

ITEM 6A

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 29, 2019**



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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The April 29, 2019, 2019 Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Acting Chair Jeff Grubbe, Tribal Chair of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, at 73-710 Fred Waring Dr., Suite 119 in Palm Desert, CA.

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

Councilmember Joseph DeConinck
Mayor Mark Carnevale
Mayor Steven Hernandez
Mayor Scott Matas
Mayor Ted Mertens
Mayor Lupe Ramos-Amith
Mayor Linda Evans
Councilmember Kathleen Kelly
Mayor Robert Moon
Councilmember Dana Hobart
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Tribal Chair Jeff Grubbe

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 (Arrived during start of Item 7A)
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside 4th District
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Supervisor Chuck Washington
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt
Tribal Chair Douglas Welmas

AGENCY

County of Riverside 1st District
County of Riverside 2nd District
County of Riverside 3rd District
County of Riverside 5th District
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

MEMBER SUPPORT STAFF

Charles McClendon
Kevin McCarthy
Mark Scott

AGENCY

City of Cathedral City
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio

Frank Spevacek
Lauri Aylaian
Marcus Fuller
Isaiah Hagerman

City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
Vity of Rancho Mirage

OTHERS PRESENT

Patricia Cooper
Mario Garcia
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan
Greg Rodriguez
Boomer Shannon
Lauren Skiver
Brittney Sowell

AGENCY

County of Riverside
County of Riverside
City of Palm Desert
County of riverside
County of Riverside
Sunline Transit Agency
Sunline Transit Agency

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk
Gary Leong
Martin Magaña
Katie Barrows
Eric Cowle
Erica Felci
Ben Druyon
Oscar Vizcarra
Joanna Stueckle
Michael Jenkins

CVAG Legal Counsel

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting Chair Jeff Grubbe led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Tom Kirk updated members on cap and trade advocacy efforts, indicating that the City of Indio recently received a \$200,000 grant. Mr. Kirk also announced the upcoming South Coast Air Quality Management District public hearings in Palm Desert and Coachella, as well as the upcoming SCAG General Assembly.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MATAS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

A. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 25, 2019 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

B. APPROVE HOLDING 2019 CVAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING AT AGUA CALIENTE CASINO RESORT AND SPA IN RANCHO MIRAGE AND SET PRICE AT \$70.00 PER PERSON

- C. AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN LETTER TO NEW ZERO TRAFFIC FATALITIES TASK FORCE, OUTLINING NEED FOR MORE LOCAL DISCRETION IN SETTING SPEED LIMITS AND SUPPORTING APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILWOMAN LISA MIDDLETON AS A TASK FORCE MEMBER
- D. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 7 FOR NO-COST EXTENSION TO CV LINK CONTRACT WITH TERRA NOVA, ENDING IN DECEMBER 2019

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR MERTENS	AYE
MAYOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

6.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. **Chairmanship Succession for CVAG – Erica Felci**

Erica Felci presented the staff report. Member comment ensued. Action was taken on the fiscal year 2019/2020 chairmanship.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MERTENS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO RECOMMEND THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLIA INDIANS AS CHAIR AND THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF INDIO AS VICE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR MERTENS	AYE

MAYOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

Member comment continued regarding setting a formal policy. It was suggested that staff return to the next meeting with a proposed member rotation policy for discussion.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MERTENS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ TO DIRECT STAFF TO TAKE STEPS TO PROVIDE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WITH A PROPOSED ROTATION POLICY MAKING THE MEMBER JURISDICTION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR, RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS; AND RETURN TO THE NEXT MEETING FOR MEMBER CONSIDERATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, 1 NAY AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR MERTENS	AYE
MAYOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEBER KELLY	NAY
MAYOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

B. SCAG Election Policy – Erica Felci

Ms. Felci presented the staff report. Member comment ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO:

- 1) DISCUSS A POLICY CHANGE TO ENCOURAGE BROADER PARTICIPATION IN SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND DISTRIBUTE THIS INFORMATION TO CITIES FOR ANY ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK; AND**

- 2) ESTABLISH SUB-REGIONAL POLICY THAT APPOINTMENTS TO SCAG POLICY COMMITTEES WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE CVAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EVERY TWO YEARS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR MERTENS	AYE
MAYOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

C. Coachella Valley Homelessness Collaborative – Tom Kirk

Mr. Kirk invited Sabby Jonathan, Homelessness Committee Chairman and Palm Desert Councilmember to give an update on efforts to create a homelessness collaborative.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RIVERSIDE COUNTY TO APPOINT GREG RODRIGUEZ, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC POLICY ADVISOR TO SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ, TO LEAD IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY HOMELESSNESS COLLABORATIVE, WITH CVAG'S SHARE OF COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000 FOR ONE YEAR, WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR A SECOND YEAR.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR MERTENS	AYE
MAYOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE

SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

D. Support for State Funding to Combat Homelessness in Coachella Valley – Tom Kirk

Mr. Kirk gave a brief report and encouraged member jurisdictions to send separate letters of support. Councilmember DeConinck requested the Palo Verde Valley be added to the letter. Members briefly discussed the process of assisting immigrants being bussed into the Palo Verde Valley and the Coachella Valley.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY TO AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN LETTER IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBERS CHAD MAYES AND EDUARDO GARCIA FOR STATE FUNDING TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY AND PALO VERDE VALLEY.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR MERTENS	AYE
MAYOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

E. Western Coachella Valley Blowsand and Flooding Study – Martin Magaña

Martin Magaña presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MATAS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN THAT PROVIDES NEAR-TERM SOLUTIONS TO IMPACTS FROM BLOWSAND AND FLOODING EVENTS IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR MERTENS	AYE
MAYOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

F. Amendment No 2 for North Indian Canyon Drive Widening Project – Eric Cowle

Eric Cowle presented the staff report. Brief member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MATAS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MOON TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE NORTH INDIAN CANYON DRIVE WIDENING PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,591,000, ADDING THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS (AGENCY) TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT AND ESTABLISHING PROPORTIONAL COST SHARE ESTIMATES; AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE MINOR MODIFICATIONS PRIOR TO EXECUTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR MERTENS	AYE
MAYOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

8. INFORMATION

- a) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- b) CVAG Regional Arterial Program - Project Status Report
- c) CVAG Regional Arterial Program - Contract Status Report
- d) CVAG Regional Bike/Pedestrian Safety Program Update
- e) Executive Committee Attendance Roster
- f) AB 854: Imperial Irrigation District – Retail Electric Service
- g) CVAG Quarterly Report
- h) Caltrans Audit Report
- i) Suggested Guidelines for Electric Scooter Sharing
- j) SCAG 2019 General Assembly

Mayor Evans commented on Information item F, indicating that letters of support would be helpful.

Mr. Leong was asked if the Audit Committee had been informed of Information item H. Mr. Leong reported that the Audit Committee was made aware of the Caltrans Audit Report.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Executive Committee – Monday, June 3, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Acting Chair Grubbe adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Stueckle

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Executive Assistant