

# Letter from Tom Kirk, CVAG Executive Director



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To: CVAG General Assembly Members

From: Tom Kirk, Executive Director

Re: CVAG Response to COVID-19

I wanted to reach out to our member jurisdictions about CVAG's scheduling this week. I know each of us have been working to balance the health concerns of our staff with the ever-changing circumstances we are facing.

Starting today, most of the CVAG staff will be working remotely. Closing the lobby and office space to the public does not mean closing its operations. All meetings will be held via conference call or webinar, and our staff is working closely with the various consultants to ensure projects remain on schedule and programs continue without interruption.

CVAG staff can be reached by phone — [760-346-1127](tel:760-346-1127) — or by email or mobile phone. The office, including the lobby, will be closed to the public through the foreseeable future. CVAG's standing committees were not scheduled to meet in March; today's meeting of Desert Community Energy (DCE) was canceled at the direction of the DCE Chairman. CVAG staff will be working with the chairs of the various CVAG committees, the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC), and Desert Community Energy to discuss both the scheduling and format of future public meetings.

We are incredibly mindful of the fact that our projects and programs — particularly those that involve construction or services to the most economically-challenged parts of our community — are important not only to those we serve but to the Coachella Valley's economy. We are implementing plans to make sure our programs and projects are on track and that invoices are getting paid in a timely manner.

CVAG has been working closely with Riverside County staff, particularly with Supervisor V. Manuel Perez's office, to stay updated. The County has compiled the latest information on their website, and I encourage you to check it often. (We are also including a hyperlink below.)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you and stay healthy.

The latest information from Riverside County is being compiled at the following website: <https://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus>

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