

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING February 8, 2010

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments' (CVAG) Public Safety Committee (PSC) meeting was called to order on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Gene Gilbert, Mayor, City of Indio, at the Roy Wilson Fire Station and Training Center, located at 31-920 Robert Road in thousand Palms, California.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Matas led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Gilbert asked for a moment of silence in honor of Alan Seman.

Staff passed around the photo taken of the Public Safety Committee at the January meeting that was framed and given to Jeanette Seman.

3. **ROLL CALL**

A roll call was conducted and it was determined that a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Eduardo Garcia
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Matas
Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Mullany
Mayor Gene Gilbert (*Chair*)
Councilmember Terry Henderson
Councilmember Lee Weigel (*Vice Chair*)
Sheriff Stan Sniff

AGENCY

City of Coachella
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Springs
County of Riverside

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember Chuck Vazquez
Councilmember Bob Spiegel
Vacant

City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert
City of Rancho Mirage

EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT

Kevin Conner, Captain (*Alt.*)
Sara Danville, Assistant District Attorney
Dave Dominguez, Chief
Blake Goetz, Chief
Matt Jimenez, Chief
Ignacio Otero, Deputy Fire Chief

Cathedral City Police Department
County District Attorney Office
Palm Springs Police Department
Palm Springs Fire Department
County Sheriff - Indian Wells
Riverside County Fire

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EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT cont'd

Brad Ramos, Chief
Bill Soqui, Chief
Rodney Vigue, Chief
Martha Wardrup, Supervisor (*Alt.*)
Patrick Williams, Chief

AGENCY

Indio Police Department
Cathedral City Fire Department
County Sheriff - Coachella & LQ
County Probation Department
Desert Hot Springs Police Depart.

EX-OFFICIOS NOT REPRESENTED

Sherrell Sutherland, Commander
George D. Wetjen, Acting Patrol Agent-In-Charge
Dan Wilham, Chief

California Highway Patrol
U.S. Border Patrol – Indio
Riverside County Sheriff – PD & RM

OTHERS PRESENT

Mario S. Acosta, Admin. Clerk
Colin Atagi, Reporter
Carl Carter, Captain
Alan Crogan, Chief Probation Officer
Mike Gialdini, Legislative Assistant
John R. Hawkins, Chief
Brian MacGavin, Assistant Director
Mike Marlow, Division Chief
Carlos Paiz, Safety & Training Assistant
Chris Sundlee, Emergency Services Coordinator
Dean Veik, Battalion Chief
Joel Vela, Battalion Chief

City of Cathedral City
The Desert Sun Newspaper
County Sheriff
County Probation Department
Supervisor Benoit's Office
Riverside County Fire
County EMS Agency
Riverside County Fire
CVWD
City of La Quinta
Riverside County Fire
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CVAG STAFF PRESENT

Aurora Wilson, Community Resources Director
Jacob Alvarez, Management Analyst
Valarie Franklin, Program Assistant

4. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS

Jacob Alvarez announced that there was an addition to the agenda, item # 8B "Letter of Support for AB960 – Body Armor Ban."

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Riverside County Chief John R. Hawkins provided a presentation on the Roy Wilson Fire Station and Training Center.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS - None.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE - None.

8. MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TERRY HENDERSON, CITY OF LA QUINTA, AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM PATRICK MULLANY, CITY OF INDIAN WELLS, TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 11, 2010 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED.

8B. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AB 960 – BODY ARMOR BAN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TERRY HENDERSON, CITY OF LA QUINTA, AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM PATRICK MULLANY, CITY OF INDIAN WELLS, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVE THE ATTACHED LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AB 960 – BODY ARMOR BAN. THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. CONSIDER CHANGE OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATE OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TERRY HENDERSON, CITY OF LA QUINTA, AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EDUARDO GARCIA, CITY OF COACHELLA, TO KEEP THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATE AND TIME ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE MOTION CARRIED.

10. EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Brian MacGavin, Assistant Director of Riverside County's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency requested that CVAG appoint a representative to fill the recently vacated position on the Medical Care Committee.

This item is tabled until the next meeting where Riverside County Deputy Fire Chief Otero will bring back to the Committee his recommendation for filling the position.

11. PRESENTATION AND TOUR OF THE ROY WILSON FIRE STATION AND TRAINING CENTER

Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting, Captain John Aleman and Truck Company 33 from the Palm Desert Station provided two fire demonstrations, a ladder truck rescue and a tour the Fire Training Center.

12. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER UPDATES

12.1 SHERIFF/POLICE CHIEFS – None.

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- 12.2 **FIRE CHIEFS** - Riverside County Deputy Fire Chief Ignacio Otero, Palm Springs Fire Chief Blake Goetz and Cathedral City Fire Chief Bill Soqui, each spoke about the recent rain storms and their impact.
- 12.3 **CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL** – Not present.
- 12.4 **BORDER PATROL** – Not present.
- 12.5 **DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE** - Assistant District Attorney Sara Danville introduced Diana Carter as the new Chief Deputy for the Eastern Division.
- 12.6 **COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT** – None.

13. **INFORMATIONAL**

- 13.1 **COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD** - An attendance record was included in member’s agenda packet.
- 13.2 **COMMITTEE GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010**

Goal #1	Support & Encourage Collaboratives - To work as a united front and leverage resources on Regional issues.
Goal #2	Promote Youth Intervention & Prevention- To target “At Risk Youths” and provide programs that are sustainable.
Goal #3	Regional Reform & Re-entry Programs for Parolees- To help parolees to become productive citizens.
Goal #4	Support Regional Community Engagement- Public Safety Outreach to the Community through education, awareness and Community based programs.

14. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 8, 2010 at the CVAG offices, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting of the Public Safety Committee was adjourned at 10:33 a.m. to tour the Fire Training Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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