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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022
9:00 a.m.**

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 and the findings made by CVAG, this meeting will only be conducted via video/teleconferencing.

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

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ALL ACTION ITEMS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Waymond Fermon, Mayor, City of Indio

2. **ROLL CALL** – Jennifer Nelson

A. **Member Roster**

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3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the Public Safety Committee on agenda items. At the discretion of the Chair, comments may be taken at the time items are presented. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes.

5. **CHAIR /COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS**

A. **Groundbreaking of Indio’s Public Safety Campus**

6. **EX-OFFICIO UPDATES**

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Approve the May 9, 2022 Public Safety Committee Minutes**

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8. **DISCUSSION/ ACTION**

A. **CVAG Representative on Riverside County’s Emergency Medical Care Committee – Erica Felci**

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Recommendation: Nominate Coachella City Manager Gabriel Martin to serve as CVAG’s representative on Riverside County’s Emergency Medical Care Committee for a three-year term that ends on June 30, 2025

B. **Public Safety Concerns Related to Mylar Balloons – Erica Felci**

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Recommendation: Provide direction on pursuing a model ordinance that limits the sale and/or possession of Mylar balloons in order to address power outages in the Coachella Valley

C. **Riverside County’s Coordinated Response to Asylum Seekers – Bruce Barton, Director of Riverside County’s Emergency Management Department**

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Recommendation: Information

9. **INFORMATION**

A. **Attendance Record**

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

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the Public Safety Committee on items of general interest within the purview of this committee. Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Public Safety Committee** will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 6 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Item 2A

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
Member Roster
2021-2022**



Voting Members	
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
City of Blythe	Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Raymond Gregory
City of Coachella	Councilmember Megan Beaman-Jacinto – VICE CHAIR
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Roger Nuñez
City of Indian Wells	Councilmember Greg Sanders
City of Indio	Mayor Waymond Fermon - CHAIR
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Pena
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Karina Quintanilla
City of Palm Springs	Mayor Pro Tem Grace Garner
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Iris Smotrich
County of Riverside	Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Ex-Officio Members	
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Robert Bradbury, Emergency Services Manager
California Highway Patrol	Dennis Woodbury, Commander
Cathedral City Fire	John Muhr, Fire Chief
Cathedral City Police	George Crum, Chief of Police
Desert Hot Springs Police	Jim Henson, Chief of Police
District Attorney's Office	Michael Hestrin, District Attorney
Indio Police	Mike Washburn, Chief of Police
Palm Desert Sheriff Station	Dean Agnoletto, Captain
Palm Springs Fire	J. Kevin Nalder, Fire Chief
Palm Springs Police	Andrew Mills, Chief of Police
Riverside County Fire Department	Robert Fish, Deputy Chief
Riverside County Probation Department	Ron Miller, Chief Probation Officer
Riverside County Sheriff's Department	Sheriff Chad Bianco
Thermal Sheriff Station	Michael Bianco, Captain
U.S. Border Patrol	David Kim

ITEM 7A

Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2022



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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chair Waymond Fermon, City of Indio, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom videoconference, pursuant to AB 361 and the guidelines for virtual meetings.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

City of Blythe	Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez (<i>arrived during Item 5</i>)
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Raymond Gregory
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Roger Nuñez
City of Indio	Mayor Waymond Fermon, Chair
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña
City of Palm Springs	Mayor Pro Tem Grace Garner
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Iris Smotrich (<i>arrived during Item 8B</i>)
City of Coachella	Councilmember Megan Beaman-Jacinto, Vice Chair
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Karina Quintanilla
County of Riverside	Juan Perez, Chief Operating Officer (<i>left during Item 8B</i>)

Ex-Officio Members Present

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Robert Bradbury, Emergency Services Manager
Cathedral City Fire	Chief John Muhr
City of Desert Hot Springs Police	Chief Jim Henson
City of Indio Police	Chief Mike Washburn
Palm Desert Sheriff's Substation	Captain Dean Agnoletto
City of Palm Springs Fire	Chief J. Kevin Nalder
City of Cathedral City Police	George Crum, Chief of Police
Riverside County Fire	Deputy Chief Robert Fish
Riverside County Probation	Cristina Castro
Riverside County Sheriff	Lt. David Wright
California Highway Patrol	Commander Dennis Woodbury

Members & Ex-Officios Not Present

Aqua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
City of Indian Wells	Councilmember Greg Sanders
Thermal Sheriff Station	Captain Michael Bianco
U.S. Customs and Border Patrol	Assistant Chief Patrol Agent David Kim
City of Palm Springs Police	Chief Andrew Mills
Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	Sheriff Chad Bianco

Others Present

CVAG	Tom Kirk Erica Felci Joanna Stueckle Jennifer Nelson Kevin Broadie Emmanuel Martinez Tony Quiroz
Desert Healthcare District/ Foundation Inland SOCAL Crisis & Suicide Hotline County of Riverside	Donna Craig Jen Carson Pat Cooper Rebecca Antillon
Riverside County Probation Individuals	Christine Castro R. Tethal Chris Willison Capt. Alley Kristen Nelson Jana Trew Brad Anderson One individual by phone

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fermon led the Public Safety Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

5. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Chair Fermon gave an update on the festival weekends in Indio. Councilmember John Peña requested that staff come back to a future meeting with information on banning Mylar balloons and any educational campaigns that might be in place. Councilmember Karina Quintanilla gave an update on the Homelessness Task Force, noting there is a currently a vacancy on the city’s subcommittee. Councilmember Nunez provided updates on public safety items in Desert Hot Springs.

Erica Felci reminded the Committee members to mark their calendars for the upcoming General Assembly.

6. EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS

Indio Chief of Police Mike Washburn provided an update on the public safety response to the festival weekends, including the numbers of arrests and rescues during the three weekends.

Cathedral City Chief of Police George Crum provided a brief update on items in Cathedral City.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER PENA AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS TO:

- A. Approve the January 10, 2022 Public Safety Committee Minutes**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember John Preckwinkle	ABSENT
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	AYE
Councilmember Raymond Gregory	AYE
Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto	AYE
Councilmember Roger Nuñez	AYE
Councilmember Greg Sanders	ABSENT
Mayor Waymond Fermon	AYE
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Councilmember Karina Quintanilla	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Grace Garner	AYE
Councilmember Iris Smotrich	ABSENT
COO Juan Perez	AYE

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION

- A. Update from the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office – Erica Felci**

Erica Felci introduced Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin, who gave a detailed presentation on the dangers of fentanyl. A robust member discussion ensued with Committee members requesting a copy of the presentation. District Attorney Hestrin answered questions and offered to present the information at individual City Council meetings as requested.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

- B. Rollout of the 9-8- 8 Mental Health Crisis Hotline in Riverside County – Erica Felci**

Erica Felci introduced the item and Jen Carson from Inland SOCAL Crisis & Suicide Hotline, who provided a presentation on mental health awareness and the 9-8-8 crisis hotline that will roll out this summer.

Member discussion ensued with Ms. Carson providing the Committee with the crisis hotline number and offering to present the information at future City Council meetings.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

9. INFORMATION – The following items were provided for information only:

- A. Attendance Record**
- B. Update on legislative advocacy efforts**

- C. **CVAG Meeting Calendar for Fiscal Year 2022/23**
- D. **Update on Ad Hoc Efforts to Explore Additional Homelessness Resources and Policies**

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Brad Anderson expressed his thoughts on virtual meetings, the timing of public comments on the meeting agendas and commended District Attorney Hestrin and the Riverside County Sheriff's department for their hard work addressing current issues within the County.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Upcoming Meetings:

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Public Safety Committee** will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 9 a.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 6 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

12. ADJOURN

Chair Fermon adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson
Executive Assistant/Clerk

ITEM 8A

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
June 13, 2022**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: CVAG Representative on Riverside County's Emergency Medical Care Committee

Contact: Erica Felci, Assistant Executive Director (efelci@cvaq.org)

Recommendation: Nominate Coachella City Manager Gabriel Martin to serve as CVAG's representative on Riverside County's Emergency Medical Care Committee for a three-year term that ends on June 30, 2025

Background: The 17-member Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) advises the Board of Supervisors on all aspects of emergency medical care within the County and reports to the Board on observations and recommendations concerning the feasibility and content of emergency medical care programs within the County. Committee members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors for staggered three-year terms. Members serve without compensation.

EMCC meetings are usually held quarterly. Per Riverside County Board of Supervisors Resolution 2013-062, CVAG shall nominate a city manager to represent the organization on the EMCC. Randal Bynder, then-City Manager from the City of Rancho Mirage, served as the CVAG representative starting in 2013. After Mr. Bynder retired, Mark Scott, then-City Manager from the City of Indio, became the representative. Mr. Scott retired mid-term. In 2021, the CVAG Executive Committee, at the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, appointed Indio City Manager Bryan Montgomery to serve the remainder of the term.

The current term ends on June 30, 2022. CVAG staff reached out to Mr. Montgomery about his interest in a second term, and he suggested the position should be offered to other city managers. The CVAG Executive Director relayed this to city, tribal and county executives at a roundtable meeting on June 1, and Coachella City Manager Gabriel Martin expressed an interest in the position. CVAG staff is recommending the CVAG Public Safety Committee nominate Mr. Martin as next appointee, who will serve until June 2025. The recommendation will be provided to the Executive Committee at its next meeting to formalize the appointment.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for the EMCC appointment.

Attachment: Riverside County EMS Agency Administrative Policy 8201



Administrative Policy		8201
Effective April 1, 2019	Expires March 31, 2020	
Policy: Emergency Medical Care Committee	Approval: Medical Director Reza Vaezazizi, MD	Signed
Applies To: EMS System	Approval: Deputy EMS Administrator Trevor Douville	Signed

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to define the membership, rules of operation, and functions of the local Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC).

AUTHORITY

[California Health and Safety Code - Division 2.5, Chapter 4, Article 3, Sections 1797.270 - 1797.276](#)
[Resolution 2013-052 of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside](#)

Emergency Medical Care Committee

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside originally established the local EMCC on October 15, 1985. The composition of the EMCC was last amended by Resolution 2013-052, dated March 12, 2013.

The Riverside County Emergency Medical Care Committee shall consist of seventeen members, all nominated members are to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the composition of this committee is as follows:

1. One Emergency Department Physician, practicing in a hospital located within Riverside County nominated by the Prehospital Medical Advisory Committee (PMAC);
2. One representative from the [Hospital Association of Southern California \(HASC\)](#) to be the Vice President of the Inland Regional Office;
3. One Physician representative of the [Riverside County Medical Association \(RCMA\)](#) nominated by that organization;
4. One representative from the County contracted emergency ground ambulance provider that serves a majority of the County’s Exclusive Operating Areas (EOAs);
5. One representative from the Ambulance Association of Riverside County nominated by that organization;
6. One representative from the County’s permitted air ambulance providers nominated by the air ambulance permitted providers;
7. One Fire Chief representing the [Riverside County Fire Chiefs Association \(RCFCA\)](#) nominated by that organization;
8. One city manager from the [Coachella Valley Association of Governments \(CVAG\)](#) nominated by that organization;
9. One city manager from the [Western Riverside Council of Governments \(WRCOG\)](#) nominated by that organization;
10. One representative of the Riverside County Law Enforcement Agency Administrators’ Association (RCLEAAA) nominated by that organization;
11. One prehospital representative of PMAC nominated by that committee;
12. One representative of the [Riverside County Fire Department](#); appointed by the Riverside County Fire Chief; and
13. One member-at-large from Riverside County Supervisorial [District 1](#);
14. One member-at-large from Riverside County Supervisorial [District 2](#);
15. One member-at-large from Riverside County Supervisorial [District 3](#);
16. One member-at-large from Riverside County Supervisorial [District 4](#);
17. One member-at-large from Riverside County Supervisorial [District 5](#).

Nominated members and members-at-large shall serve a three year term with staggered expiration dates so that no more than one-third of the membership may require replacement or reappointment at any one time. The Committee shall choose its chairperson and vice-chairperson annually, and shall determine the time and place for regular meetings of the Committee.

A quorum shall consist of one more than half the number of filled committee positions. Action taken shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of those present. The Chairman votes only in case of a tie.

The Committee shall perform the functions of an Emergency Medical Care Committee defined by the California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 4, Article 3, Sections 1797.274 and 1797.276:

The emergency medical care committee shall, at least annually, review the operations of each of the following:

- a. Ambulance services operating within the county.*
- b. Emergency medical care offered within the county, including programs for training large numbers of people in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and lifesaving first aid techniques.*
- c. First aid practices in the county.*

Every emergency medical care committee shall, at least annually, report to the authority, and the local EMS agency its observations and recommendations relative to its review of the ambulance services, emergency medical care, and first aid practices, and programs for training people in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and lifesaving first aid techniques, and public participation in such programs in that county. The emergency medical care committee shall submit its observations and recommendations to the county board or boards of supervisors which it serves and shall act in an advisory capacity to the county board or boards of supervisors which it serves, and to the local EMS agency, on all matters relating to emergency medical services as directed by the board or boards of supervisors.

The Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity for the Board of Supervisors concerning all aspects of emergency medical care within the County and report to the Board in conjunction with its review of the various aspects of the emergency medical care within the County. The Committee shall report to the Board of Supervisors its observations and recommendations concerning the feasibility and content of emergency medical care programs within the County in conjunction with cities within the County, other counties, the State and the United States.

Except for Supervisorial appointees, each organization may designate an alternate to serve in the event of an absence by that organization's primary member.

The EMCC shall prepare an annual report to the Board of Supervisors on the current and anticipated condition of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and EMS system operation within the County.

ITEM 8B

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
June 13, 2022**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Public Safety Concerns Related to Mylar Balloons

Contact: Erica Felci, Assistant Executive Director (efelci@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Provide direction on pursuing a model ordinance that limits the sale and/or possession of Mylar balloons in order to address power outages in the Coachella Valley

Background: At the May 9, 2022 meeting of the Public Safety Committee, La Quinta Councilmember John Peña noted there is increasing public safety concerns as it relates to Mylar balloons and power outages, and asked CVAG staff to return with additional information. CVAG staff has since coordinated with both Southern California Edison (SCE) and Imperial Irrigation District (IID), which both have a focus on raising public education and awareness about mylar balloons. IID staff has also proposed a model ordinance that is beginning to circulate among cities in its service territory, and Government Affairs and Communications Officer Antonio Ortega will attend the June 13 meeting of the Public Safety Committee to discuss conversations around limiting the sale or possession of Mylar balloons.

Mylar balloons are made with Mylar nylon, a non-biodegradable material, and are typically coated with a metallic finish that conducts electricity. These balloons are a common feature at celebratory events such as birthdays or graduations, and they stay inflated for two weeks or longer. When they are not sufficiently weighted and are released into the air, Mylar balloons have the potential to contact power lines, which can result in power outages and fires.

Since 1990, California has prohibited the release of Mylar balloons into the air in an effort to help reduce power outages. In 2018, state lawmakers passed Assembly Bill 2450, which requires manufacturers of Mylar balloons to permanently mark each balloon with a warning about the risk of fires if a balloon contacts an electrical power line. Still, power outages related to the release of Mylar balloons remains a problem. In the first couple months of 2022 alone, IID reported five outages caused by these balloons, impacting 1,672 customers. IID notes that the outages also result in a loss of power to customer medical devices and equipment, can cause damage to IID's and customers' equipment, and cause fire risks.

A number of utilities are now supporting Assembly Bill 847, which is legislation authored by Assemblymember Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) that is now making its way through the state Senate. As proposed, AB 847 would require the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety implement regulations to govern the manufacture or sale of celebratory foil balloons, such as requiring balloons to pass a standard by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers that tests balloons at electric distribution voltages without causing an electrical fault. AB 847 would also ban the sale of Mylar balloons in 2026 if they cannot pass the standards and requirements.

Some California municipalities have already enacted bans to limit the use of Mylar balloons, including limits on the sale or prohibiting them in public parks. As noted above, IID staff has drafted a conceptual model ordinance that provides options for bans on limits and possession. Following the presentation,

CVAG staff is seeking the Public Safety Committee's feedback on whether a model ordinance should be finalized for consideration valleywide. Based on the committee's interest, staff would work with IID and SCE representatives to finalize the language and return in fall 2022 with proposed language.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for this informational update. The development of a model ordinance can be covered under existing staff time, should the Public Safety Committee endorse a regional approach to addressing Mylar balloons.

Attachment: IID's conceptual model ordinance to limit the use of Mylar balloons

SUGGESTED DRAFT ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF _____, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE ___ OF THE COUNTY CODE, BY ADDING CHAPTER ___ TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF MYLAR BALLOONS AND POSSESSION OF SUCH ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

WHEREAS, metallic balloons, also known as Mylar Balloons, have been acknowledged by the State of California as a health and safety hazard when they come in contact with, or come close to, high voltage power lines; and

WHEREAS, the Imperial Irrigation District ("IID"), the electric utility serving Imperial County and parts of Riverside County, owns and operates high-voltage power lines; and

WHEREAS, it is common knowledge that electricity between two lines can arc when conductive material from Mylar Balloons become entangled or come in contact with or come close to such transmission lines, causing power outages, explosions, downed power lines, and damaged infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, IID Regulation Number 23 makes it unlawful for a person to cause interference with or pose a threat to the reliability of IID's transmission or distribution lines or create a safety hazard to the public by encroaching upon the District's rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Mylar Balloon related outages has caused the ratepayers and taxpayers to incur costly repairs and suffer many hours of potentially dangerous outages affecting residents; and

WHEREAS, California state law prohibits the release of Mylar Balloons into the air and requires an object of sufficient weight to be affixed to each balloon at the time of sale or distribution to counter the lift capacity of the balloon, as well as requiring permanent warning notices regarding the conductivity and danger of Mylar Balloons along with the manufacturer's name to be placed on said balloons (See California Penal Code Section 653.1 and California Business and Professions Code Section 22942); and

WHEREAS, while state law implements prohibitions and requirements to mitigate Mylar Balloons from coming into contact with power lines, it is the desire of this County Board of Supervisors to implement additional measures to minimize the existence of threats to the health and safety of residents of the County caused by Mylar Balloons.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ___:

SECTION 1. The above Recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2. Chapter ____ is hereby added to Title __ of the Imperial County Code, to read as follows:

CHAPTER ____

MYLAR BALLOONS

Sections:

- _____ Purpose and Findings
- _____ Definitions
- _____ Mylar Balloons-Sale Prohibition
- _____ Mylar Balloons-Prohibition of Possession on County Property
- _____ Violation and Penalties
- _____ Severability
- _____ Effective Date

_____ **Purpose and Findings.** In enacting this Chapter, it is the purpose and intent of the Board of Supervisors to further the current state law prohibitions and local regulations relating to the sale and possession of Mylar Balloons and to protect the County's residents and local electric infrastructure from damages caused by Mylar Balloons coming into contact with or close to high voltage power lines.

_____ **Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply to the provisions of this Chapter;

"County" shall mean the County of _____.

"Mylar Balloon" shall mean metallic balloons made of electrically conductive materials filled with helium or a gas which is lighter than air.

"Sell" shall mean to transfer ownership, offer for sale, expose or display for sale, solicit offers to sell or trade for the exchange of money or valuables.

_____ **Mylar Balloons - Sale Prohibited.**

A. The sale of Mylar Balloons, with the exception of the provisions of Subsection C of this Section, whether or not inflated with helium or a gas lighter than air is prohibited.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or entity to sell or offer to sell any Mylar Balloon whether or not inflated with helium or a gas which is lighter than air.

C. Balloons made of electrically conductive materials that are affixed or mounted to a post or other decorative structure at the point of sale and are filled with air only are exempt from the provisions of this Chapter.

_____ **Mylar Balloons – Possession on County Property Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful to hold, possess, carry, or transport Mylar Balloons, as defined herein, while on property owned or administered by the County of Imperial. This Section shall not apply to hot air balloons or balloons used by governmental entities or for proven scientific or education sanctioned projects

_____ **Violation and Penalties.** Violations of the provisions of this Chapter shall be subject to civil penalties as set forth herein.

Civil Enforcement. The provisions of this Chapter may be enforced through the issuance of administrative citations and the imposition fines in an amount not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) per violation.

_____ **Severability.** If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is declared invalid or otherwise void by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof. In this regard, the Board of Supervisors finds and declares that it would have adopted this measure notwithstanding any partial validity thereof.

_____ **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect and shall be in full force THIRTY (30) Days from the date of its adoption.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Imperial on the ___ day of ____, 2021.

Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

County Clerk

ITEM 8C

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
June 13, 2022



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Riverside County's Coordinated Response to Asylum Seekers

Contact: Erica Felci, Assistant Executive Director (efelci@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: Title 42 is a public health order issued by President Trump's administration that allows Customs and Border Protection to expel migrants to Mexico or back to their home countries to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in holding facilities. The order was extended multiple times. Amid the improving health conditions, President Biden's administration is now seeking to end the order. The decision has been challenged, as a number of states have argued that their states' healthcare, law enforcement and education systems would be overly burdened by an influx of undocumented immigrants if the public health restriction is lifted. To date, the legal rulings have kept Title 42 in place.

The Riverside County Asylum Seeker Response Program was launched in March 2021 to support the U.S. Customs and Border Protection response to asylum seekers entering the county. The response includes ensuring that asylum seekers who are released by Border Patrol, and legally seeking asylum in the United States, receive short-term transitional services. It also included testing and sheltering needed to address the COVID-19 pandemic. The County has included funding for the Galilee Center, an eastern Coachella Valley-based nonprofit organization that fulfills the food, clothing and basic needs for local disadvantaged children, families, and farmworkers. The Asylum Seeker Response Program has engaged an array of other County departments – including public health, behavioral health, public social services and Riverside County Probation Department – to address the various social services needed, including mass care and shelter coordination, meal operations, travel assistance and other wraparound services.

By mid-May 2022, Riverside County officials said they have received 27,363 individuals. The typical assistance includes helping them with a stay in the county – generally a couple of days before they head to a sponsor outside of the county. The County was contracting for 275 motel rooms in two cities to address the need. The County is also coordinating a contingency plan should there be an increased number of individuals, including coordinating cities across the county.

Bruce Barton, Director of Riverside County's Emergency Management Department, will provide an update to the response at the June 13 meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for this informational update.

Item 9A

**COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE RECORD
FY2021-2022**

Voting Members	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	ATTENDED
Aqua Caliente			●		○		●				○		2 out of 4
City of Blythe			●		●		●				●		4 out of 4
Cabazon Band - Vacant			*		*		*				*		0 out of 4
City of Cathedral City			●		●		●				●		4 out of 4
City of Coachella			●		●		○				●		3 out of 4
City of Desert Hot Springs			●		○		●				●		3 out of 4
City of Indian Wells			●		●		●				○		3 out of 4
City of Indio			●		●		●				●		4 out of 4
City of La Quinta			●		●		●				●		4 out of 4
City of Palm Desert			●		●		○				●		3 out of 4
City of Palm Springs			●		●		●				●		4 out of 4
City of Rancho Mirage			●		●		●				●		4 out of 4
Riverside County			●		●		●				●		4 out of 4
Total Attendance Per Meeting			12		10		10				10		

Ex Officio / Non-Voting Members	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	ATTENDED
Agua Caliente			●		○		●				●		3 out of 4
California Highway Patrol			●		●		○				●		3 out of 4
Cathedral City Fire			○		○		●				●		2 out of 4
Cathedral City Police			○		○		○				●		1 out of 4
County Probation Department			○		○		●				●		2 out of 4
Desert Hot Springs Police			●		●		●				●		4 out of 4
District Attorney's Office			○		●		○				●		3 out of 4
Indio Police			●		●		●				●		4 out of 4
Palm Desert Sheriff Station			○		○		●				●		2 out of 4
Palm Springs Fire			●		●		●				●		3 out of 4
Palm Springs Police			●		●		●				○		3 out of 4
Riverside County Fire			●		●		●				●		4 out of 4
Riverside County Sheriff			○		○		●				○		3 out of 4
Thermal Sheriff Station			○		○		●				○		1 out of 4
U.S. Border Patrol			○		○		○				○		0 out of 4
Total Attendance Per Meeting			7		8		11						

No Meeting
 Vacant *

Present ●

Absent ○