

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2025

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
COACHELLA VALLEY PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 09-2024 TO LIMIT
COMPENSATED MEETINGS AND OCCURRENCES TO A
MAXIMUM OF FIVE (5) PER CALENDAR MONTH**

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 9031 authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District (“Board of Trustees”) to provide compensation to members of the Board of Trustees (“Trustee” or “Trustees”) for attendance at meetings or performance of other authorized services; and

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 9031 further limits compensation for attendance at meetings to no more than six (6) meetings in a calendar month, with no more than four (4) per month, unless the Board of Trustees annually adopts a written policy supported by substantial evidence describing why more than four (4) meetings are necessary for the effective operation of the District; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 20200 *et seq.* authorizes the Board of Trustees to establish and adjust compensation by ordinance, subject to statutory limitations; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance No. 09-2024, establishing trustee compensation of One Hundred Thirty (\$130) per day for each day’s attendance at meetings or services rendered at the request of the Board of Trustees, and authorizing compensation for up to ten (10) meetings and/or occurrences per calendar month; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that reducing the monthly limit on compensated meetings and/or occurrences is consistent with the District’s operational needs, provides greater predictability, promotes fiscal responsibility, and ensures transparency to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees therefore desires to amend Ordinance No. 09-2024 by replacing the prior monthly cap of ten (10) meetings and/or occurrences with a monthly cap of five (5) meetings and/or occurrences; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 17, 2025, at 8:00 AM or soon thereafter, at the Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District Office, located at 44801 Village Ct. Ste. 104, Palm Desert, CA 92260, and a notice of said hearing was duly published in The Desert Sun, a newspaper of general circulation, on September 26 and October 3, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
COACHELLA VALLEY PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. Trustee Compensation. The amount of compensation to be received by the Trustees for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board of Trustees, or for each day's service rendered at the request of the Board of Trustees, shall be One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$130) per day.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 9031, no Trustee shall receive compensation for more than six (6) meetings of the Board in a Calendar month and no more than four (4) meetings in a calendar month, unless the Board of Trustees annually adopts a written policy, supported by substantial evidence, describing why more than four (4) meetings are necessary for the effective operation of the district.

Notwithstanding the foregoing monthly limitations, in no event shall any Trustee receive compensation for more than five (5) meetings and/or occurrences in a single calendar month. The maximum monthly compensation per Trustee shall not exceed Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$650) per calendar month.

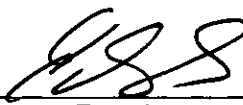
Compensation shall be per day, and not per meeting. Any Trustee may formally waive compensation by providing written notice to the Clerk of the Board.

SECTION 3. Reimbursement for Expenses. Trustees shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary traveling and incidental expenses incurred while on official business of the District pursuant to the District's Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy. Any Trustee may waive reimbursement by providing written notice to the Clerk of the Board.

SECTION 4. Supersession. Ordinance No. 09-2024 is hereby amended to replace the monthly cap of ten (10) meetings and/or occurrences with a monthly cap of five (5) meetings and/or occurrences. All ordinances, resolutions, or administrative actions by the Board of Trustees, or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby superseded only to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees shall sign this Ordinance and the Clerk of the Board of Trustees shall attest thereto, and pursuant to Section 20204 of the California Water Code, this Ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days from the date of adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 14 day of November, 2025, by the Board of Trustees of the Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District.



Ernesto Rosales
Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the

Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District

ATTEST:

Sherry Winder

Sherry Winder
Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the
Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District

I, Sherry Winder, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance regarding compensation for members of the Board of Trustees of the Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District, Riverside County, State of California, being Ordinance No. 10-2025 was adopted at a regular meeting on November 14, 2025 of said District by the following vote:

AYES: *Rosales, Vossler, Coronel, Underwood, Rios*
NOES: *None*
ABSTAIN: *None*
ABSENT: *None*

Sherry Winder
Clerk

