

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2012**

The audio file for this committee meeting can be found at:
<http://www.cvaa.org/minutes.htm>.



1. CALL TO ORDER

The February 27, 2012 Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Supervisor Benoit, County of Riverside, in the CVAG Conference Room #119, Palm Desert.

2. ROLL CALL

A roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Mayor Kathleen De Rosa
Councilmember Steven Hernandez
Mayor Yvonne Parks
Mayor Douglas Hanson
Mayor Glenn Miller
Mayor Don Adolph
Mayor Bob Spiegel
Councilmember Chris Mills
Mayor Dana Hobart
Supervisor Jeff Stone
Supervisor John Benoit
Supervisor Marion Ashley

AGENCY

City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside 3rd District
County of Riverside 4th District
County of Riverside 5th District

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Tribal Chair Richard Milanovich
Tribal Chairman David Roosevelt

AGENCY

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Greg Pettis
Councilmember Lupe Ramos Watson
Don Bradley
David Garcia
Rod Wood
Dan Martinez
Mark Weiss
John Wohlmuth
David Ready
Randy Bynder

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City of Cathedral City
City of Indio
City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Barrack
Barry Busch
Jennifer Farr
Tom Flavin
Kay Hazen
Bill Hodge
Julius Kazen
Robert Manning
Tomas Oliva
Jim Rothblatt
LeGrand Velez
Judy Vossler
John Westom
David Wellmon

AGENCY

Roy's Desert Resource Center
County of Riverside
Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.
CVEP
Consultant
Hodge & Associates
Palm Springs Hospitality Association
Southwest Rail
SCAG
CVC Trails Alliance
Consultant
CVA
CVA
League of CA Cities

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk
Allyn Waggle
Gary Leong
Aurora Wilson
Katie Barrows
Jim Sullivan
Michael Shoberg
Joanna Stueckle

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Benoit led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Manning, Southwest Rail, discussed the recent tour of the Los Angeles Union Station.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Tom Kirk invited members of the Executive Committee to the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Palm Drive/Gene Autry Trail and Indian Canyon Drive Interchanges at 9:00 a.m. on March 9th.

Mr. Kirk announced the upcoming recognition of Aurora Wilson by the Desert Christian Academy for her work on homelessness issues in the Coachella Valley.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR SPIEGEL AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ASHLEY
TO:**

A. APPROVE THE JANUARY 30, 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

B. APPROVE THE EXISTING INVESTMENT POLICY OF CVAG

THE MOTION CARRIED.

C. Receive and File

- 1) Status of Five I-10 Interchange Projects
- 2) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report
- 3) Single-Use Plastic Bag Ordinance
- 4) Executive Committee and Technical Advisory Committee Attendance Roster

THESE ITEMS WERE RECEIVED AND FILED.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. SCAG Elections for Regional Council Representatives – Aurora Wilson

Councilmember Greg Pettis ran unopposed for the District 2 SCAG Regional Council Representative for CVAG.

There were two candidates for the District 66, SCAG Regional Council Representative for CVAG: Councilmember Lupe Ramos Watson (Current Representative) and Councilmember Mike Wilson, both from the City of Indio.

A voice vote was taken to determine the nominee for District 66 with the following result:

Councilmember DeConinck, City of Blythe	Councilmember Ramos-Watson
Councilmember Hernandez, City of Coachella	Councilmember Wilson
Mayor Miller, City of Indio	Councilmember Ramos-Watson
Councilmember Ramos-Watson, City of Indio	Councilmember Ramos-Watson
Mayor Adolph, City of La Quinta	Councilmember Ramos-Watson

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR SPIEGEL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR ADOLPH TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER PETTIS AS THE DISTRICT 2 SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AND COUNCILMEMBER RAMOS-WATSON AS THE DISTRICT 66 SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

B. Draft Audited Financial Report, Draft Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) 114 Letter, and Draft Management Letter for Fiscal Year 2010/11 – Gary Leong

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ASHLEY AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR STONE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/11. THE MOTION CARRIED.

C. Update on Roy's Desert Resource Center – Aurora Wilson

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

D. Green for Life Update – Katie Barrows

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

E. Consider Policy Statement Regarding Use of Transportation Related Funds to Support Construction of the Whitewater Parkway 1e11 Project and Authorize a Regional Application for South Coast AQMD Emissions Reduction funding in Support of the Parkway 1e11 Project – Tom Kirk

Public comments were taken. Kay Hazen, Julius Kazen, LeGrand Velez, Tom Flavin, and Jim Rothblatt all spoke in favor of this project.

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR STONE AND SECONDED BY MAYOR DE ROSA TO:

- 1) AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR EMISSION OFFSET MITIGATION FUNDS FROM THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED UNDER THE AB 1318 MITIGATION FEES FUND PROVIDED BY THE CPV SENTINEL ENERGY PROJECT POWER PLANT;**
- 2) AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO COMPLETE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT THIS GRANT APPLICATION;**
- 3) REQUEST LETTERS OF SUPPORT, COMMITMENT, OR PARTICIPATION FROM MEMBER AGENCIES, SIGNED BY THE CITY MANAGER, OR AS REQUIRED BY THE GRANT PROGRAM; AND**
- 4) AUTHORIZE CVAG TRANSPORTATION FUNDS TO BE USED AS A POTENTIAL MATCH AS LONG AS SUCH FUNDING DOES NOT DELAY CONSTRUCTION OF ANY CURRENTLY OBLIGATED PROJECT OR DELAY ANY OTHER PENDING HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT.**

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FURTHER DIRECTED THAT CVAG STAFF INFORM THE JURISDICTIONS IN ORDER TO HELP EDUCATE THE CITY COUNCILS ON WAYS TO MAKE USE OF THE FUNDS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THE CITY OF COACHELLA VOTING NAY.

F. Consider Agreement with the City of Cathedral City for Improvements to Date Palm Drive and Vista Chino Drive – Allyn Waggle

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR SPIEGEL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR ADOLPH TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY FOR IMPROVEMENTS

TO DATE PALM DRIVE AND VISTA CHINO DRIVE IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$560,062. THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert:

Executive Committee – Monday, April 30, 2012, 4:30 p.m.

There will be a **Joint Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** for the **Palm Drive Interchange** and the **Indian Canyon Interchange** on **Friday, March 9th at 9:00 a.m.** at the same site of the Ground Breaking on 20th Avenue.

Dave Willmon, League of California Cities, announced that he is leaving the League for a job in the District Attorney's office.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Benoit adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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