

# HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE AGENDA

## VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

City of Cathedral City  
Councilmember Chuck Vasquez

City of Coachella  
Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez

City of Desert Hot Springs  
Mayor Pro Tem Karl Baker

City of Indian Wells  
Councilmember Patrick Mullany  
**VICE CHAIR**

City of Indio  
Councilmember Lupe Ramos Watson  
**CHAIR**

City of La Quinta  
Councilmember Kristy Franklin

City of Palm Desert  
Councilmember Jean Benson

City of Palm Springs  
Councilmember Ginny Foat

City of Rancho Mirage  
Mayor Pro Tem Alan Seman

County of Riverside  
Leticia De Lara, Legislative Assistant

## NON-VOTING EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Coachella Valley Rescue Mission - Darla Burkett

Episcopal Community Services - Chuck Johnson

Jewish Family Service of the Desert - Dan Bass

Jewish Family Service of San Diego - Linda Barrack

The Well in the Desert - Le McClellan

Martha's Village and Kitchen - John Wolohan

The Salvation Army - Lothar Vasholz

City of Palm Springs - Dale Cook

## SUPPORT STAFF:

County of Riverside

Dr. Ron Stewart, Administrative Manager  
Maria Marquez, Mental Health Services Manager

## CVAG

Larry Parrish, Interim Executive Director  
Aurora Wilson, Director of Community Resources  
Amanda Keil, Management Analyst  
Valarie Franklin, Program Assistant

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY ITEM LISTED ON THIS AGENDA (ACTION OR INFORMATION) MAY RESULT IN ACTION TAKEN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE.

## THIS MEETING IS DISABLED ACCESSIBLE

The next meeting of CVAG's Homelessness Committee is as follows:

**WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2009**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**CVAG OFFICES**  
**73-710 FRED WARING DRIVE**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 119**  
**PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Lupe Ramos Watson, Mayor, City of Indio

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. ROLL CALL

### 4. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA / ADDITIONS & REVISIONS

The Committee may add an item to the agenda after making a finding that there is a need to take immediate action on the item and that the item came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. An action adding an item to the agenda requires 2/3 vote of the Committee. If there are less than 2/3 of the Committee members present, adding an item to the agenda requires a unanimous vote.

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time and place for any person to speak on items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Homelessness Committee.

6. **COMMITTEE MEMBER / EX-OFFICIO AND DIRECTOR COMMENT**

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

8. **MEETING MINUTES** ..... **SEE PAGES 4-18**

Consider approval of meeting minutes.

**STAFF RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Homelessness Committee approve the meeting minutes of March 18, 2009, April 15, 2009, and May 6, 2009.

9. **RIVERSIDE COUNTY UPDATE**

9A. **FACILITY DESIGN UPDATE**

9B. **2009 HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS**

9C. **UPDATE ON SAFE HAVEN PROGRAMS**

10. **SOLICITATION FOR HOMELESS DONATIONS**

The issue of solicitations at local stores by homeless agencies from outside the area was taken to the Technical Advisory Committee on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Staff will provide a verbal report on the outcome of this meeting.

11. **PROGRAM PLANNING**

11A. **REQUEST TO HOLD RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT DESERT RESOURCE CENTER**

Pastor Joe Nunziato from the Desert Hot Springs Ministerial Association will address the Committee regarding the Association's interest in providing religious services at the Desert Resource Center.

11B. **OPERATOR PROPOSALS** ..... **SEE PAGES 19-24**

Staff has provided a written report.

12. **FUNDING**

12A. **CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER JURISDICTIONS FOR THE DESERT RESOURCE CENTER**

This is a carry-over item from the May 6, 2009 Special meeting. A special joint meeting with the Executive Committee has been scheduled for June 1, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss this

item further.

**12B. HOMELESS PREVENTION & RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM ..... SEE PAGE 25**

Staff has provided a written report.

**12C. FUNDRAISING FOR FURNISHINGS ..... SEE PAGE 26**

Staff has provided a written report.

**12D. GRANT APPLICATIONS ..... SEE PAGE 27**

CVAG Staff continue to pursue funds from foundations to help cover the cost of the Desert Resource Center’s operations. An attached list cites the funds that have been received, the funds that have been applied for, and the applications that are in progress. There are also numerous foundations/agencies that staff are actively monitoring or pursuing for the availability of funds for the Desert Resource Center.

**13. BUS PASS PROGRAM UPDATE ..... SEE PAGES 28-29**

Staff has provided a report documenting how the bus passes have been used during the first three months of this year’s program. A second attachment indicates the funding received for the Bus Pass Program. As indicated, the Bus Pass Program is now funded by all member cities, as Desert Hot Springs has approved the funding request in the amount of \$3,000. Other funds are still needed to fully fund the needs of the participating agencies, however, CVAG Staff will pursue other private funds for this need.

**14. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CVAG’s General Assembly will be held on June 29, 2009 at 6:00 pm at Spotlight 29 Casino, 46-200 Harrison Place, Coachella, California. The cost is \$40.00 per person. RSVP to Joanna Stueckle by emailing [jstueckle@cvag.org](mailto:jstueckle@cvag.org) or calling 760-346-1127.

There will be a **Special Joint Meeting of the Homelessness Committee and the Executive Committee on June 1, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.** at the CVAG offices, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert, California.

☞ The next **regular** meeting of the Homelessness Committee is scheduled\* for **10:00 a.m.** on **Wednesday, June 17, 2009** at the CVAG offices, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert, California. *\*(The Homelessness Committee has a standing meeting date and time of 10:00 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month, with the exception of months August and December when CVAG Committees are dark.)*

**15. ADJOURNMENT**