public comment. Any person wishing to address the Public Safety 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.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Public Safety Committee** will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025, 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, December 2, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Item 2A

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
Member Roster
2024-2025**



Voting Members	
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Tribal Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
City of Blythe	Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Raymond Gregory – VICE CHAIR
City of Coachella	Councilmember Frank Figueroa
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Roger Nuñez
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitman
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon - CHAIR
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña
City of Palm Desert	Mayor Karina Quintanilla
City of Palm Springs	Councilmember Grace Garner
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Lynn Mallotto
County of Riverside	Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Tribal Councilmember Desiree Franco
Ex-Officio Members	
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Robert Bradbury, Emergency Services Manager
California Highway Patrol	David Efferson, Captain
Cathedral City Fire	Michael Contreras, Fire Chief
Cathedral City Police	George Crum, Chief of Police
Desert Hot Springs Police	Jim Henson, Chief of Police
District Attorney's Office	Michael Hestrin, District Attorney
Indio Police	Brian Tully, Chief of Police
Palm Desert Sheriff Station	Dean Agnoletto, Captain
Palm Springs Fire	Paul Alvarado, Fire Chief
Palm Springs Police	Andrew Mills, Chief of Police
Riverside County Fire Department	Robert Fish, Deputy Chief
Riverside County Probation Department	Ron Miller, Chief Probation Officer
Riverside County Sheriff's Department	Sheriff Chad Bianco
Thermal Sheriff Station	Michael Bianco, Captain
U.S. Border Patrol	David Kim

ITEM 7A

Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 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 9:02 a.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, in the City of Palm Desert. Videoconferencing was available from the City of Riverside.
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 Cathedral City	Councilmember Raymond Gregory, <i>Vice Chair</i>
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Roger Nuñez
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitman
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 Palm Springs	Councilmember Grace Garner
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Meg Marker
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez

Ex-Officio Members Present

California Highway Patrol	Captain David Efferson/Sergeant Eric Pena
Cathedral City Police	Commander Rick Sanchez
Indio Police Department	Lieutenant Erik Longoria
District Attorney's Office	Assistant DA Rodney Tethal
Riverside County Fire	Deputy Chief Robert Fish

Members & Ex-Officios Not Present

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Tribal Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
City of Coachella	Councilmember Frank Figueroa
County of Riverside	Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Emergency Services Manager Robert Bradbury
California Highway Patrol	Commander Dennis Woodbury
Cathedral City Fire	Fire Chief Michael Contreras
Desert Hot Springs Police	Chief of Police Jim Henson
Palm Desert Sheriff's Substation	Dean Agnoletto, Captain
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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

Indio Police Department's Lieutenant Erik Longoria 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 welcomed all members to the meeting and reminded committee members to register for the General Assembly being held on June 24 in the City of Desert Hot Springs.

Councilmember Meg Marker from the City of Rancho Mirage announced Rancho Mirage passed an ordinance at their June 6 meeting that makes it illegal to possess a catalytic converter if it is not connected to a vehicle and announced it is a "one and done" ordinance.

City of Palm Desert Mayor Karina Quintanilla thanked all public safety members involved in graduation traffic coordination at Palm Desert High School for a smooth in and out streamline process after the ceremony.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitman from the City of Indian Wells reported the Riverside County Sheriff's Department recently held a community wide speed and noise enforcement and 100 people were cited/and or arrested.

Chair Fermon, Councilmember from the City of Indio, said the City of Indio also adopted a catalytic converter ordinance. Chair Fermon discussed the need to address graffiti issue at the interchanges and along the CV Link route.

Vice Chair John Peña, Mayor Pro Tem from the City of La Quinta, announced that the Homelessness Committee will be meeting at the Palm Springs Navigation Center on Wednesday, June 12 and will be taking a tour of the active construction site and invited members of the Public Safety Committee to join the tour.

6. EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS

Lt. Longoria introduced himself to the Committee as a first-time attendee to the committee meeting.

Cathedral City Police Commander Rick Sanchez reports the City of Cathedral City also has a catalytic converter ordinance in place. Commander Sanchez reports if graffiti is seen in their city, residents can use the "MyCathedralCity" app to report the issue and public works will address it within 24 hours.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve the minutes from the May 13, 2024 meeting of the Public Safety Committee

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

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

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

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Presentation: Being prepared for wildfire season

Riverside County Fire Department Deputy Chief Robert Fish presented the update and presentation via Zoom.

Brief member discussion ensued with Deputy Chief Fish answering questions from the committee.

No vote was taken as this was an informational item.

B. Update from the California Highway Patrol

California Highway Patrol Commander David Efferson introduced himself to the Committee as a first-time attendee to the Public Safety Committee meeting. He provided an update on CHP's latest Maximum Enforcement Period (MEP) held in the Coachella Valley over Memorial Day weekend and reported the statistics of the enforcement period. He reports there will be another MEP during the month of July.

Commander Efferson also announced there will be a child safety event with car seat presentation on June 24 at Texas Roadhouse restaurant in Indio.

CHP Sergeant Eric Peña gave an update regarding street racing and side shows. He noted that the CHP received a \$2 million grant during 2023 to address issues regarding sideshows and street racing with education campaigns and special enforcement operations.

Member discussion ensued, with Commander Efferson and Sergeant Peña answering questions from the committee.

No action was taken as this was an informational item only.

C. Establishing a Vision Zero Program

Assistant Director of Transportation Mark Lancaster presented the staff report.

Member discussion ensued with Mr. Lancaster answering questions from the committee.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM PEÑA AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 24-002 TO ESTABLISH A VISION ZERO POLICY AND DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DEVELOP A VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, 1 MEMBER ABSTAINING AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember John Preckwinkle	ABSENT
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	AYE
Councilmember Raymond Gregory	AYE
Councilmember Frank Figueroa	ABSENT
Councilmember Roger Nuñez	ABSTAIN
Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitman	AYE
Councilmember Waymond Fermon	AYE
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Karina Quintanilla	AYE
Councilmember Grace Garner	AYE
Councilmember Meg Marker	AYE
Supervisor V Manuel Perez	ABSENT
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez	AYE

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

- A. Attendance Record**
- B. CVAG Meeting Calendar for Fiscal Year 2024/25**

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

City of Blythe Chief of Police Garth Dale informed the committee that Blythe Police Department has officially moved over to the region’s PSEC radio system and is the last jurisdiction in Riverside County to make the move. They will now be able to improve communications with other law enforcement agencies.

Jeremy Wittie, General Manager with Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, introduced himself to the committee as a first time attendee and updated members regarding mosquito season and West Nile Virus detection here in the Coachella Valley.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6 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 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst

ITEM 7B

**Joint Meeting of the
Homelessness and Public Safety Committees
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2024**



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

1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

The Homelessness Committee meeting was called to order by Chair John Peña, Mayor Pro Tem, City of La Quinta, at 10:08 a.m. at Palm Desert City Council Chambers located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive in Palm Desert. Teleconferencing was available from 27119 Cottonwood Avenue, Building B, 2nd Floor, in Moreno Valley, CA.

2. ROLL CALLOF THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

A roll call of the Homelessness Committee was taken, and it was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were as follows:

Members Present

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| City of Desert Hot Springs | Mayor Pro Tem Jan Pye |
| City of Blythe | Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez* |
| City of Cathedral City | Councilmember Raymond Gregory * |
| City of Coachella | Councilmember Denise Delgado |
| City of Indio | Councilmember Waymond Fermon, <i>Vice Chair</i> |
| City of La Quinta | Mayor Pro Tem John Peña, <i>Chair</i> |
| City of Palm Desert | Councilmember Kathleen Kelly |
| City of Palm Springs | Mayor Pro Tem Ron deHarte |
| City of Rancho Mirage | Councilmember Lynn Mallotto |
| Riverside County – District 4 | Public Policy Advisor Amy Cuen-McDuffie |
| Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians | Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez |

Members and Ex-Officios Present

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

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| Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians | Councilmember John Preckwinkle III |
| City of Indian Wells | Councilmember Donna Griffith |
| Desert Healthcare District | Director Carole Rogers, RN |
| Coachella Valley Housing Coalition | Pedro S.G. Rodriguez |
| Martha’s Village and Kitchen | Samuel Hollenbeck |
| Coachella Valley Rescue Mission | Darla Burkett |

*Arrived at Item 6

3. CALL TO ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Waymond Fermon, Councilmember, City of Indio, at 10:09 a.m. at Palm Desert City Council Chambers

located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive in Palm Desert. Teleconferencing was available from 27119 Cottonwood Avenue, Building B, 2nd Floor, in Moreno Valley, CA.

4. **ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

A roll call of the Public Safety Committee was taken, and it was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were as follows:

Members Present

City of Blythe	Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez*
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Raymond Gregory, <i>Vice Chair*</i>
City of Coachella	Councilmember Frank Figueroa
City of Desert Hot Springs	Mayor Pro Tem Jan Pye, <i>alternate</i>
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitman *
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon, <i>Chair</i>
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Evan Trubee, <i>alternate</i>
City of Palm Springs	Councilmember Grace Garner
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Lynn Mallotto, <i>alternate</i>
County of Riverside	Assist. County Executive Officer Michelle Paradise
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirezlez

Ex-Officio Members Present

Cathedral City Police	Chief of Police George Crum/Deputy Chief Rick Sanchez
Cathedral City Fire	Fire Chief Michael Contreras
Indio Police Department	Lieutenant Doug Haynes/Sergeant Abraham Plata
Palm Springs Police	Lieutenant William Hutchinson

Members & Ex-Officios Not Present

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Tribal Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Emergency Services Manager Robert Bradbury
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*Arrived at item 6

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Evan Trubee led the committees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON JOINT COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

Christian Jelmsberg, founder of Street Life Project, commented on Item 9A and asked what the current steps are that public safety agencies are taking to assist the homeless on the street regarding case management. He also provided an update on their program efforts to build a tiny home village.

7. HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE CHAIR / PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR/CVAG STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci thanked the City of Palm Desert for providing the Chambers for the joint meeting and provided the audience with information about the room logistics and meeting format.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER FERMON AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

- A. Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the second quarter of 2024**

HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO	AYE
DIRECTOR ROGERS	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFITH	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM PEÑA	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DEHARTE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO	AYE
ADVISOR CUEN-MCDUFFIE	AYE
VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 1 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FIGUEROA	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM PYE	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WHITMAN	AYE

COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PEÑA	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TRUBEE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GARNER	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO	AYE
ASSISTANT CEO PARADISE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

9. DISCUSSION / ACTION

The following items were presented to both committees for their consideration and approval.

A. Regional ramifications of the Supreme Court Ruling in Grants Pass v. Johnson

1. Big picture overview in Riverside County

Greg Rodriguez, County of Riverside Housing and Workforce Solutions' Deputy Director for Government Affairs and Community Engagement, provided a PowerPoint presentation of the big picture overview in Riverside County.

2. Update from Palm Springs Police

Palm Springs Police Lieutenant William Hutchinson provided an update regarding the City of Palm Springs' ordinance and how they have handled encampments in their city.

3. Update from Indio Police

Lieutenant Hayes and Sergeant Plata provided an update regarding the City of Indio regarding their policy and city ordinance.

4. Next steps for the Coachella Valley

Ms. Felci opened the floor for discussion from committee members to provide staff direction the approach whether they would like to create a model ordinance for the Coachella Valley that addresses homeless encampments on public property.

A lengthy and robust member discussion ensued between both Committees. Members debated the implications of an ordinance or policy approach, with members expressing mixed views on whether existing city ordinances were enough. Staff addressed questions. Based on feedback from with the members and presenters, a consensus was reached that staff explore the creation of a "good neighbor" policy to present to the committees at a future meeting date, and also bring back a model ordinance under development by Riverside County.

10. EX OFFICIOS UPDATES

A. Updates from Ex Officio Members of the Homelessness Committee

Angelina Coe, Executive Director from Shelter From The Storm, provided a program update to the committees and reports that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and

asks that people wear Thursday's in remembrance of victims who did not survive. She is also asking people to participate in the Challenge 100 on social media in support.

B. Updates from Ex Officio Members of the Public Safety Committee

County of Riverside Assistant CEO Michelle Paradise announced on behalf of Supervisor Perez that there will be a Justice System Symposium on Thursday, October 10 at the UCR Palm Desert Campus.

11. **INFORMATION**

- A. Attendance Record for the Homelessness Committee
- B. Attendance Record for the Public Safety Committee
- C. Virtual participation in CVAG'S meetings

12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

13. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

The next meeting of the **Public Safety Committee** will be held on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 9 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, September 30, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

13. **ADJOURNMENT OF HOMELESSNESS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES –**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst

ITEM 7C

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
November 18, 2024



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Review of CVAG's Federal and State Legislative Platform

Contact: Emmanuel Martinez, Senior Programs Manager (emartinez@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Adopt CVAG's Legislative Platform for the next two-year legislative cycle

Transportation Committee: Concurred (Meeting of November 4)

Energy & Sustainability Committee: This item is on the November 14 meeting agenda.

Background: CVAG's state and federal legislative platform serves as a key tool to advocate on issues pertinent to CVAG and its member jurisdictions. The platform provides a framework that guides CVAG's advocacy engagement on policy and funding issues of importance in Sacramento and Washington D.C. As part of this engagement strategy, the legislative platform is essential to direct and guide staff and the lobbying team to advocate positions on legislative and regulatory matters as established in the platform. Also, with adoption of a platform, CVAG can expeditiously engage and meet associated legislative committee deadlines, helping to overcome the challenge associated with CVAG's committee meeting schedule.

In February 2022, CVAG's Executive Committee adopted its first Federal and State Legislative Platform to help guide CVAG's legislative advocacy work in Washington and Sacramento. In 2023, the platform was brought back to the Executive Committee and was approved as a two-year platform intended to cover the State Legislature's biennial legislative cycle. In preparation for the next two-year legislative session, 2025-26, the platform has been reviewed by CVAG's advocacy team, the Politico Group, and by CVAG staff to ensure it captures pertinent issues to CVAG and its member agencies.

The legislative platform is divided into various issues areas, including transportation, energy and environment, homeless and affordable housing and public safety. There are no significant changes to the sections pertaining to public safety issues. The attachment highlights the areas related to transportation, energy and sustainability where updates are being recommended. The platform will be presented to all of CVAG's committees so that each may provide input on the section pertinent to their jurisdiction. Ultimately, this process will help ensure the platform is comprehensive and well vetted before it is considered by the Executive Committee for adoption in December 2024.

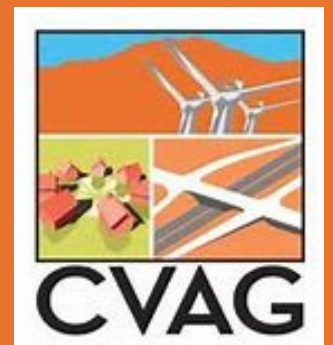
Fiscal Analysis: There are no costs to update the legislative platform. The advocacy efforts of the Politico Group are covered by a separate agreement specifically for state advocacy services.

Attachment: Legislative platform

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Federal and State
Legislative Platform

Updated December 2, 2024



Coachella Valley Association of Governments

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) is a council of governments in the Coachella Valley and eastern Riverside County that funds and delivers transportation projects, operates regional programs and coordinates government services in order to improve and address issues of regional significance. CVAG's activities include, but are not limited to, improving the regional transportation system, providing services to the chronically homeless and promoting the use of green energy and sustainability. CVAG's membership includes 10 cities, the County of Riverside and four Indian tribes. As an organization committed to addressing issues of common interest and concern of its member agencies, CVAG strives to implement regional programs and policies that advance a better quality of life and balanced growth for residents, businesses and tourists of Central and Eastern Riverside County.

The legislative platform will guide the tracking and analysis of priority legislative, budget, regulatory, and administrative issues at the federal and state levels. It will assist in providing staff and lobbyists guidance on policy-related matters that may impact the operation and implementation of the various programs and services offered by CVAG. This document will facilitate the development of a federal and state strategy and focused action plan to address the needs and priorities of CVAG and its member jurisdictions.

**Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla
Indians**

City of Blythe

Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians

City of Cathedral City

City of Coachella

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

County of Riverside

**Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla
Indians**

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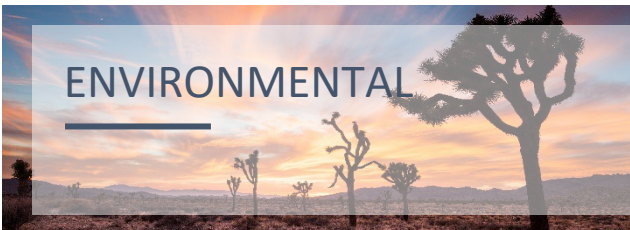
Key Categories



Reliable, sustainable and safe multimodal transportation infrastructure is a top priority for the Coachella Valley Association of Governments as it strives to support the transportation needs of current and future residents and visitors.



Supporting and securing funding for clean energy and energy efficiency initiatives that reduce our carbon footprint, improve air quality, and increase climate resiliency for our member agencies and our residents.



Conservation of the Coachella Valley's natural resources and maintaining and growing our rich and abundant wildlife is a focus of CVAG and our members.



Deployment of middle-mile infrastructure that can facilitate a high-speed last-mile broadband network for beneficial use among CVAG's residents, businesses, and members is key to the success and vitality of CVAG and the communities it serves.



Addressing the dual challenges of homelessness and development of affordable housing through regional solutions is critical to ensuring a high quality of life in the Coachella Valley.



Maintaining a safe and secure community, free of crime, while ensuring clean and engaging public spaces, is essential to maintaining vibrant and growing business and residential communities.

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Transportation

Bridges, Regional Arterials and Improved Access

- Support regional efforts for the Coachella Valley-San Gorgonio Pass Rail Corridor Service (CV Rail), including funding opportunities to advance the preferred alternative, to support alternate transportation modes and better connect desert communities and attractions with Los Angeles, Orange County and the Inland Empire.
- Support actions by the Riverside County Transportation Commission, the Federal Railroad Administration and the California Department of Transportation that advance CV Rail.
- Support advocacy efforts by the Facilitate Equitable Deals Task Force to improve coordination and collaboration with Union Pacific Railroad (FED-UP).
- Support outside funding for CVAG's priority projects as outlined in the Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS), including interchanges along the Interstate 10 corridor and State Highway Route 86, to reduce the burden on regional and local funds.
- Support legislative and regulatory efforts that increase funding for the expansion and improvement of regional arterial projects that improve public safety, encourage economic development, ease traffic congestion, address climate threats and reduce air quality and environmental impacts.
- Support efforts by Riverside County Transportation Commission, San Diego Association of Governments and the San Bernardino Association of Governments, to reduce congestion and increase mobility to and from the CVAG region, including increased funding for bypass roads, bridges and transportation improvements in the pass area.
- Support Congressionally directed spending requests for transportation projects in the Coachella Valley and in eastern Riverside County.
- Support increased funding for Tribal nations in the Coachella Valley for implementation of regional transportation projects.
- Support efforts that expand public transportation opportunities in the City of Blythe, including increased transit.
- Support National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reform to expedite and streamline environmental review and project delivery for transportation projects.
- Support efforts that dedicate funding for goods movements projects, including grade separation projects, in eastern Riverside County.
- Oppose efforts that decrease local control and decision-making regarding local revenue sources, including, but not limited to, Measure A sales tax revenue and the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF).

- Oppose efforts that would divert revenue derived from transportation sources to non-transportation related projects or activities.
- Oppose efforts to eliminate or decrease use of state and local transportation funds for capacity enhancement projects and monitor one-size-fits-all approaches regarding their use.
- Monitor implementation of programs in the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (2021 Infrastructure Bill) and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA 2022), such as the Bridge Investment Program, and support funding for existing programs such as the Highway Bridge Program and the Transportation Infrastructure Financing Innovation Act (TIFIA) Program.
- Monitor regulatory and legislative changes to the Federal Highway Administration's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and oppose efforts that impose additional requirements on, or decrease funding for, CVAG or its member agencies.
- Monitor efforts that would make changes to the Clean Air Act and associated transportation programs to meet nonattainment or maintenance requirements.
- Monitor potential replacement mechanisms for the federal gasoline excise tax.

Active Transportation

- Support policies and programs that provide funds for regional projects identified in CVAG's Active Transportation Plan.
- Advocate for increased federal funding to the state's Active Transportation Program, including opportunities to augment the program through the Reconnecting Communities and the Neighborhood Access and Equity grant programs.
- Monitor legislative and regulatory activity related to new mobility devices, such as scooters and automated vehicles, to ensure adequate safety compatibility with active transportation systems.

Intelligent Transportation Systems

- Identify and pursue funding opportunities that support, expand or leverage intelligent transportation systems, including CVAG's synchronization (CV Sync) traffic signal program.
- Monitor legislative and regulatory changes to funding sources for intelligent transportation systems, including the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program, and oppose efforts to decrease funding for non-attainment areas.

Energy and Environment

- Support legislation and programs that invest in projects that achieve environmental benefits, including improved air and water quality, water and energy conservation, and urban greening initiatives in the region.
- Support programs that fund implementation of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and that support habitat restoration in the Coachella Valley.
- Support Salton Sea Authority efforts related to Salton Sea projects and legislation that provides funding for the restoration and revitalization of the Salton Sea, including the Phase One: 10 Year Plan.
- Support legislation that facilitates environmentally sensitive renewable energy development at the Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area, including lithium extraction.
- Support legislation that provides funding for electric vehicle infrastructure and incentives for early adoption of electric vehicles.
- Monitor federal legislative, regulatory, and administrative activities that may impact the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan.
- Monitor legislative and regulatory actions that may impact Property Assessed Clean Energy programs.
- Identify programs and support legislation that provides funding for clean energy, energy efficiency, decarbonization and green building programs.
- Monitor and support funding opportunities for wildlife crossing structures to increase habitat connectivity and decrease wildlife-vehicle collisions in areas where populations are fragmented by highways and interstates.
- Support policies and funding that expand access for rooftop solar to households of all incomes. Monitor issues related to Net Energy Metering and initiatives that impact availability and affordability of rooftop solar.

Broadband

- Support and advocate for funding for open access middle-mile infrastructure to facilitate last-mile connections and leverage existing networks and construction projects to build networks, when possible.
- Support efforts and funding that prioritize connectivity to unserved and underserved communities and community anchor institutions.
- Support and identify programs that support middle-mile and last-mile broadband infrastructure and that leverage dig-once opportunities such as CVAG's CV Sync project.

- Monitor actions by the Federal Communications Commission related to broadband and implementation of the broadband investments as authorized in the 2021 infrastructure Bill.

Homeless and Affordable Housing

- Identify and advocate for opportunities for CVAG’s member agencies to secure funding that assists in building affordable housing and increasing housing opportunities for low-, moderate-, and workforce housing.
- Monitor and support programs and funding for CVAG’s CV Housing First program and regional solutions to addressing homelessness.

Public Safety

- Identify, monitor and support legislation that provides funding for operations, maintenance, and updates to early earthquake warning systems.
- Identify funding opportunities for member jurisdictions to mitigate and reduce the incidents of green waste fires.
- Monitor legislation and administrative actions related to race, diversity and inclusion policies as it pertains to law enforcement.
- Monitor and support funding opportunities that will assist in the reduction of the spread of COVID-19 and other public health and safety concerns, to assist public entities in their response.

STATE

Fighting for Fairness and Funding

- Support legislative efforts that improve funding opportunities for the Coachella Valley in the state's Cap-and-Trade program and oppose policies that disproportionately disadvantage the CVAG region to compete for funding.
- Support policies that allow for a diverse set of social equity metric measuring tools to qualify and compete for Cap-and-Trade funded programs including, but not limited to, household income and the AB 1550 low-income definition and oppose efforts that would limit use to, or increase reliance on, the CalEnviroScreen in grant programs.
- Support legislative and regulatory changes to the Transformative Climate Communities program to allow eligible and qualifying planning grant recipients to also be eligible and qualify to apply for implementation grants.
- Support policy changes to funding programs that use the CalEnviroScreen tool that would broaden eligible competitive areas and that better reflect the diversity in the Coachella Valley.
- Oppose legislative and regulatory actions that utilize CalEnviroScreen and high-housing density criteria, which favor large urban centers, to determine allocation of state grant funds and would decrease funding competitiveness for areas such as the Coachella Valley.
- Oppose program guidelines that use transit oriented development standards, such as the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program, that disproportionately favor large urban centers and do not reflect the reality of growth and development in the Coachella Valley, therefore decreasing funding opportunities for the CVAG region.
- Advocate for policy changes that allow for regional variances related to transit quality, transit frequency and density related to housing oriented development, to allow the CVAG region better compete for funding in the state's Cap-and-Trade program.
- Monitor legislative reauthorization of the state's Cap-and-Trade program, which is set to expire in 2030.

Transportation

Bridges, Regional Arterials and Improved Access

- Support regional efforts to increase passenger rail service between Los Angeles and the Coachella Valley, including funding opportunities and actions by the Facilitate Equitable Deals task force to improve coordination and collaboration with Union Pacific Railroad (FED-UP).
- Support legislation that increases funding opportunities for bridges, interchanges and regional arterials in the Coachella Valley.

- Support increased investments of the state GHG reduction funds toward transportation projects to reduce transportation related GHG emissions.
- Support policies, programs, and funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure and increased use of electric vehicles in the region.
- Support efforts by the California Department of Transportation, Riverside County Transportation Commission, San Diego Association of Governments and the San Bernardino Association of Governments, to implement congestion projects identified in the Inland Empire Multimodal Corridor Plan that increase mobility to and from the CVAG region, including increased funding for bypass roads, bridges and transportation improvements in the pass area.
- Support California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform to expedite and streamline project delivery for transportation projects.
- Support and advocate for actions that increase transportation resources in the City of Blythe and local Tribal Nations, to address historic underinvestment and improve mobility, economic development opportunities and quality of life.
- Monitor the state’s road charge pilot program and other potential replacement mechanisms for the state gasoline excise tax, and support efforts to ensure that future funding tools that convert or supplement the gas tax continue to support existing multimodal state funding programs, including SB 1 competitive grant programs, and existing eligible uses.
- Monitor legislative changes to Senate Bill 1 (Statutes 2017); oppose efforts to divert funding to non-transportation related uses, such as housing, or otherwise qualifying eligibility of SB 1 funds on non-transportation related goals and objectives.
- Monitor implementation of the Californai Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) and opposed policies that decrease funding opportunities for the Coachella Valley.
- Oppose legislative changes that create or strengthen a nexus between the availability of transportation funding and local jurisdictions’ ability to meet their requirements under the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers.
- Oppose legislative or regulatory policies that decrease local decision-making authority regarding use of local funds for priority transportation projects.
- Monitor legislation that would increase voter approval thresholds for the creation, extension, or increase of local transportation tax measures and support efforts to establish a sub-regional funding mechanisms to advance local priority projects.

Active Transportation

- Support increased funding for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) to address the backlog of applications and increase the program’s funding capacity.

- Support increased investment in active transportation infrastructure as a component of other state-funded transportation programs that increase access and opportunities for walking, biking, and complete streets that connect the multimodal transportation system.
- Support policies and programs that promote increased use of active transportation infrastructure and systems.
- Support efforts that streamline project delivery, build local capacity such as additional technical assistance, and provide increased flexibility to innovate and strategically invest funds to meet local needs.
- Oppose legislative, regulatory, and administrative efforts to score ATP applications on non-transportation related criteria, such as housing-related policies, CalEnviroScreen and policies which would hinder low density areas like the Coachella Valley and the City of Blythe.
- Oppose changes to the ATP that would decrease CVAG's competitiveness, such as the elimination of leveraged funding and other categories that are advantageous to CVAG and its members jurisdictions.

Intelligent Transportation Systems

- Support programs that leverage technology to improve mobility, increase goods movement efficiency, reduce emissions and help to mitigate environmental impacts.
- Identify state programs and funding that supplement CVAG's CV Sync project.
- Monitor legislation that incorporates innovative technologies into the state transportation system, such as zero or near-zero emission vehicles, autonomous vehicles, and small electric mobility devices that improve transportation accessibility, efficiency and reduce environmental impacts.

Energy and Environment

- Support legislative and regulatory efforts to increase the flexibility of funding programs from the California Air Resources Board's Cap-and-Trade Program to ensure the Coachella and Palo Verde Valleys get their fair share, including taking into account regional variances related to growth, housing, and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction strategies.
- Support investments in Cap-and-Trade funded programs, such as the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program, Single-Family Energy Efficiency, and Low-income Weatherization programs.
- Advocate for changes in the CalEnviroScreen mapping tool that reflect the socio-economic realities of the diverse communities in the Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valleys, or the use of alternative tools such as household income.

- Support policies that ensure criteria for defining disadvantaged communities and environmental justice areas accurately represent eastern Riverside County, including those that mirror AB 1550 community mapping, to ensure the region can compete for funding opportunities.
- Support efforts that provide necessary resources for implementation of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan as well as resources for desert communities to prepare and adapt to changing climate and natural disasters, such as the Climate Resiliency programs.
- Support funding for programs that support local planning and response measures to extreme heat events, including nature-based solutions, to protect critical infrastructure, habitat and public health and safety.
- Support legislation that provides funding for the restoration and revitalization of the Salton Sea to limit regional impacts to air quality, wildlife habitat, and health of communities, including the Phase One: 10 Year Plan.
- Support efforts at the Salton Sea that facilitate economic development, such as lithium extraction.
- Support policies related to increasing representation on electrical service matters for the communities served by the Imperial Irrigation District, including but not limited to, the creation of a joint powers authority.
- Monitor actions related to the 1934 Agreement of Compromise between Imperial Irrigation District and the Coachella Valley Water District and support Coachella Valley Energy Commission efforts to achieve a permanent service option and governance structure between Coachella Valley stakeholders and IID post-2033.
- Identify programs and support legislation that provides funding for clean energy, energy efficiency, decarbonization, and green building programs.
- Monitor legislative and regulatory efforts related to vehicle electrification and building decarbonization that would add new requirements to local governments, including Title 24 building standards.
- Monitor implementation of the state's climate resiliency efforts and efforts related to environmental justice communities and AB 617 (Statutes of 2017) emission reduction funding programs.
- Support policies and funding that expand access for rooftop solar to households of all incomes. Monitor issues related to Net Energy Metering and initiatives that impact availability and affordability of rooftop solar.

Broadband

- Support funding and implementation of the Coachella Valley’s middle-mile broadband project and the programs to assist with last-mile connections that bridge the digital divide in the Coachella Valley.
- Support and identify programs that support digital equity in the Coachella Valley, such as the state’s Digital Equity Plan.
- Monitor legislative and regulatory actions related to SB 156 (Statutes of 2021) and related actions by the California Department of Technology and the Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy.
- Monitor the California Middle-Mile Advisory Committee and its recommendations regarding implementation of middle-mile infrastructure.
- Monitor the California Public Utilities Commissions proceedings related to broadband infrastructure implementation, such as Rulemaking (R.) 20-09-001 and Rulemaking proceeding, R.20-08-021.

Homelessness and Affordable Housing

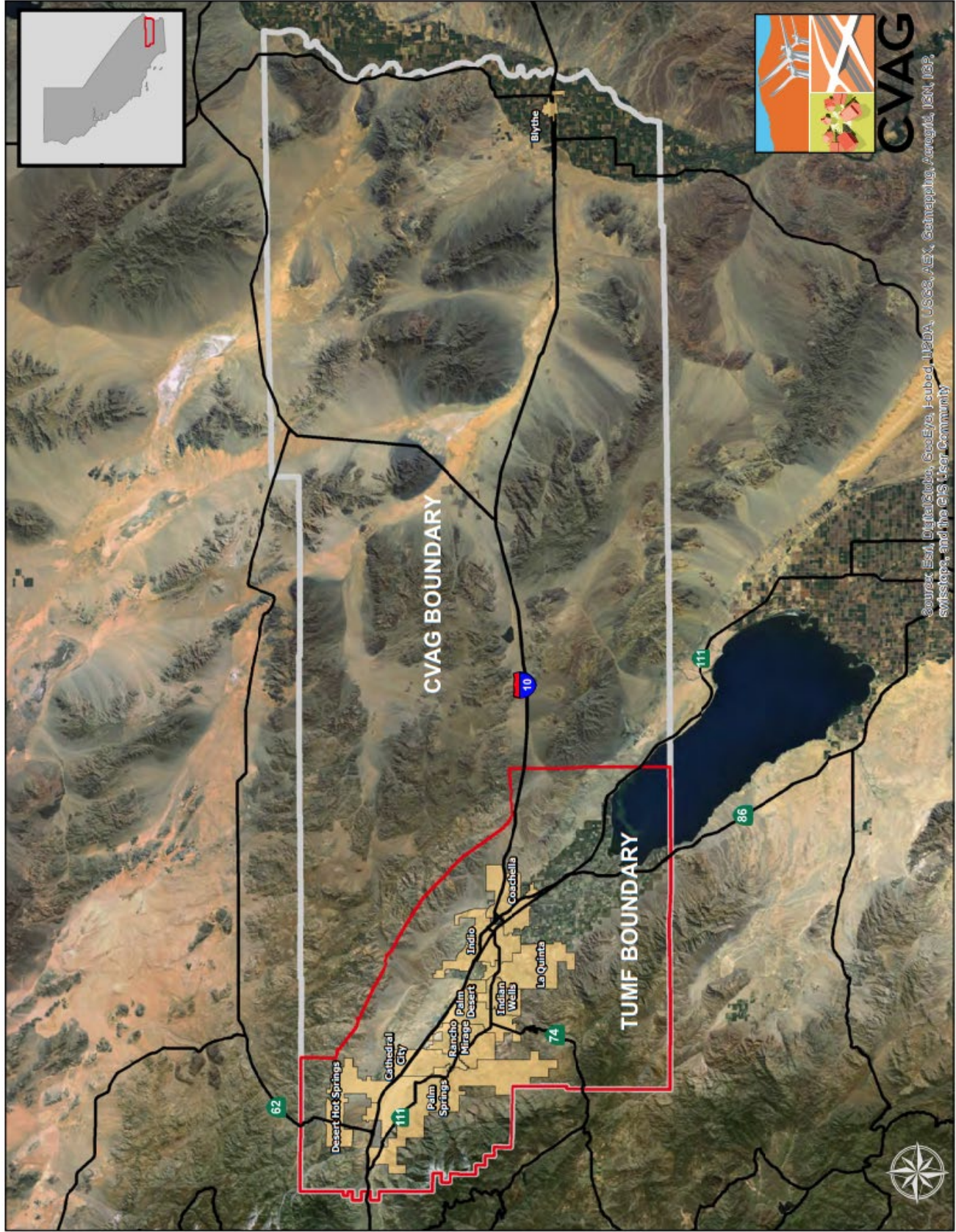
- Support increased investment in, and creation of, programs that assist local governments, counties and regional collaborations to address the challenges associated with homelessness.
- Support legislative efforts that allow for sustainable financing options, as outlined in CVAG’s Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) and member jurisdictions’ Local Early Action Plans (LEAP), in order to address housing shortages and provide affordable housing options.
- Support efforts by Lift to Rise to establish the Coachella Valley Housing Catalyst Fund to increase housing production in the Coachella Valley and create homeownership opportunities for low- and very-low income families, permanent supportive housing for the homeless and address unpermitted mobilehome park issues.
- Support CEQA reform to streamline the delivery of housing projects.
- Monitor the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program and advocate for increased flexibility and changes that ensure a greater share of funding is available to areas that don’t have Transit Oriented Developments (TOD) and thereby more accurately account for unique community characteristics and growth patterns in the Coachella Valley.
- Support the extension of state-funded solutions, including Project RoomKey and Project HomeKey, with an emphasis on ensuring those investments are used in the Coachella Valley.
- Support legislative efforts that would allow local jurisdictions to implement, if they choose, programs and ordinances that require unsheltered individuals to accept housing and treatment solutions.

- Support efforts to establish homeless courts that can help local jurisdictions provide additional solutions and services for homeless individuals.
- Support legislative efforts that would allow local jurisdictions to implement, if they choose, programs and ordinances that increase the available housing units and/or require unsheltered individuals to accept housing solutions and treatment solutions so long as there are adequate housing units available.

Public Safety

- Support programs and policies that provide funding for the CVAG region to obtain, enhance, operate, maintain and update early earthquake warning systems.
- Monitor legislation and executive orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic and other public health and safety emergencies and support programs that provide assistance to negatively impacted communities in the Coachella Valley.
- Monitor legislation impacting race, diversity, and inclusion policies as it pertains to local law enforcement.

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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar (IGNIA), USDA, USDA, USDA, Aerial, GeoEye, AeroGRID, IGN, IGN, Swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

ITEM 8B

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
November 18, 2024



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Local approaches to addressing street racing

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

Recommendation: Information

Background: Members of the Public Safety Committee have shown an interest in discussing street racing and have repeatedly requested updates be brought forward for information sharing. In California, it is illegal to engage in street racing or speed contests on public roads, streets and highways. Those punished for these crimes often face misdemeanor charges that may carry jail time, probation and fines.

The most recent update on this topic was provided in June 2004, when representatives from the California Highway Patrol's (CHP) Indio station talked about the trends across the region. At the November meeting, Indio Police Chief Brian Tully and Lt. Andrew Leyva will provide an update on the City's own efforts. Indio Police Department has long worked to curb street racing, and in 2009 was the first law enforcement agency in Riverside County to destroy street racing vehicles whose owners have been convicted.

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

ITEM 8C

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
November 18, 2024**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Good Neighbor Policy for Homelessness Coordination

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

Recommendation: Provide direction on a model resolution that reinforces the commitment to regional homelessness solutions and establishes a good neighbor policy among CVAG member jurisdictions

Background: In September 2024, CVAG’s Public Safety and Homelessness Committees held a joint meeting to discuss the regional ramifications of the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark ruling in the case of City of Grants Pass v. Johnson, which effectively set a new standard on how local municipalities can address homeless encampments on public property. The case stemmed from the enforcement of anti-camping laws in Grants Pass, Oregon, which had led to fines and penalties for homeless individuals camping on public property. As noted in the joint meeting, the Court’s ruling prompted Gov. Gavin Newsom to issue an executive order that immediately changed how California’s state agencies addressed encampments and it prompted at least two Coachella Valley to update their own ordinances.

The local ordinances and approaches prompted a lengthy discussion at the September 18 meeting of the Homelessness and Public Safety Committees. At the time, CVAG staff sought direction on whether to create a model ordinance for the Coachella Valley that addresses homeless encampments on public property. It was noted in the staff report that having a cohesive approach across the region could be beneficial to cities, agencies or service providers seeking future grant opportunities. It also could create a cohesive approach to regional, public spaces, including active transportation projects like CV Link and open spaces managed by the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission. Committee members were divided on the concept of a model ordinance, with some members noting that their cities are satisfied with the ordinances that already exist. Instead, staff was directed to return with any model ordinance under development by Riverside County and consider how to promote a collaborative approach through a memorandum of understanding or a “good neighbor” policy.

The Grants Pass v. Johnson ruling was a 6-3 decision. In reversing the Ninth Court ruling, the Supreme Court held that anti-camping ordinances did not violate the Eighth Amendment when they were applied in a manner that targeted the conduct of camping in public spaces and not the status of being homeless. The Court also acknowledged there was interest in maintaining public health, safety, and welfare, which in this case included preventing hazards at public spaces in order to have them accessible for the general public.

Staff with Riverside County’s Executive Office continue to evaluate the ruling and determine whether a countywide ordinance will be brought forward or whether the existing ordinances are sufficient. As of early November, County staff indicated this process was still in the discussion stage and no decision had been made about what next steps may be coming forward. Should an ordinance move forward, staff

notes that it would require some time to determine details such as how to handle citation fines and logistics such as how to cover the costs of storing any items collected during an encampment cleanup.

CVAG staff will continue to monitor the County's efforts. In the meantime, staff is seeking feedback on a proposed model resolution that would reaffirm the region's commitment to collaboration on addressing homelessness, particularly in terms of cleaning up encampments. In developing this resolution, CVAG staff reached out to the City of Corona as it had been lauded at the September meeting for its work on prompting collaboration and coordination in homelessness services. Corona has a memorandum of understanding with other southwest Riverside County cities to share resources and address areas such as the Santa Ana riverbed. Corona also has a "good neighbor policy" that is used in contracts with services providers to address concerns from businesses and residents about the potential negative impacts from a homeless shelter and/or affordable housing developments. It has been adopted by the Riverside County's Continuum of Care and was used to inspire the proposed CVAG resolution.

Staff would note that, CVAG's member jurisdictions generally collaborate on homelessness issues, as evidenced by the success seen with the CV Housing First program. But this collaboration has been the result political leadership, not formal policy. Having each member jurisdiction adopt a resolution will help ensure that the practice is codified and continues into the future. The resolution would set an expectation and requirement of communication between neighbors, meaning that a city's police or code enforcement would be notified anytime another jurisdiction is relocating a homeless individual into their jurisdiction for temporary housing, emergency shelter or even a permanent relocation. This requirement would apply to city agencies as well as homeless providers, including CVAG's own CV Housing First program.

Staff is seeking feedback on the model resolution from the Public Safety Committee as well as the Homelessness Committee, which meets on November 20. Staff will incorporate the feedback before bringing a model resolution to the Executive Committee for endorsement and direction on sharing it with member jurisdictions for their consideration of adoption.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for this update. Work related to the draft resolution is covered under existing staff resources.

Attachments:

- Fact sheet from California Interagency Council on Homelessness
- Draft Resolution

Grants Pass Supreme Court Decision: How it affects California



July 26, 2024

How is California responding to the Supreme Court's ruling?

In response to the Supreme Court ruling, Governor Newsom issued [Executive Order N-1-24](#) on July 25, 2024. This Order directs state agencies and departments to move with urgency and compassion in addressing encampments on state property.

As the state's leader in ending and preventing homelessness, the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) will continue to support agencies and departments in their design and implementation of policies, funding and programs that serve people experiencing homelessness, including those described in Executive Order N-1-24. To ensure state and local partners incorporate evidenced-based practices in their respective encampment responses, Cal ICH will host a series of webinars throughout the month of August 2024.

Furthermore, per [Welfare and Institutions Code \(WIC\) section 8256](#), Cal ICH will continue supporting state agencies and departments in adopting guidelines and regulations that incorporate the core components of Housing First into, "any programs a California state agency or department funds, implements, or administers for the purpose of providing housing or housing-based services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness."

What is the City of Grants Pass v. Johnson case?

The City of Grants Pass v. Johnson is a federal court case brought by unhoused persons in Grants Pass, Oregon, who argued that the City's practice of ticketing unhoused individuals for camping in public violated the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution, which prohibits the government from imposing "cruel and unusual punishment" on criminal defendants. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which includes California, upheld the decision.

On June 28, 2024, the Supreme Court ruled that enforcing laws that prohibit camping on public property is not cruel and unusual punishment. As a result, local governments across the country may freely enforce laws regulating camping on public property.

How does this ruling impact cities and counties in California?

Cities and counties will have more flexibility to address encampments and enforce laws regulating public camping. However, to ensure the safety, wellness, and dignity of persons experiencing homelessness, Cal ICH remains committed to supporting state and local partners in using person-centered, trauma-informed, and evidence-based approaches to address homelessness. Cal ICH will continue to identify and share resources to support local planning efforts and encourages local partners to incorporate these elements when addressing the housing and services needs of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Additional emerging, promising, and evidence-based best practice resources can be found on Cal ICH's newly relaunched Resource Library.

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will be making additional funding available for the Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) program. The program provides competitive grant funding to assist local jurisdictions in providing services and supports to people experiencing homelessness in encampments and to provide meaningful paths to safe and stable housing. Eligible applicants include counties, Continuums of Care (CoCs), and cities of any size. Please contact hpddhomelessnessgrants@hcd.ca.gov for more information.

Cal ICH encourages all state and local partners to reach out with any questions on best practices for working with people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. All questions can be directed to calich@bcsh.ca.gov.

Resolution No: XXXX-XXXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY/ COUNTY/ TRIBAL NATION OF _____
REINFORCING A COMMITMENT TO REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS AND
ESTABLISHING A GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY FOR CITY AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS

WHEREAS the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) is comprised of member jurisdictions, including the City/ County/ Tribal Nation of _____, that recognize the importance of regional solutions to addressing homelessness because the issue does not start or end at any one jurisdiction's border; and

WHEREAS CVAG has spent more than two decades facilitating a coordinated approach to address homelessness in the Coachella Valley, including the CV Housing First model that focuses services on helping the chronically homeless individuals who frequently interact with law enforcement, code enforcement and local emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS addressing homelessness requires the CV Housing First program and other providers to communicate with and work collaboratively with local public safety departments, particularly in difficult situations where homeless individuals may be averse to accepting services; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Supreme Court's 2024 ruling in *Grants Pass v. Johnson* held that anti-camping ordinances did not violate the Eighth Amendment and acknowledged encampment cleanups helps maintain public health and safety in order to have public spaces accessible for the general public; and

WHEREAS CVAG's member jurisdictions also recognize that a one-size-fits-all approach is not the solution to solving this crisis, and have financially supported a range of multi-disciplinary programs from many providers with the goal of moving individuals out of homelessness and into permanent housing opportunities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City/ County/ Tribal Nation of _____ wants to establish itself as a good neighbor in regional solutions to addressing homelessness.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City/ County/ Tribal Nation will require its agencies, including law enforcement, and all homeless service providers receiving its funding support to bolster its communication with neighboring jurisdictions by requiring that notification is provided to neighboring public safety partners or another city agency whenever a homeless individual from this jurisdiction is transported to another jurisdiction for temporary housing, emergency shelter and/or a permanent relocation within their jurisdiction.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the City/ County/ Tribal Nation this ____ day of _____ 2024.

APPROVED:

Mayor/ Chair

City/ County/ Tribal Manager

ITEM 8D

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
November 18, 2024



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Election of Public Safety Committee Officers

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

Recommendation: Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the Public Safety Committee for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

Background: Each fiscal year, the Public Safety Committee considers the election of a Chair and Vice Chair. The Committee does not have a formal officer rotation, or a set policy for how to select the Chair and Vice Chair. Because of the joint meeting with the Homelessness Committee in September, this item is coming forward at the November meeting.

A list of the officers for this Committee, dating back to 2010, is attached for member information. The current Chair is Indio Councilmember Waymond Fermon, and the Vice Chair is Cathedral City Councilmember Raymond Gregory.

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee provide nominations and elect its officers for this fiscal year.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no additional cost to the budget as Public Safety Committee officers receive the same per diem as other committee members.

Attachment: History of Chair and Vice Chair

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR HISTORY**



	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice Chair</u>
2023/2024	Waymond Fermon	Raymond Gregory
2022/2023	Waymond Fermon	Raymond Gregory
2021/2022	Waymond Fermon	Megan Beaman-Jacinto
2020/2021	Waymond Fermon	Megan Beaman-Jacinto
2019/2020	John Peña	Waymond Fermon
2018/2019	Russell Betts	John Peña
2017/2018	Betty Sanchez	Russell Betts
2016/2017	Betty Sanchez	Russell Betts
2015/2016	Iris Smotrich	Betty Sanchez
2014/2015	Paul Lewin	Iris Smotrich
2013/2014	Paul Lewin	Iris Smotrich
2012/2013	Terry Henderson	Paul Lewin
2011/2012	Mary T. Roche	Terry Henderson
2010/2011	Lee Weigel	Mary T. Roche
2009/2010	Gene Gilbert	Lee Weigel

Item 9A

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE RECORD
FY2024-2025

Voting Members	JUL	AUG	SEP*	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	ATTENDED
Aqua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians			○										0 out of 1
City of Blythe			●										1 out of 1
City of Cathedral City			●										1 out of 1
City of Coachella			●										1 out of 1
City of Desert Hot Springs			●										1 out of 1
City of Indian Wells			●										1 out of 1
City of Indio			●										1 out of 1
City of La Quinta			●										1 out of 1
City of Palm Desert			●										1 out of 1
City of Palm Springs			●										1 out of 1
City of Rancho Mirage			●										1 out of 1
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians			●										1 out of 1
Riverside County			●										1 out of 1
Total Attendance Per Meeting			12										

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

No Meeting **
 Vacant **
 Present ●
 Absent ○

* Meeting was held jointly with the Homelessness Committee