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RE: CV Link Mobile Hydration – Support


On behalf of the City of Palm Desert, I am writing to express support for the CV Link Mobile Hydration initiative, which aims to foster community resilience to extreme heat in the Coachella Valley. The Coachella Valley is known for its scorching summer temperatures, which pose significant health risks, particularly to vulnerable populations. The CV Link Mobile Hydration project plays a vital role in mitigating these risks by providing accessible hydration stations and resources to reduce the effects of extreme heat. By offering a source of relief from the heat, this initiative not only promotes physical health but also fosters a sense of community support and cohesion.

CVAG is a joint powers authority comprising the nine Coachella Valley cities, four local Tribal Nations, and the County of Riverside. CVAG builds regional projects of significance, including the CV Link, a 40-plus mile multi-modal pathway that spans the Coachella Valley. With support from the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program, CVAG will use CV Link to directly access disadvantaged communities and implement a mobile hydration program using Urban Conservation Corp (UCC) Rangers. The program will strengthen community services and response to extreme heat by providing water, extreme heat resource kits, and educational materials that build capacity for vulnerable communities to build extreme heat resilience. The project will also incorporate the Coachella Valley's rich cultural heritage by including placemaking signage related to extreme heat. By working with the UCC, youth in the Ranger Program will learn leadership skills that support their community's health and well-being.

In addition to its immediate health benefits, the CV Link Mobile Hydration initiative aligns with broader efforts to enhance community resilience in the face of climate change. As extreme heat events become more frequent and severe, we must invest in adaptive strategies that empower individuals and communities to withstand these challenges. By promoting hydration and heat safety awareness, this project contributes to building a more resilient Coachella Valley, especially for vulnerable populations.

Furthermore, the collaborative nature of the CV Link Mobile Hydration initiative is a testament to the strength of partnerships in addressing complex societal issues. This project, which brings together government agencies, non-profit organizations, businesses, and community stakeholders, is an example of our collective commitment to the well-being of our community. I am confident that your favorable consideration of the CV Link Mobile Hydration initiative will further strengthen these partnerships and our community's resilience.

Sincerely,


Karina Quintanilla
Mayor