

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

May 10, 2010

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments' (CVAG) Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. by Vice Chair Lee Weigel, Councilmember, City of Palm Springs, at CVAG offices, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Conference Room 119, Palm Desert, California 92260-2516.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Weigel led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Chuck Vazquez
Mayor Eduardo Garcia
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Matas
Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Mullany
Councilmember Terry Henderson
Councilmember Bob Spiegel
Councilmember Lee Weigel (*Vice Chair*)
Councilmember Ron Meepos (alt.)
Sheriff Stan Sniff

AGENCY

City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mayor Gene Gilbert (*Chair*)

City of Indio

MEMBER SEATS VACANT - NOT COUNTED FOR QUORUM

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

EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT

Dianna Carter, Assistant District Attorney (alt.)
Kevin Conner, Police Captain (alt.)

County District Attorney Office
Cathedral City Police Department

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EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT cont'd

Dave Dominguez, Police Chief
Blake Goetz, Fire Chief
Matt Jimenez, Police Chief
Christina Martinez, Assistant Division Director (alt.)
Ignacio Otero, Deputy Fire Chief
Bill Soqui, Fire Chief
Rodney Vigue, Police Chief
George D. Wetjen, Acting Patrol Agent-In-Charge
Dan Wilham, Police Chief
Patrick Williams, Police Chief

AGENCY

Palm Springs Police Department
Palm Springs Fire Department
County Sheriff - Indian Wells
County Probation Department
Riverside County Fire
Cathedral City Fire Department
County Sheriff - Coachella & LQ
U.S. Border Patrol – Indio
Riverside County Sheriff – PD & RM
Desert Hot Springs Police Depart.

EX-OFFICIOS NOT REPRESENTED

Brad Ramos, Police Chief
Sherrell Sutherland, Commander

Indio Police Department
California Highway Patrol

OTHERS PRESENT

William Brett
Kathleen Henderson, Emergency Services Coordinator
Miguel A. Hernandez, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent
Mike Herrera, Asst. Dir. of Operations
Mike Marlow, Division Chief
Pete Mercado, Fire Chief
Skip Oakley
Carlos Paiz, Safety & Training Assistant
Cody Quezada
Gary Rosenblum, Risk Manager
Kim Saruwatari, Chief
Joel Vela, Battalion Fire Chief - Indio Division
Mel Windsor, Dir. of Personnel/Risk Management
Anthony Zamudio, Safety & Training Supervisor

U.S. Border Patrol – Indio
County of Riverside - OES
U.S. Border Patrol – Indio
Coachella Valley Water District
Riverside County Fire
City of Calexico
Southern California Gas Company
Coachella Valley Water District
Southern California Gas Company
City of Palm Desert
County Disaster Preparedness
Riverside County Fire Department
City of Indian Wells
Coachella Valley Water District

CVAG STAFF PRESENT

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

4. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS - None.
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.
6. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS - None.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

- Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff submitted a memo in response to Committee discussion at the April 12th Public Safety Committee meeting regarding “early release.”
- A letter was sent to Mr. Bruce Barton, Director of Riverside County’s Emergency Medical Services Agency, affirming CVAG’s Executive Committee appointment of Riverside County Division Fire Chief Mike Marlow as CVAG’s representative to the County’s Emergency Medical Care Committee.

8. MEETING MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SPIEGEL TO APPROVE THE APRIL 12, 2010 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. PRESENTATION ON THE MEXICALI EARTHQUAKE

- Deputy Fire Chief Ignacio Otero, Riverside County/CAL FIRE introduced Fire Chief Pete Mercado from the City of Calexico, who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the April 4th Mexicali Earthquake.
- Deborah McGarry, Southern California Gas Company, provided an oral report regarding gas issues and lessons learned from the Mexicali Earthquake.

10. CREWS UPDATE AND SEISMIC WARNING SYSTEMS REPORT

Due to time constraints this item is table until next month’s meeting.

11. PRESENTATION ON “VIRTUAL FENCE” ALONG U.S.-MEXICO BORDER

U.S. Border Patrol Agent-In-Charge George D. Wetjen from the Indio station introduced Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Miguel Hernandez who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the U.S. – Mexico border “virtual fence.”

12. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER UPDATES

12.1. SHERIFF/POLICE CHIEFS – Sheriff Sniff gave a brief update on budget issues.

12.2. FIRE CHIEFS – Deputy Fire Chief Otero gave a brief update.

12.3. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

12.4. BORDER PATROL

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12.5. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

12.6. COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

13. INFORMATIONAL

13A. COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE ROSTER

The Committee attendance roster was included in member's agenda packet.

13B. COMMITTEE GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011

- Support & Encourage Collaboratives
- Promote Youth Intervention & Prevention Programs
- Support Regional Reform & Re-entry Programs for Parolees
- Serve as a conduit for information related to local Public Safety Outreach
- Serve as a conduit for information on specific areas related to Public Safety

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 14, 2010 at the CVAG offices, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, in Palm Desert, California. *Election of the Committee Chair and Vice Chair to be held at the June 14th meeting.*

CVAG's Annual General Assembly will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 28th at the Palm Springs Convention Center at a cost of \$45.00 per person. Please contact Joanna Stueckle (760)346-1127 or jstueckle@cvag.org to RSVP your attendance.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the Public Safety Committee was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valarie Franklin

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