



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Monday, May 11, 2020
9:00 am**

**Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 18, 2020),
the Public Safety Committee Meeting will only be conducted via
video/teleconferencing.**

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THIS MEETING IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE.
ACTION MAY RESULT ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – *Chair John Peña, Councilmember, La Quinta*
2. **ROLL CALL**
 - A. **Member Roster**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Any person wishing to address the Public Safety Committee on items appearing ON the agenda may do so at this time. At the discretion of the Chair, comments may be taken at the time items are presented. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.

5. **COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

6. **EX-OFFICIO UPDATES**

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Approve March 9, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes**

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8. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

A. **COVID19 UPDATE** – Jeff Van Wagenen, Riverside County Assistant County Executive Officer – Public Safety, and Bruce Barton, Director of Riverside County Emergency Management Department

Recommendation: Information Only

B. **Regional Funding Advocacy Related to COVID-19** – Erica Felci

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Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to advocate for the Coachella Valley's fair share in any state or federal legislation developed in response to COVID-19 economic rebound and to seek funding reimbursement opportunities, as they develop, to offset costs incurred by regional programs.

C. **Update on CV Housing First and The CV100 Homeless Outreach Initiative** – Tom Cox

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Recommendation: Information only

9. **INFORMATION**

A. **Attendance Record**

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10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Any member of the public wishing to address the Committee on items of general interest within the purview of this Committee may do so at this time. Please limit comments to 2 minutes.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming CVAG Zoom Meetings,

- Executive Committee – Monday, June 1, at 4:30 pm
- Public Safety Committee – Monday, June 8 at 9 am

12. **ADJOURN**

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**Public Safety Committee
Member Roster
2019-2020**



Voting Members		
City of Blythe	Vacant	
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Mark Carnevale	
City of Coachella	Councilmember Megan Beaman-Jacinto	
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Russell Betts	
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Ted Mertens	
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon - <u>VICE CHAIR</u>	
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña - <u>CHAIR</u>	
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Kathleen Kelly	
City of Palm Springs	Councilmember Christy Holstege	
City of Rancho Mirage	Mayor Iris Smotrich	
County of Riverside	Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Vacant	
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians	Vacant	
Ex-Officio Members		
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Margaret Muhr, Emergency Services Manager	
Cathedral City Police	George Crum, Chief of Police	
Cathedral City Fire	Paul Wilson, Fire Chief	
Desert Hot Springs Police	Jim Henson, Chief of Police	
Thermal Sheriff Station	Misty Reynolds, Captain	
Indio Police	Mike Washburn, Chief of Police	
Riverside County Sheriff's Department	Sheriff Chad Bianco	
Palm Desert Sheriff Station	Joseph Belli, Captain	
Palm Springs Police	Bryan Reyes, Chief of Police	
Palm Springs Fire	J. Kevin Nalder, Fire Chief	
Riverside County Fire Department	Eddy Moore, Division Chief	
California Highway Patrol	Dennis Woodbury, Commander	
U.S. Border Patrol	David Kim	
District Attorney's Office	Michael Hestrin, District Attorney	
Riverside County Probation Department	Rom Miller, Chief Probation Officer	
Staff		
Tom Kirk, Executive Director	Tom Cox, Management Analyst	Libby Carlson, Sr. Program Analyst

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2020**



Find meeting audio online at <http://www.cvag.org/audio.htm>

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chair Peña at 9:06 am at CVAG, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, Palm Desert, CA.
- 2. ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

City of Coachella	Councilmember Megan Beaman-Jacinto
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Russell Betts
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon, Vice Chair
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña, Chair
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Kathleen Kelly
City of Palm Springs	Councilmember Lisa Middleton
City of Rancho Mirage	Mayor Iris Smotrich
Riverside County District 4	Jeff Van Wagenen

Ex Officio Members Present

California Highway Patrol	Dennis Woodbury
Desert Hot Springs Police	Chief Jim Henson
District Attorney's Office	Gerald Fineman
Thermal Sheriff Station	Captain Misty Reynolds
Palm Desert Sheriff Station	Captain Joseph Belli
Palm Springs Fire	Chief J. Kevin Nalder
Palm Springs Police	Mike Kovaleff
U.S. Customs and Border Patrol	David Kim, Assistant Chief Patrol Agent
Riverside County Sheriff Department	Sheriff Chad Bianco
Riverside County Probation Department	Cristine Castro

Members and Ex Officios Not Present

City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Raymond Gregory
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Ted Mertens
Cathedral City Fire	Chief Paul Wilson
Cathedral City Police	Acting Chief George Crum
Indio Police	Chief Mike Washburn
Riverside County Fire	Robert Fish
Riverside County District 4	Supervisor Manuel Perez
Riverside County Sheriff	Matthew Martell
	Chris Willison

Others Present

CVAG	Libby Carlson
	Erica Felci
	Tom Kirk
	Tom Cox
Desert Sun	Colin Atagi

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Chair John Peña.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** – None

5. **COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

- Councilmember Russell Betts commented on COVID-19 recovery in China

6. **EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS**

- Captain Reynolds, Thermal Sheriff Station, waiting to hear updates on festivals and events.
- Agent Kim, US Customs & Border Patrol, COVID19 updates for staff and those that cross the border.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approve February 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR FERMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 10, 2020 MEETING MINUTES.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8 AYES AND 2 ABSENT

Councilmember Gregory	Absent
Councilmember Beaman-Jacinto	Aye
Councilmember Betts	Aye
Mayor Mertens	Absent
Councilmember Fermon	Aye
Councilmember Peña	Aye
Councilmember Kelly	Aye
Councilmember Middleton	Aye
Mayor Smotrich	Aye
Jeff Van Wagenen	Aye

8. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

A. Presentation by Riverside County- Sheriff Chad Bianco

Action: Information Only

B. Update on The CV100 Coordinated Homelessness Outreach Initiative- Tom Cox

Action: Information Only

C. Update on COVID-19 Response – Jeff Van Wagenen

Action: Information Only

9. **INFORMATION** - The following item was submitted for information only:

A. Attendance Record

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming meetings at CVAG, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, Palm Desert:

- Public Safety Committee – Monday, April 13 at 9 am
- Executive Committee – Monday, April 27 at 4:30 pm

12. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Cox

Item 8B

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
May 11, 2020**



Staff Report

Subject: Regional funding advocacy related to COVID-19

Contact: Erica Felci, Governmental Projects Manager (efelci@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to advocate for the Coachella Valley's fair share in any state or federal legislation developed in response to COVID-19 economic rebound and to seek funding reimbursement opportunities, as they develop, to offset costs incurred by regional programs.

Transportation Committee: CONCURS (Meeting of May 4th)

Background: The onset of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in Riverside County has created an unprecedented crisis. Leaders have been forced to deal not just with the public health emergency itself, but with the far-reaching ramifications on daily life and the economy. At a special meeting on March 19, 2020, CVAG's member jurisdictions outlined the steps they were taking to address the situation, which has been reliant on the guidance from Riverside County's Public Health Officer. At CVAG, although staff has been working from home since mid-March, the regional projects and programs have remained on schedule, and on budget. CVAG has also provided regional support to many programs that had to quickly adjust to the crisis, particularly by providing services to the vulnerable homeless population.

While stay-at-home orders remain largely in place, the Coachella Valley is slowly starting to see signs of its businesses and public spaces opening back up so routine life can resume. Economic rebound measures are also being implemented, including the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. More actions are on the horizon, as state and federal leaders continue to consider who may not have benefited from the relief actions taken to date. For example, the CARES Act provided aid to offset the expenses to cities and local governments where the population exceeded 500,000 people, which meant Coachella Valley's cities could not directly tap into this resource.

CVAG staff is also tracking the state and federal resources that may be available for regional homelessness services and looking for ways the CV Housing First program can be leveraged to assist with broader regional economic recovery. For example, with the onset of COVID-19 and associated closure orders, staff quickly mobilized to maximize the CV Housing First crisis stabilization housing capacity by working with hotel operators to temporarily repurpose unused rooms. As a result, the number of units distributed throughout the Coachella Valley has doubled. During this time, the program's street outreach and services provided through the Homeless Access Center in Palm Springs have also continued to provide much-needed coordination between public safety and service providers. Staff continues to work closely with Riverside County, as well as the Institute for Local Government, on emerging funding opportunities to augment and further expand the region's ability to effectively respond to the homelessness and housing crisis.

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Additionally, CVAG staff has been tracking the federal, state and countywide actions being considered to expedite the economic recovery. Congressional leadership have indicated a willingness to develop a bipartisan infrastructure package as part the coronavirus recovery. It is yet unknown how large that investment may be, or how much money may come to Riverside County as a result. But this has the possibility to be a boon to major, construction-ready transportation projects. CVAG staff communicated this possibility to the Transportation Technical Advisory Sub-Committee, and CVAG staff has Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) staff to ensure the desert's projects are being considered on any future project list. When this item was presented to the Transportation Committee on May 4, Transportation Committee Chair Robert Radi also suggested that advocacy by CVAG should include looking at ways to streamline the construction of projects, particularly as it pertains to the lengthy environmental review process projects go through the federal level even when they already completed the state CEQA requirements.

As the COVID-19 situation and possible next steps remain a fluid situation, CVAG staff recommends that the Executive Committee take a proactive stance by providing the Executive Director with authority to fight for fairness in funding in any coronavirus-related efforts. This would include advocating for future relief packages to provide direct aid to local governments that have a population less than 500,000 people so that cities in the Coachella Valley could use it for their budgetary impacts.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no additional cost to CVAG, as these efforts are covered by existing resources.

Should Congressional leadership reach a consensus on an infrastructure package, CVAG has a number of regional projects that could be considered. Both the regional signal synchronization program and CV Link have regional transportation funding, including Measure A, committed to them. These projects are already "federalized" through the required environmental clearances. Using federal stimulus funds for those projects could offset the reliance on Measure A.

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
May 11, 2020**



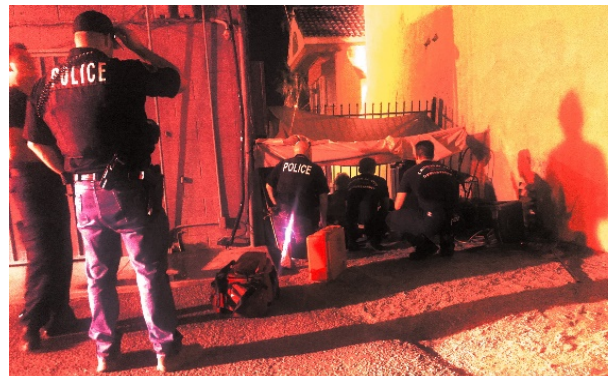
Staff Report

Subject: Update on CV Housing First and The CV100 Homeless Outreach Initiative

Contact: Tom Cox (tcoc@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information Only.

Background: Strengthening coordination between homeless services and law enforcement is a key priority of the CV Housing First regional homelessness response program for 2020. Implementation of The CV100 Initiative is underway. This concerted effort was introduced as The CV100 initiative in January, with the support of the Public Safety Committee.



The goal of The CV100 initiative is to strategically engage the people with whom officers most frequently come into contact. Linking these people with services like health care, mental health care, and substance abuse support, this will reduce strain on law enforcement resources throughout Coachella Valley while also helping some of our region's most chronically homeless and shelter-resistant people living on the street.

Capacity to help people through CV100 has rapidly increased since January, with the Palm Springs Homeless Access Center serving as a key brick-and-mortar resource for homeless individuals, outreach workers, and first responders. This has been further augmented by rapidly scaling up the of number of CV Housing First crisis stabilization units. With the closure of hotels, staff quickly worked with hotel owners and managers to double the number of units in the program by repurposing unused rooms.



Impactful Outcomes. The 3 program components – coordinated outreach, access center, and emergency transitional housing – are intended to work together. Using this integrated program model facilitated by CVAG and implemented by Path of Life, 12 unsheltered homeless individuals from the CV100 list have been placed in emergency housing (hotel rooms) since mid-March. Individuals move from the street to access center intake to transitional housing typically on the same day. This includes a chronically homeless 65 year old woman dealing with a disability, as well as mental and physical health challenges. As temperatures continue to rise, the ability to respond to the call for help quickly and efficiently becomes even more critical.


Fiscal Impact: None.

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**COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE RECORD
FY2019-2020**

Voting Members	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	ATTENDED
City of Blythe			*		●		*	○	○				1 out of 3
City of Cathedral City			*		●		*	●	○				2 out of 3
City of Coachella			*		●		*	●	●				3 out of 3
City of Desert Hot Springs			*		●		*	●	●				3 out of 3
City of Indian Wells			*		●		*	●	○				2 out of 3
City of Indio			*		●		*	●	●				3 out of 3
City of La Quinta			*		●		*	●	●				3 out of 3
City of Palm Desert			*		●		*	●	●				3 out of 3
City of Palm Springs			*		○		*	●	●				2 out of 3
City of Rancho Mirage			*		●		*	●	●				3 out of 3
Riverside County			*		●		*	●	●				3 out of 3
Aqua Caliente - Vacant													
Cabazon Band - Vacant													
Total Attendance Per Meeting					10			10	8				

Ex Officio / Non-Voting Members	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	ATTENDED
Agua Caliente			*		○		*	○	○				0 out of 3
Cathedral City Police			*		○		*	●	○				1 out of 3
Cathedral City Fire			*		●		*	●	●				3 out of 3
Desert Hot Springs Police			*		○		*	●	●				2 out of 3
Indio Police			*		●		*	●	○				2 out of 3
Thermal Sheriff Station			*		●		*	●	●				3 out of 3
Palm Desert Sheriff Station			*		●		*	●	●				3 out of 3
Palm Springs Police			*		●		*	●	●				3 out of 3
Palm Springs Fire			*		○		*	○	●				1 out of 3
Riverside County Fire			*		●		*	●	○				2 out of 3
Riverside County Sheriff			*		○		*	○	●				1 out of 3
California Highway Patrol			*		●		*	●	●				3 out of 3
U.S. Border Patrol			*		●		*	●	●				3 out of 3
District Attorney's Office			*		○		*	●	●				2 out of 3
County Probation Department			*		●		*	●	●				3 out of 3
Total Attendance Per Meeting					9			12	11				

Scheduled Dark Month 
 No Meeting *
 Present ●
 Absent ○