



COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 14, 2019
11 am

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119
Palm Desert, CA 92260
760-346-1127

TELECONFERENCING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:
Imperial Irrigation District
321 S. Waterman Ave. Suite 200
El Centro, CA 92243
760-482-3456

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Linda Evans, Chair
2. **ROLL CALL**
 - A. **Member Roster** [P4](#)
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Any person wishing to address the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission on items appearing on this agenda may do so at this time. Please limit comments to 3 minutes. Additional time may be permitted at the discretion of the Chair.
5. **COMMISSION CHAIR / DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**
6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - A. **Approve September 12, 2019 CVCC Meeting Minutes** [P5](#)
 - B. **Approve a contract with Southern California Mountains Foundation for an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to remove tamarisk in the Willow Hole** [P9](#)

Conservation Area and from North Shore Ranch in the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Area

- C. **Approve Amendment #1 to the contract with Friends of the Desert Mountains to remove tamarisk and fountain grass from water sources in Peninsular bighorn sheep habitat in the Santa Rosa Mountains, extending the term through January 31, 2020 at no additional cost** [P24](#)

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

- A. **Presentation on Acquisitions Process and Tax Default Parcels** – Jim Karpiak, Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy
Recommendation: Information only
- B. **Acquisition of 1 Parcel Totaling Approximately 5.0 Acres in the Willow Hole Conservation Area** – Jim Karpiak, Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy
Recommendation: Approve Resolution 19-017 authorizing acquisition of 1 parcel totaling approximately 5.0 acres in the Willow Hole Conservation Area at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 plus closing and transaction related costs not to exceed \$3,500; and authorize the Executive Director to execute all necessary contracts and take such other actions as necessary for the acquisition. [P26](#)
- C. **Acquisition of 3 Parcels Totaling Approximately 93.24 Acres in the Upper Mission Creek/Big Morongo Canyon Conservation Area** – Jim Karpiak, Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy
Recommendation: Approve Resolution 19-018 authorizing acquisition of 3 parcels totaling approximately 93.24 acres in the Upper Mission Creek/Big Morongo Canyon Conservation Area at a cost not to exceed \$260,000 plus closing and transaction related costs not to exceed \$4,000; and authorize the Executive Director to execute all necessary contracts and take such other actions as necessary for the acquisition. [P31](#)
- D. **Acquisition of 1 Parcel Totaling Approximately 647.45 Acres in the Thousand Palms Conservation Area** – Jim Karpiak, Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy
Recommendation: Approve Resolution 19-019 authorizing acquisition of 1 parcel totaling approximately 647.45 acres in the Thousand Palms Conservation Area at a cost not to exceed \$291,353 plus closing and transaction related costs not to exceed \$3,000; and authorize the Executive Director to execute all necessary contracts and take such other actions as necessary for the acquisition. [P36](#)
- E. **La Quinta Bighorn Sheep Barrier Project Update** – Katie Barrows
Recommendation: Information only [P41](#)

8. INFORMATION

A. Attendance Record

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B. Response to Commission questions regarding September Trails Management Subcommittee presentation

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C. Coachella Valley Desert and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

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9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Any member of the public wishing to address the Commission on items not appearing on this agenda may do so at this time. Please limit comments to 2 minutes. Additional time may be permitted at the discretion of the Chair.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming meeting at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, Palm Desert:

- Coachella Valley Conservation Commission – January 9, 2020 at 11 am

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