

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2013**



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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The April 8, 2013 Technical Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chair David Lane, in the CVAG Conference Room #119, Palm Desert.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT**

David Lane  
Bill Simons  
David Garcia  
Rick Daniels  
Dan Martinez  
Frank Spevacek  
John Wohlmuth  
David Ready  
Randy Bynder  
Margaret Park

**AGENCY**

City of Blythe  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Rod Wood  
Jay Orr  
Paul Slama

**AGENCY**

City of Indian Wells  
County of Riverside  
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Crystal Crawford  
Barrett Newkirk  
Erin Sasse

**AGENCY**

Ygrene Energy Fund  
The Desert Sun  
League of CA Cities

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

4. **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Tom Kirk indicated that Assembly Bill 225 will likely be amended and the amended bill will be presented to the Executive Committee.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY FRANK SPEVACEK AND SECONDED BY JOHN WOHLMUTH TO:**

- A. **APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 11, 2013 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**
- B. **APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 13-001 IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 225**
- C. **SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 1097 (NESTANDE)**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

D. **Receive and File**

- 1) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- 2) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report
- 3) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Contract Status Report
- 4) Parkway 1e11 Update
- 5) Executive Committee and Technical Advisory Committee Attendance Roster
- 6) Comment Letter on California State Rail Plan
- 7) CVAG Approved Future Reimbursements
- 8) Consider Potential, Interim Use of CVAG Property as Energy Park
- 9) Update on Regional Property Assessed Clean Energy Program
- 10) Green 4 Life Update

**THESE ITEMS WERE RECEIVED AND FILED.**

6. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

- A. **Selection of the Budget Sub-Committee for Fiscal Year 2013/14 – Gary Leong**

**IT WAS MOVED BY FRANK SPEVACEK AND SECONDED BY DAVID GARCIA TO APPOINT DAN MARTINEZ AND JOHN WOHLMUTH TO THE BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/14. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

- B. Consider RCTC Proposition 1b Funds for Seed Funding a Coachella Valley Rail Fund and the set-aside of 10% of Coachella Valley Transit Development Act Funds for a Future Passenger Rail Program – Allyn Waggle**

**IT WAS MOVED BY RANDY BYNDER AND SECONDED BY FRANK SPEVACEK TO:**

- 1) ENTER AN MOU WITH RCTC TO ESTABLISH AN INITIAL COACHELLA VALLEY RAIL FUND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY RCTC PURSUANT TO POLICY DIRECTION FROM CVAG'S TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE;**
- 2) WORK WITH RCTC TO ESTABLISH THE COACHELLA VALLEY RAIL FUND THAT WOULD UTILIZE \$4.2 MILLION IN PROPOSITION 1B FUNDS AS START UP/ SEED FUNDING;**
- 3) ESTABLISH A 90% BUS TRANSIT/10% PASSENGER RAIL SERVICES SPLIT POLICY FOR COACHELLA VALLEY TDA FUNDS WHICH WOULD BE PROGRESSIVELY PHASED IN OVER A PERIOD OF 3-4 YEARS;**
- 4) ESTABLISH THAT THE COACHELLA VALLEY RAIL FUND WOULD INITIALLY BE USED TO CONDUCT STATION DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, PROVIDE SOME STAFF (RCTC) SUPPORT, AND PROVIDE INITIAL CAPITAL FUNDING FOR APPROVED STATIONS;**
- 5) BEGIN SEEKING MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE COACHELLA VALLEY INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO ALLOW THE AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE TDA FUNDS AND TO TIGHTEN, AS NECESSARY, THE LANGUAGE TO CLARIFY THAT THE AUTHORITY IS NOT ESTABLISHED TO OPERATE BUSES.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

- C. Consider Incentives/Disincentives Policy to Encourage Continuous Participation in Regional Programs – Allyn Waggle**

**IT WAS MOVED BY FRANK SPEVACEK AND SECONDED BY DAVID GARCIA TO APPROVE CVAG POLICY 13-03, OUTLINED AS FOLLOWS:**

**CVAG MEMBERS THAT FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE TUMF AND MULTIPLE SPECIES PROGRAM PAY ONLY 25% OF THE COST OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS WHILE CVAG PAYS 75%. FOR THOSE JURISDICTIONS THAT DO NOT FULLY PARTICIPATE IN TUMF AND/OR THE MULTIPLE SPECIES PROGRAM, THEIR SHARE OF PROJECTS BECOMES 75% WHILE CVAG'S SHARE WILL BE 25%. ADDITIONALLY, FOR THOSE JURISDICTIONS THAT CAUSE ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS AND COSTS DUE TO WITHDRAWING FROM THE MULTIPLE SPECIES PROGRAM, THEY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR 100% OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE COSTS.**

**NOTES:**

1. THE PROPOSED POLICY DOES NOT APPLY TO THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS AS CVAG/CVCC PROCESSES THEIR INCLUSION INTO THE MULTIPLE SPECIES PROGRAM NOR DOES IT APPLY TO THE CITY OF LA QUINTA AS THE CITY AND CVAG PROCESS THEIR INCLUSION INTO THE TUMF PROGRAM.
2. IT IS THE PROPOSED INTENT THAT ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS POLICY IMPOSED ON A JURISDICTION NOT BE RECOVERABLE IF THE JURISDICTION LATER DECIDES, AND CVAG AND/OR ALLIED AGENCIES AGREE, TO RE-ENTER THE TUMF AND/OR MULTIPLE SPECIES PROGRAMS.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

- D. Consider Amendment Number One to the Reimbursement Agreement by and between CVAG and the County of Riverside for the Avenue 56 (Airport Boulevard) Grade Separation Project – Allyn Waggle

IT WAS MOVED BY RANDY BYNDER AND SECONDED BY JOHN WOHLMUTH TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CVAG AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FOR THE AVENUE 56 (AIRPORT BOULEVARD) GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT. THE MOTION CARRIED.

- E. Selection of Consultant for the Public Outreach Program for the Parkway 1e11 as Funded by the Caltrans Environmental Justice Grant – Michael Shoberg

IT WAS MOVED BY RICK DANIELS AND SECONDED BY DAN MARTINEZ TO APPROVE SELECTION OF WESTBOUND COMMUNICATIONS AND BURKE RIX COMMUNICATIONS AS CONSULTANTS FOR THE PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR THE PARKWAY 1E11 AS FUNDED BY THE CALTRANS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANT AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO COORDINATE WITH THE CITY OF PALM DESERT CITY MANAGER TO USE PART OR ALL OF THE \$22,500 DEPOSITED WITH THE CITY FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES.

7. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Erin Sasse, League of California Cities gave an update on pending legislation in both the Assembly and Senate. Ms. Sasse indicated that updates would also be emailed to members.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Technical Advisory Committee – Monday, May 13, 2013, 11:00 a.m.

Executive Committee – Monday, April 29, 2013, 4:30 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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