



**Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
November 8, 2010**

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, November 8, 2010 at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Lee Weigel, Councilmember, City of Palm Springs, at CVAG offices, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Conference Room 119, Palm Desert, California 92260-2516.

**2. ROLL CALL**

A roll call was conducted and it was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**AGENCY**

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

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mayor Eduardo Garcia  
Mayor Gene Gilbert  
Councilmember Ron Meepos

City of Coachella  
City of Indio  
City of Rancho Mirage

**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**

Sara Danville, Assistant DA  
Dave Dominguez, Police Chief  
Raymond Gregory, Police Chief (*alt.*)  
Stan Henry, Police Chief  
Bill Sullivan, Police Lieutenant (*alt.*)  
Ignacio Otero, Deputy Fire Chief  
Christina Martinez, Assistant Division Director (*alt.*)  
Brad Ramos, Police Chief

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

### **EX-OFFICIOS MEMBERS PRESENT CONT'D**

Laura Quattlebaum, Lieutenant (*alt.*)  
Paul Thauer, Patrol Agent-in-Charge  
Blake Goetz, Fire Chief  
Jorge Pinon, Police Lieutenant (*alt.*)  
Ed Smith, Commander (*alt.*)

California Highway Patrol  
U.S. Border Patrol – Indio  
Palm Springs Fire Department  
Riverside County Sheriff – PD & RM  
Desert Hot Springs Police Depart.

### **EX-OFFICIOS MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Bill Soqui, Fire Chief

Cathedral City Fire Department

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Paul Abril, Parole Administrator  
R. Aviles, Jr., Field Operations Supervisor  
George Barela, Manager So. Cal. Government  
Steve Brooker, Fire Marshal  
Kevin Brown, Emergency Services Coordinator  
Kevin Conner, Captain  
Tim Esser, Owner  
Kate McGinty, Reporter  
Tom Hartung, Dir. Building & Safety  
Chris Madigan, Director  
Frank Noriega, Men's Outreach  
Carlos Paiz, Safety & Training Assistant  
Joseph Prodetto, Legislative Assistant  
Michael Remily  
Gary Rosenblum, Risk Manager  
Scott Ventura, Deputy Fire Chief  
Mel Windsor, Dir. of Personnel/Risk Management

CDCR - DAPO  
U.S. Border Patrol – Indio  
Verizon Wireless  
CALFIRE/Palm Desert Fire Dept.  
County of Riverside – OES  
Cathedral City Police Department  
Esser Air Conditioning & Heating  
The Desert Sun Newspaper  
City of La Quinta  
COD Public Safety Academy  
Calvary Christian Center  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Supervisor Benoit's Office  
Verizon Wireless  
City of Palm Desert  
Palm Springs Fire Department  
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**

Chairman Weigel led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Weigel asked for a moment of silence for Officer Ryan Bonaminio, with the Riverside Police Department, who was fatally shot Sunday night.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chris Madigan, Director, COD Public Safety Academy, invited the Committee to attend the Academy's graduation night on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

5. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS** - None.

6. **MEETING MINUTES**

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SPIEGEL TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 18, 2010 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. **THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT**

Kevin Brown, Emergency Services Coordinator for the East Desert Division of County Emergency Operations Services gave an update on the local involvement and response to the Disaster Drill that took place on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 10:21 a.m.

8. **COACHELLA VALLEY PAROLEE REENTRY STEERING COMMITTEE**

Staff provided an update regarding the Pre-Parolee Re-entry Program presentation to the Executive Committee's October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

9. **WALK AND WALL OF HONOR**

A presentation was made by Tim Esser regarding a proposed Walk and Wall of Honor for heroic public safety acts.

10. **VERIZON WIRELESS BUSINESS CONTINUITY & DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVES**

Mr. George Barela, Southern California Manager, State, Local & Tribal Government, for Verizon Wireless provided a PowerPoint presentation on initiatives that help the company minimize the impacts of disaster by implementing strategies to minimize the risk of disruption and help promote continuity of service.

11. **EX-OFFICIO MEMBER UPDATES**

11A. **SHERIFF/POLICE CHIEFS** – Sheriff Sniff provided an update.

11B. **FIRE CHIEFS** – Chief Goetz will be retiring in December.

11C. **CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL** – Lt. Quattlebaum had no update.

11D. **BORDER PATROL** – Agent Wetjen had no update.

11E. **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** – Asst. DA Danville had no update.

11F. **COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT** – Asst. Div. Dir. Martinez had no update.

12. **INFORMATIONAL**

12A. **COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

12B. **COMMITTEE GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011**

12C. **NEXT MEETING**

CVAG is DARK in December - The next scheduled Public Safety Committee Meeting is Monday, January 11, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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