



**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
January 10, 2011**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments' (CVAG) Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 10:08 a.m. by Chairman Lee Weigel, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Palm Springs, at CVAG offices, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Conference Room 119, Palm Desert, California 92260-2516.

2. ROLL CALL

It was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Vazquez
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Matas
Councilmember Mary T. Roche
Councilmember Elaine Holmes
Councilmember Terry Henderson
Mayor Pro Tem Bob Spiegel
Mayor Pro Tem Lee Weigel (*Chair*)
Councilmember Ron Meepos
Sheriff Stan Sniff

AGENCY

City of Cathedral City
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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mayor Eduardo Garcia

City of Coachella

MEMBER SEATS VACANT - NOT COUNTED FOR QUORUM

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
City of Blythe

EX-OFFICIOS MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Conner, Police Chief
Al Franz, Interim Police Chief
Raymond Gregory, Police Chief
Sean Lafferty, Chief Deputy DA
Lori Marquette, Police Chief
Christina Martinez, Assistant Division Director (*alt.*)
Ignacio Otero, Deputy Fire Chief
Brad Ramos, Police Chief
Bill Soqui, Fire Chief
Bill Sullivan, Police Lieutenant (*alt.*)

Cathedral City Police Department
Palm Springs Police Department
Riverside County Sheriff – Coachella/LQ
County District Attorney Office
County Sheriff - Indian Wells
County Probation Department
Riverside County Fire
Indio Police Department
Cathedral City Fire Department
Riverside County Sheriff – PD & RM

EX-OFFICIOS MEMBERS PRESENT CONT'D

Sherrell Sutherland, Captain
George Wetjen, Patrol Agent (*alt.*)
Patrick Williams, Police Chief
Scott Ventura, Fire Chief

California Highway Patrol
U.S. Border Patrol – Indio
Desert Hot Springs Police Depart.
Palm Springs Fire Department

OTHERS PRESENT

Kevin Brown, Emergency Services Coordinator
Deby Conrad, Community Safety Manager
Paul Hess, Emergency Services Coordinator
Mike Marlow, Fire Marshal
Frank Noriega, Men's Outreach
Joseph Prodetto, Legislative Assistant
Alicia Ramirez., Field Operations
Mel Windsor, Dir. of Personnel/Risk Management

County of Riverside – OES
City of La Quinta
City of La Quinta
CALFIRE/Palm Desert Fire Dept.
Calvary Christian Center
Supervisor Benoit's Office
U.S. Border Patrol – Indio
City of Indian Wells

CVAG STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk, Executive Director
Aurora Wilson, Department of Community Resources Director
Jacob Alvarez, Management Analyst
Michael Shoberg, Transportation Programs Manager
Valarie Franklin, Program Assistant

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilmember Mary Roche

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

5. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

6. **MEETING MINUTES**

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM SPIEGEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 8, 2010 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THE CITIES OF INDIAN WELLS AND RANCHO MIRAGE ABSTAINING.

7. **OPERATION EASTERN ENCORE**

Capt. Rich Bitonti of the City of Indio Police Department provided a PowerPoint presentation on Operation Eastern Encore.

8. **I-10 CLOSURE ON DECEMBER 1, 2010**

Michael Shoberg, CVAG's Transportation Program Manager provided an update on the closure of westbound Interstate 10 Freeway as a result of an incident and the subsequent Caltrans District 8 meeting held on December 15, 2010.

9. **PRE-PAROLEE PLANNING STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

Staff has formalized a Pre-Parolee Planning Stakeholder Meeting Roster and the first meeting has been set for Tuesday, January 25th at 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm at CVAG's offices, conference room 119.

10. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER UPDATES

- A. **SHERIFF/POLICE CHIEFS**
- B. **FIRE CHIEFS**
- C. **CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**
- D. **BORDER PATROL**
- E. **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**
- F. **COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

11. INFORMATIONAL

- A. **COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE ROSTER**
- B. **COMMITTEE GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011**
- C. **NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled Public Safety Committee Meeting is 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 14, 2011, at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Conference Room 119.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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