

Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
PUBLIC SAFETY Committee  
Meeting Minutes of March 14, 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, March 14, 2011 at 10:03 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  
Councilmember Scott Matas (alt.)  
Councilmember Mary T. Roche  
Councilmember Elaine Holmes  
Councilmember Linda Evans (alt.)  
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**

Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez

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  
Dan Wilham, Police Chief

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  
Paul Thauer, Patrol Agent In Charge  
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**

Mike Marlow, Fire Marshal  
Jeanine Plut, Management Analyst  
Joseph Prodetto, Legislative Assistant  
George Wetjen, Patrol Agent  
Mel Windsor, Dir. of Personnel/Risk Management

CALFIRE/Palm Desert Fire Dept.  
Desert Hot Springs Police Depart.  
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  
Valarie Franklin, Program Assistant

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Vasquez

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

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

There was a moment of silence for Kevin Brown, Emergency Services Coordinator for the County of Riverside – OES.

Staff announced that two Palm Desert fire stations have recently installed the “Quake Guard” earthquake early warning system.

Staff announced that Roy's DRC now has pocket brochures available for public safety personnel to handout when they encounter homeless situations.

6. **MEETING MINUTES**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM SPIEGEL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM SPIEGEL VASQUEZ TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 10, 2011 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THE CITY OF LA QUINTA ABSTAINING.**

5. **PRE-PAROLEE PLANNING STEERING SUBCOMMITTEE**

Chief Patrick Williams of the City of Desert Hot Springs Police Department provided an oral presentation on the Pre-Parolee Planning Steering Subcommittee meetings held January 25<sup>th</sup> and February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

6. **DEVELOP GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/12**

It was the consensus of the Public Safety Committee to amend the existing goals to include CREWS along with a funding source by the end of this next fiscal year 2011/2012.

7. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011**

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM SPIEGEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS TO ELECT MARY T. ROCHE AS VICE CHAIR FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCALYEAR 2010/2011. THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. **RESOLUTION OPPOSING GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL RE: ADULT PAROLE PROGRAMS**

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM VASQUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 11-005 OPPOSING GOVERNOR BROWN'S REALIGNMENT PROPOSAL TO SHIFT ADULT PAROLE PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND SUPERVISION FROM THE STATE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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, April 11, 2011, at 73-710 Fred Waring Dr. Room 119.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Valarie Franklin*

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