

COACHELLA VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

AGENDA

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 | 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District, 43420 Trader Place, Indio CA 92201

To Join by Phone: call 1-800-704-9804, participant code 588492#

Welcome & Introductions 3:00 pm

Member Updates and Announcements 3:10 pm

- CV Mosquito & Vector Control District Update
- Water Counts Academy
- Other Updates & Announcements

IVAN Updates 3:40 pm

Illegal Dumping on Tribal Lands 4:00 pm

Tony Quiroz, Diana Ugarte Navarro

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, Department of Natural Resources

An update on the illegal dumping and fires within the Reservation and how the EJ taskforce can be part of the solution.

Monthly Salton Sea Update 4:30 pm

Closing 4:50 pm

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
 - o Joint meeting with SCAQMD at Mecca Girls & Boys Club

Adjourn 5:00 pm

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OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this group is to address environmental justice concerns in Coachella Valley through a collaborative effort between the community and public agencies. Monthly task force meetings are held to promote agency transparency and accountability, provide education and outreach, offer an opportunity for meaningful public participation, and to support citizen science.

MEETING PROTOCOL

- During introductions, clearly state your name and affiliation
- Raise your hand to be recognized by the facilitator to speak
- Briefly repeat your name and affiliation every time you speak
- Avoid acronyms or be sure to define them at first use each meeting

GROUND RULES

All participants agree to adhere to several basic working agreements for a productive meeting:

HONOR TIME

Arrive on time and stay for the whole meeting, if possible (we understand if you have prior commitments). Stay on time and on topic.

PARTICIPATE WITH INTENTION

Give your full attention during the meeting. Listen and ask genuine questions. Wait for your turn to speak and do not start side conversations. Silence your cell phone.

MAINTAIN A RESPECTFUL SPACE

Avoid ascribing motives to the actions of others. Be aware of hidden assumptions and articulate them. Speak honestly and without blame or judgment.

SHARE RESPONSIBILITY

All attendees share the responsibility to implement the task force's objectives in ways that are consistent with their community's or organization's needs.

THE CO-CHAIRS FACILITATE THE MEETING

As facilitators, the co-chairs may intervene to enforce these ground rules; please respect their right to do so.

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AGENDA ITEM 1 (UPDATE)

Meeting Date

December 18, 2019

Title

CV Mosquito & Vector Control District (CVMVCD) Update

Presenter

Tammy Gordon, Public Information Officer, CVMVCD

Contact Info

<https://www.cvmosquito.org/about-district/pages/contact-district>

Description

A quick update on Coachella Valley vector activity and CVMVCD's actions

Background Information

See links below

Attachments and Links

CVMVCD's new website: <https://www.cvmosquito.org/about-district/pages/contact-district>

Virus Activity Map: <https://www.cvmosquito.org/public-health-threats/pages/virus-activity>

Mosquito Prevention tips: <https://www.cvmosquito.org/news-resources/pages/mosquito-prevention-tips>

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AGENDA ITEM 2 (ANNOUNCEMENT)

Meeting Date

December 18, 2019

Title

CV Water Counts Water Academy

Presenter

Meeting Facilitator (Requested by City of Coachella)

Contact Info

CV Water Counts

Description

The 2020 Water Counts Academy will take place in February. This comprehensive course will cover the history, use, and management of water here in the Coachella Valley. The classes will consist of four evening classes – on Tuesdays from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, starting February 4, 11, 18 and 25, and one final half-day session on Saturday, February 29, which will include a session, tour, and graduation ceremony. There is no tuition/fee, and food and refreshments will be provided during the class periods. The deadline for applications is Friday, January 17, 2020. Successful candidates will be notified by Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Background Information

The sessions will cover a variety of topics and, although subject to change, may include:•Week 1 (February 4): Local Water Overview | History of Water in the Coachella Valley | Coachella Valley Water Sources• Week 2 (February 11): Water Quality & Regulations | Economics of Water Rates• Week 3 (February 18): Building & Development | Agriculture & Water-Efficient Techniques | Cannabis• Week 4 (February 25): Conservation Planning | Golf & Recycled Water• Week 4 (February 29): Half-Day Tour, covering Water Infrastructure valley-wide Please complete the online application form below, and submit. The deadline for applications is Friday, January 17, 2020. Successful candidates will be notified by Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Attachments and Links

The online application can be found at <https://cvwatercounts.com/academy/>

COCHELLA VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

AGENDA ITEM 3 (PRESENTATION)

Meeting Date

December 18, 2019

Title

Illegal Dumping on Tribal Lands

Presenter

Tony Quiroz, Natural Resources Manager; Diana Ugarte Navarro, Environmental Specialist
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, Natural Resources

Contact Info

Tony Quiroz, oquiroz@tmdci.org; Diana Ugarte Navarro, dnavarro@tmdci.org

Description

The Torres Martinez Natural Resources staff will provide an update on the illegal dumping and fires within the Reservation and how the EJ taskforce can become part of the solution.

Background Information

Since the recent fires on the Torres Martinez reservation, the Tribe has taken measures to combat illegal dumping on Tribal lands. With the help of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, new signage has gone up in some of the most vulnerable locations. These signs demonstrate a new hotline and the inclusion of the IVAN taskforce website for reporting illegal dumping on Tribal lands.