

COACHELLA VALLEY DESERT AND MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 9:00 am

AGENDA

ACTION MAY RESULT ONLY ON ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA.
THIS MEETING IS ACCESSIBLE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Note: This is an in-person meeting which will be held at:

***45-871 Clinton Street
Indio, CA 92201***

For Questions Contact:

Abriana Elms at aelms@cvmc.ca.gov or (760) 776-5026.

1. Call to Order – The Chair will determine if there is a quorum. If a quorum is met, the meeting will be called to order.
2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items – The public may comment on items not on the agenda.
3. Discussion/Action Items – The items below will be open for discussion and possible action will be taken.
 - A. Approval of April 17, 2026, Meeting Minutes (See Attachment 1) – Previous meeting minutes will be reviewed and voted on by the Conservation Authority.
 - B. Desert Recreation District will provide the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 (See Attachment 2). The Board will vote to approve the budget.
4. Grant Discussion Updates – This will be an informational item where DRD/CVMC provide updates on CVDMRCA grants.
5. Board Member Comments or Announcements – Board Members will provide any additional updates. This is an informational item.
6. Propose next meeting date – Board Members will discuss next meeting date.
7. Adjournment: The Chair will adjourn the meeting.

Contact:

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ATTACHMENT 1

Agenda Item 3A

Approval of April 17, 2026, Meeting Minutes

COACHELLA VALLEY DESERT AND MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Friday April 17, 2026, 9:00 am

Friends of the Desert Mountains
51500 Highway 74
Palm Desert, CA 92260

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Brundige, Coachella Valley Conservation
Commission (CVCC)
Luis Espinoza, Desert Recreation District (DRD)
Elizabeth King, Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy
(CVMC)
Gabriel Martin, Desert Recreation District (DRD)
Deborah McGarrey, Coachella Valley Mountains
Conservancy (CVMC) (Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth King, CVDMRCA Executive Officer
Diana Rosas, CVMC Associate Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Sonya Galvez, Account Manager, Desert Recreation District
Troy Strange, Desert Recreation District

a. Call to Order

Chair Deborah McGarrey declared a quorum with five voting members present and called the meeting to order at 9:13 am.

2.0 Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments or questions.

3.0 Discussion/Action

A. Approval of March 6, 2026, Meeting Minutes:

Vote: Chair McGarrey asked for and received a motion and a second (Brundige/King) to approve the March 6, 2026, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended on June 30, 2025.

Chair McGarrey introduced Jonathan Abadesco, C.J. Brown & Company, CPA. Abadesco presented the Audited Financial Statements as presented in the staff report.

Board Member Elizabeth King asked Sonya Galvez, Desert Recreation District (DRD), if there is supporting data or a breakdown for the amounts referenced in the report. Galvez explained that of the \$1,450.00 liability listed, \$568.00 is owed to C.J. Brown and \$882.00 is owed to DRD for QuickBooks fees for year 2025. Per Jonathan Abadesco, C.J. Brown & Company the Accounts Receivable reflects that CVMC owes the Authority \$1,300.00. Of this amount, \$882.00 relates to QuickBooks fees and \$431.00 relates to the Anza reimbursement. Board Member Brundige asked whether any new grants are being taken into consideration when budgeting revenue for the upcoming fiscal year. Galvez, DRD responded that yes, it should be taken into consideration. Abadesco, C.J. Brown & Company, explained that the next step is the submission of the signed audit report within twelve months following the end of the fiscal year, after which the audited financial statements are submitted to the State. He further noted that the Authority's Annual Financial Transaction Report is submitted to the State each year by January 31.

Vote: Chair McGarrey asked for and received a motion and a second (King/Brundige) to approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended on June 30, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no further comments or questions from the board.

4.0 Board Member Comments or Announcements

There were no additional director comments or announcements.

5.0 Proposal of Next Meeting Date

Board Members proposed the next meeting date as tentatively July 28, 2026. The meeting was officially set for August 4, 2026 at 9am at 45305 Oasis Street, Indio, CA 92201.

6.0 Recess

The meeting was adjourned/recessed at 9:32 am to Shumway Ranch for an informational site visit to begin at approximately 11 a.m.

7.0 Informational Site Visit

Site visit was held at Shumway Ranch, 7000 Carrizo Rd. Mountain Center, CA 92561. The Board took an informational tour of Shumway Ranch. No Board action was taken.

8.0 Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting/site visit at 12pm.

ATTACHMENT 2

Agenda Item 3B Request for Approval of the Coachella Valley Desert and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with section 9.4 of the Coachella Valley Desert and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (CVDMRCA) Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement the CVDMRCA board must adopt an annual budget in a form approved by the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy (CVMC) and the Desert Recreation District (DRD), which budget shall be submitted to the CVMC and the DRD for approval, in the time and manner as specified by CVMC and DRD. Public funds may not be disbursed by the CVDMRCA without approval of the adopted budget of the CVDMRCA, and all receipts and disbursements shall be in strict conformance with the adopted and approved budget.

DISCUSSION

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (attached) includes the programs and activities that support the CVDMRCA annual workplan. The annual workplan includes the following programs:

• Administration – Member Contributions	\$10,000
• Shumway Ranch Use – User Fees	\$5,000
• Land Management Capacity Building Project – CRCA0009	\$95,360.45
• W. Deception Canyon Trail Project - P680025	17,998
• Unidentified Projects/Programs – Shumway Improvements	\$200,000
Total	<u>\$328,358.45</u>

The CVDMRCA has a beginning fund balance of \$2,026 consisting of one grant balance that will carry over to the new fiscal year. The CVDMRCA anticipates revenues of \$328,385.48 from a combination of sources including member contributions, intergovernmental revenue, user fees, and grants. The program expenditure outlined above is \$328,385.45 leaving the CVDMRCA with an estimated ending fund balance of \$2,026 as illustrated in the table below:

FY2026-27 Budget Summary

Beginning Fund Balance	\$2,026
Revenues	\$328,358.45
Expenditures	<u>\$328,358.45</u>
Ending Fund Balance	\$2,026

DRD will act on the CVDMRCA budget on July 22, 2026. CVMC will act on August 10, 2026. Therefore, staff request the CVDMRCA provides its approval contingent on the approvals of the DRD and CVMC boards. Should one or both member agencies not approve the budget, staff will resubmit the budget to the CVDMRCA to amend and approve any requested adjustments.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends a motion approving the attached Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget.

Exhibit A

Coachella Valley Desert & Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority Preliminary Budget FY27 July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027

	Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy	Desert Recreation District	Grant No. 38500000CRCA0009	Grant No. 38500000P680015	Grant No. 38500000P680025	Shumway Ranch Operations	Unidentified Grants/ Projects	Total
Income								
Grants			95,360.45	0.00	17,998.00		200,000.00	313,358.45
Intergovernmental								
Revenue	5,000.00	5,000.00						10,000.00
User Fees						5,000.00		5,000.00
Total for Income	5,000.00	5,000.00	95,360.45	\$0.00	17,998.00	5,000.00	200,000.00	\$328,358.45
Cost of Goods Sold								
Gross Profit	5,000.00	5,000.00	95,360.45	\$0.00	17,998.00	5,000.00	200,000.00	\$328,358.45
Expenses								
Bank Charges & Fees	100.00	100.00						200.00
General Services			95,360.45	\$0.00	17,998.00	5,000.00		118,358.45
Insurance	2,500.00	2,500.00						5,000.00
Office Supplies & Software	600.00	600.00						1,200.00
Professional Services	1,800.00	1,800.00						3,600.00
Repairs & Maintenance							200,000.00	200,000.00
Total for Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00	95,360.45	\$0.00	17,998.00	5,000.00	200,000.00	\$328,358.45
Net Operating Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Income								
Other Expenses								
Net Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00