

# Indio Hills Community Council

## Minutes

6 p.m. Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Via Videoconference

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### 1. Welcome & Decorum

Darin Schemmer, Office of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

### 2. Call to Order

The meeting, via Zoom, was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Indio Hills Community Council members Marcy Chapman, Jill Mervine and Edward Box were present.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

### 4. Approval of the Minutes – November 15, 2022

The minutes from the November 15, 2022 Indio Hills Community Council meeting were read, but a motion to adopt them was not made.

### 5. New Business: *Presenters must direct their report to the council. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chair may allow questions. Each speaker must first be recognized by the Chair.*

#### A. Presentation on Riverside County Code Enforcement Department Special Events Team

Ron Welch, Riverside County Code Enforcement Department SET Supervisor, [RWELCH@RIVCO.ORG](mailto:RWELCH@RIVCO.ORG)

The first of two new business items was a presentation on the Special Events Team (SET) by Mr. Welch, the supervisor of the SET team. Mr. Welch gave an overview of the SET team. The formation of this team was approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in October 2021 and, as of June 2022, the team became fully staffed. The team of four officers responds to and addresses various noise, short-term rental and vending complaints. The team works seven days a week, nights and weekends.

#### B. Presentation of Updated Road Report for Indio Hills CSA 105

Road Report Committee: Ron Feiro and Jill Mervine

David Alvarez, Riverside County Office of Economic Development, 951-955-3313, [dalvarez@rivco.org](mailto:dalvarez@rivco.org)

i. Survey of Road Conditions and Recommendations for Next Series of Maintenance Projects

ii. Overview of CSA 105 Fund Balance and Presentation of Any Available Cost Estimates and Construction Schedule Information

iii. Discussion of Recommendations and Advisory Vote, if ready

The second business item was the presentation and discussion of the updated road report for Indio Hills CSA 105 roads.

The road report committee was a discussion of the next series of roadwork in Indio Hills on CSA 105 roads. The CSA budget has a current cash balance of \$205,000, and it is expecting \$85,000 to \$90,000 to come in by April 2023, with an expected balance of \$290,000 or \$295,000 that can be used for maintenance of the CSA roads. Mr. Alvarez from the CSA staff suggested three potential projects: repairs on Avenue 30, work on Western Avenue, and slurry seal maintenance to a number of streets – Desert Rock, Sunnyslope and Happy Valley. Mr. Alvarez said, with the budget, it may not be possible to do all three projects, but this will be discussed over the next few meetings. Mr. Alvarez will seek cost estimates and do site walks and bring back more information to the community council to direct the next roadwork projects.

**6. Staff Reports:** Presenters must direct their report to the council. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chair may allow questions. Each speaker must first be recognized by the Chair.

- A. Office of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez – Darin Schemmer, 760-863-8211, [DSchemmer@rivco.org](mailto:DSchemmer@rivco.org)  
Mr. Schemmer gave a few county updates. The Indio Hills Community Clean-Up, held January 21, 2023, disposed of a total of 134 tires, 19 mattresses, 14.17 tons of trash and 1.48 tons of e-waste from 91 customers. The S.O.A.R. Animal Rescue, the Animal Action League and Indio Hills Community Council member Edward Box, with the assistance of the Desert Recreation District, held the first-ever spay and neuter, vaccine and microchip event at the Indio Hills Community Center on November 18, 2022, and it had about 28 spay and neuter procedures done and over 30 vaccinations for dogs and cats. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez has started a brand new, four-year term in January as Supervisor for Riverside County’s Fourth District, and the district now includes Whitewater, covers the entire Coachella Valley and eastern Riverside County to the state line, as well as Idyllwild and the mountain communities. Supervisor Perez has a video, presented at the State of the County event that can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=qGOHWXnBgz0>. The Tour de Palm Springs event was scheduled February 11, 2023 and a message will be sent to community members to advise them on what to expect for cyclists coming down Dillon Road. Lastly, he reported that the Coachella Valley Water District, with support Supervisor Perez provided to its grant application, was successful in receiving a grant for \$850,000 to fund a project to replace two water tanks in Indio Hills that were built in the 1990s. The Coachella Valley Water District has more steps to do before these would be constructed, but it will be an upgrade to the water system and ensure reliable water supply and fire protection.
- B. Sheriff’s Department – Sergeant Porfirio Rubio, 760-863-8990, [prubio@riversidesheriff.org](mailto:prubio@riversidesheriff.org)  
Lieutenant Randy Vasquez from the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department gave a report. From November 16, 2022 to January 24, 2023, the Sheriff’s Department had 73 calls from Indio Hills, none of which were for burglaries, assaults, and stolen/recovered vehicles.
- C. California Highway Patrol – Officer Rafael Espinosa, 760-772-5300, [Rafael.Espinosa@chp.ca.gov](mailto:Rafael.Espinosa@chp.ca.gov)  
No report.
- D. CAL Fire – Captain Ray Richardson, 760-329-1700, [Raymon.Richardson@fire.ca.gov](mailto:Raymon.Richardson@fire.ca.gov)  
No report.
- E. Emergency Management Department – Michael Ornelas, 760-578-2088, [Michael.ornelas@RIVCO.ORG](mailto:Michael.ornelas@RIVCO.ORG)  
Mr. Ornelas announced CERT classes in Mead Valley and Highgrove, and resources on the Web site RivCoReady.org.
- F. Code Enforcement – Brenda Velez, 760-393-3344, [BVelez@Rivco.org](mailto:BVelez@Rivco.org)  
Officer Velez reported that there were 43 open code enforcement cases in Indio Hills.
- G. Desert Recreation District – Ana Velasquez, 760-343-3595, [avelasquez@drd.us.com](mailto:avelasquez@drd.us.com)  
Ms. Velasquez announced the Desert Recreation District’s activities at the community center, including the Feb. 10 food distribution providing food for over 40 families, the Tour de Palm Springs utilizing the community center for restrooms, the Valentine’s Day workshop, a senior ice cream social, and family hike day. She discussed rescheduling the Indio Hills Chili Cook-Off, and the community council suggested Friday, March 24th to hold this.

H. Department of Animal Services – Lt. Luis Rosa, 760-343-3644, [lrosa@rivco.org](mailto:lrosa@rivco.org)  
No report.

I. Other Departments and Public Agencies

Daisy Ramirez Bell and Luis Garcia from the Riverside University Health System – Public Health introduced themselves as part of a new health equity program. They are attending meetings, especially in unincorporated communities, to listen to the concerns of community members in an effort to provide resources to the communities.

**7. Public comments:**

All persons wishing to address the Council on items not specifically on the agenda or on matters of general interest should do so at this time. Please limit your remarks to 3 minutes.

There were a number of public comments before the meeting adjourned.

**8. Agenda Items for next meeting**

**9. Adjourn meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. to Tuesday, March 21st at 6 p.m.

**2023 meeting schedule: Jan. 24, Mar. 21, May 16, Oct. 17, Nov. 14 (no Sept.)**

(Additional meetings may be added if an urgent issue warrants input from the community council and/or community.)

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