

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JUNE 26, 2017**



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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The June 26, 2017 Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chair Dana Reed, City of Indian Wells, at Miramonte Indian Wells Resort and Spa, 45000 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells.

**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 Stan Henry  
Mayor Steven Hernandez  
Mayor Scott Matas  
Councilmember Dana Reed  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wilson  
Mayor Linda Evans  
Mayor Jan Harnik  
Mayor Robert Moon  
Councilmember Dana Hobart  
Supervisor Marion Ashley  
Tribal Chair Jeff Grubbe

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries  
Supervisor John Tavaglione  
Supervisor Chuck Washington  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez  
Tribal Chair Douglas Welmas

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Peter Cosentini  
Bill Pattison  
Chuck Maynard  
Dan Martinez  
Frank Spevacek

**AGENCY**

City of Blythe  
City of Cathedral City (*Arrived during Item 7C*)  
City of Coachella  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio (*Arrived during Item 6.1*)  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage  
County of Riverside 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

**AGENCY**

County of Riverside 1<sup>st</sup> District  
County of Riverside 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
County of Riverside 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
County of Riverside 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

**AGENCY**

City of Blythe  
City of Coachella  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta

Mark Greenwood  
David Ready  
Randy Bynder  
Brian Nestande  
Tom Davis

City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage  
County of Riverside  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Councilmember Russell Betts  
Barry Busch  
Don Dame  
Tommy Edwards  
Mayor Pro Tem Ginny Foat  
Isaiah Hagerman  
Christian Jelmberg  
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan  
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Kite  
Councilmember Geoff Kors  
Kristii MacEwen  
Patty McGinty  
Councilmember Joe McKee  
Rosalee Murphy  
Murray Quance  
Mayor Pro Tem Yvonne Parks  
Diana Reza  
Rob Rockwell  
Greg Rodriguez  
Erin Sasse  
Lauren Skiver  
Councilmember Iris Smotrich  
Thom Smotrich  
Blair Wagner  
Councilmember Ted Weill  
Doria Wilms

**AGENCY**

City of Desert Hot Springs  
County of Riverside, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Consultant  
SunLine Transit Agency  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage  
Street Life Project  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Rancho Mirage  
City of Palm Springs  
Path of Life Ministries  
Cathedral City Resident  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
The Desert Sun  
CVAG Volunteer  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
CVAG Intern  
City of Indio  
County of Riverside, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
League of California Cities  
SunLine Transit Agency  
City of Rancho Mirage  
Rancho Mirage Resident  
Street Life Project  
City of Rancho Mirage  
City of Desert Hot Springs

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tom Kirk  
Gary Leong  
Martin Magaña  
Katie Barrows  
Jim Sullivan  
LeGrand Velez  
Eric Cowle  
Cheryll Dahlin  
Ben Druyon  
Erica Felci  
Joanna Stueckle  
Toni Eggebraaten

CVAG Legal Counsel

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Executive Assistant Joanna Stueckle led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Jan Harnik gave a brief update on Cap and Trade.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Dana Hobart pulled item 6F from the Consent Calendar.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOBART AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO:**

- A. Approve May 15, 2017 Special Executive Committee Minutes**
- B. Approve June 14, 2017 Executive Committee Minute**
- C. Receive and File the Latest Correspondence from Former CVAG Executive Director Regarding the Highway 111 project in the City of Indian Wells**
- D. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Reimbursement Agreement Between CVAG and Riverside County for North Indian Canyon Drive Widening Project in Amount not to Exceed \$3 million and Authorize Executive Director to Enter into Sub-Agreements with Cities of Desert Hot Springs and Palm Springs and Riverside County as Necessary**
- E. Extend Legal Services Agreement with Law Office of Toni Eggebraaten for Three Months**
- F. This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion purposes.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

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| <b>MAYOR DECONINCK</b>       | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>MAYOR HENRY</b>           | <b>ABSENT</b> |
| <b>MAYOR HERNANDEZ</b>       | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>MAYOR MATAS</b>           | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>COUNCILMEMBER REED</b>    | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>MAYOR PRO TEM WILSON</b>  | <b>ABSENT</b> |
| <b>MAYOR EVANS</b>           | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>MAYOR HARNIK</b>          | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>MAYOR MOON</b>            | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>COUNCILMEMBER HOBART</b>  | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES</b>   | <b>ABSENT</b> |
| <b>SUPERVISOR TAVAGLIONE</b> | <b>ABSENT</b> |

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| SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ      | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR ASHLEY     | AYE    |
| TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE   | AYE    |
| TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS   | ABSENT |

**6.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

**F. Authorize Executive Director to Enter into Agreement Between Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and CVAG for the County Contribution in Amount of \$359,711 for FY 17/18 to Provide West Valley Housing Navigation Program Services**

Councilmember Hobart pulled this item from the Consent Calendar, and a brief discussion ensued among members.

The following public comment was received:

Councilmember Russell Betts, City of Desert Hot Springs, indicated that he did not support item 6F, adding that he had significant objections with the program.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HARNIK AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ASHLEY TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT BETWEEN RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (DPSS) AND CVAG FOR THE COUNTY CONTRIBUTION IN AMOUNT OF \$359,711 FOR FY 17/18 TO PROVIDE WEST VALLEY HOUSING NAVIGATION PROGRAM SERVICES.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, 1 NAY, 1 ABSTENTION AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

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| MAYOR DECONINCK       | AYE        |
| MAYOR HENRY           | ABSENT     |
| MAYOR HERNANDEZ       | AYE        |
| MAYOR MATAS           | AYE        |
| COUNCILMEMBER REED    | AYE        |
| MAYOR PRO TEM WILSON  | ABSTENTION |
| MAYOR EVANS           | AYE        |
| MAYOR HARNIK          | AYE        |
| MAYOR MOON            | AYE        |
| COUNCILMEMBER HOBART  | NAY        |
| SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES   | ABSENT     |
| SUPERVISOR TAVAGLIONE | ABSENT     |
| SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON | ABSENT     |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ      | ABSENT     |
| SUPERVISOR ASHLEY     | AYE        |
| TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE   | AYE        |
| TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS   | ABSENT     |

**7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. 2017 Nomination Committee Recommendation – Tom Kirk**

Tom Kirk presented the staff report.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER REED AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WILSON TO ELECT SUPERVISOR MARION ASHLEY, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AS FY 2017/2018 CVAG CHAIR AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF INDIO AS THE FY 2017/2018 CVAG VICE CHAIR.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES,1 ABSTAINMENT, AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

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| MAYOR DECONINCK       | AYE         |
| MAYOR HENRY           | ABSENT      |
| MAYOR HERNANDEZ       | AYE         |
| MAYOR MATAS           | AYE         |
| COUNCILMEMBER REED    | AYE         |
| MAYOR PRO TEM WILSON  | AYE         |
| MAYOR EVANS           | AYE         |
| MAYOR HARNIK          | AYE         |
| MAYOR MOON            | AYE         |
| COUNCILMEMBER HOBART  | AYE         |
| SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES   | ABSENT      |
| SUPERVISOR TAVAGLIONE | ABSENT      |
| SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON | ABSENT      |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ      | ABSENT      |
| SUPERVISOR ASHLEY     | ABSTAINMENT |
| TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE   | AYE         |
| TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS   | ABSENT      |

**B. Resolution No. 17-005 adopting CVAG's 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions – Gary Leong**

Gary Leong presented the staff report.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HARNIK TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17-005 ADOPTING CVAG'S 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL BUDGET, SALARY SCHEDULE, AND ALLOCATED POSITIONS.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

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| MAYOR DECONINCK      | AYE    |
| MAYOR HENRY          | ABSENT |
| MAYOR HERNANDEZ      | AYE    |
| MAYOR MATAS          | AYE    |
| COUNCILMEMBER REED   | AYE    |
| MAYOR PRO TEM WILSON | AYE    |
| MAYOR EVANS          | AYE    |
| MAYOR HARNIK         | AYE    |

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| MAYOR MOON            | AYE    |
| COUNCILMEMBER HOBART  | AYE    |
| SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES   | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR TAVAGLIONE | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ      | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR ASHLEY     | AYE    |
| TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE   | AYE    |
| TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS   | ABSENT |

**C. Contract for West Valley Housing Navigation Program Addressing Homelessness – Cheryl Dahlin**

Cheryl Dahlin presented the staff report and introduced Kristii MacEwen, Director of Housing for Path of Life Ministries. Ms. MacEwen gave a presentation on the program.

The following public comments were received:

Councilmember Joe McKee, City of Desert Hot Springs, spoke in support of this item and gave an update on how members of the Homelessness Committee have worked together to address homeless needs in the west valley.

Mayor Pro Tem Ginny Foat, City of Palm Springs, spoke in support of this item and urged members of the Executive Committee to vote in favor of the program.

Councilmember Geoff Kors, City of Palm Springs, spoke in support of the program.

Councilmember Russell Betts, City of Desert Hot Springs, spoke in favor of having an implementation agreement to conduct the program.

Blair Wagner, Street Life Project, discussed voucher and outreach service areas.

Patty McGinty, Cathedral City resident, supported the work being done to assist the homeless and emphasized the need for the dispensing of information.

Christian Jelmsberg, Street Life Project, discussed hiring a local agency to work on homelessness issues.

Karen Willis, Cathedral City resident, commented on crisis stabilization, suggesting that drug and alcohol assistance is addressed.

Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan, City of Palm Desert and Homeless Committee Chair, discussed this as being a solution for homelessness in the west valley.

Member discussion ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HENRY TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PATH OF LIFE MINISTRIES TO PROVIDE WEST VALLEY HOUSING NAVIGATION PROGRAM SERVICES WITH A MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT OF \$864,737.22; TO ALLOW STAFF DISCRETION TO IMMEDIATELY PHASE IN SERVICES TO PALM SPRINGS AND**

**CATHEDRAL CITY IN JULY AND AUGUST AND REVISIT DESERT HOT SPRINGS SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER; AND TO RETURN WITH ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, 2 ABSTAINCTIONS AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

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| <b>MAYOR DECONINCK</b>       | <b>AYE</b>          |
| <b>MAYOR HENRY</b>           | <b>AYE</b>          |
| <b>MAYOR HERNANDEZ</b>       | <b>AYE</b>          |
| <b>MAYOR MATAS</b>           | <b>AYE</b>          |
| <b>COUNCILMEMBER REED</b>    | <b>AYE</b>          |
| <b>MAYOR PRO TEM WILSON</b>  | <b>ABSTAINCTION</b> |
| <b>MAYOR EVANS</b>           | <b>AYE</b>          |
| <b>MAYOR HARNIK</b>          | <b>AYE</b>          |
| <b>MAYOR MOON</b>            | <b>AYE</b>          |
| <b>COUNCILMEMBER HOBART</b>  | <b>AYE</b>          |
| <b>SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES</b>   | <b>ABSENT</b>       |
| <b>SUPERVISOR TAVAGLIONE</b> | <b>ABSENT</b>       |
| <b>SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON</b> | <b>ABSENT</b>       |
| <b>SUPERVISOR PEREZ</b>      | <b>ABSENT</b>       |
| <b>SUPERVISOR ASHLEY</b>     | <b>AYE</b>          |
| <b>TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE</b>   | <b>ABSTAINCTION</b> |
| <b>TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS</b>   | <b>ABSENT</b>       |

**D. Community Choice Aggregation Update and Joint Powers Agreement – Katie Barrows**

Chair Reed announced that he and Vice Chair Ashley had a conflict of interest regarding the Community Choice Aggregation item and moved item D to the end of the action agenda.

**E. 2017 CVAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program – Eric Cowle**

Eric Cowle presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MATAS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WILSON TO APPROVE TEN PROJECT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE CVAG 2017 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE THE CORRESPONDING REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

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| <b>MAYOR DECONINCK</b>      | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>MAYOR HENRY</b>          | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>MAYOR HERNANDEZ</b>      | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>MAYOR MATAS</b>          | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>COUNCILMEMBER REED</b>   | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>MAYOR PRO TEM WILSON</b> | <b>ABSENT</b> |
| <b>MAYOR EVANS</b>          | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>MAYOR HARNIK</b>         | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>MAYOR MOON</b>           | <b>AYE</b>    |
| <b>COUNCILMEMBER HOBART</b> | <b>AYE</b>    |

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| SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES   | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR TAVAGLIONE | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ      | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR ASHLEY     | AYE    |
| TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE   | AYE    |
| TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS   | ABSENT |

**F. Creation of the CV Link Oversight Committee – Erica Felci**

Erica Felci presented the staff report.

The following public comment was received:

Councilmember Ted Weill, City of Rancho Mirage, spoke in opposition of the staff recommendation.

Member discussion ensued. Mayor Hernandez suggested the following be added to the staff recommended motion: If Measure A dollars are to be used, the item going before the CV Link Oversight Committee would return to the Executive Committee for consideration. Mayor Harnik seconded the amended motion.

Action was not taken as member discussion continued, including Councilmember Hobart reading a statement for the record. An alternate motion to table the item was made.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HENRY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MATAS TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL A FUTURE DATE.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES, 2 NAYS, 2 ABTAINTIONS AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

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| MAYOR DECONINCK       | AYE        |
| MAYOR HENRY           | AYE        |
| MAYOR HERNANDEZ       | NAY        |
| MAYOR MATAS           | AYE        |
| COUNCILMEMBER REED    | ABSTAINION |
| MAYOR PRO TEM WILSON  | AYE        |
| MAYOR EVANS           | AYE        |
| MAYOR HARNIK          | AYE        |
| MAYOR MOON            | AYE        |
| COUNCILMEMBER HOBART  | NAY        |
| SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES   | ABSENT     |
| SUPERVISOR TAVAGLIONE | ABSENT     |
| SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON | ABSENT     |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ      | ABSENT     |
| SUPERVISOR ASHLEY     | AYE        |
| TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE   | ABSTAINION |
| TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS   | ABSENT     |



Chair Reed and Vice Chair Ashley recused themselves due to conflict of interests on item 7D. Past Chair Henry stepped in to run the rest of the meeting.

**D. Community Choice Aggregation Update and Joint Powers Agreement – Katie Barrows**

Katie Barrows gave a brief staff report.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HARNIK AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MOON TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE FOR A COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR THE COACHELLA VALLEY REGION AND TO WORK WITH PARTICIPATING CITIES ON FINALIZATION OF A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR FORMATION OF A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, 1 NAY, 2 RECUSALS AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

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| <b>MAYOR DECONINCK</b>       | <b>AYE</b>     |
| <b>MAYOR HENRY</b>           | <b>AYE</b>     |
| <b>MAYOR HERNANDEZ</b>       | <b>AYE</b>     |
| <b>MAYOR MATAS</b>           | <b>AYE</b>     |
| <b>COUNCILMEMBER REED</b>    | <b>RECUSED</b> |
| <b>MAYOR PRO TEM WILSON</b>  | <b>AYE</b>     |
| <b>MAYOR EVANS</b>           | <b>AYE</b>     |
| <b>MAYOR HARNIK</b>          | <b>AYE</b>     |
| <b>MAYOR MOON</b>            | <b>AYE</b>     |
| <b>COUNCILMEMBER HOBART</b>  | <b>NAY</b>     |
| <b>SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES</b>   | <b>ABSENT</b>  |
| <b>SUPERVISOR TAVAGLIONE</b> | <b>ABSENT</b>  |
| <b>SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON</b> | <b>ABSENT</b>  |
| <b>SUPERVISOR PEREZ</b>      | <b>ABSENT</b>  |
| <b>SUPERVISOR ASHLEY</b>     | <b>RECUSED</b> |
| <b>TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE</b>   | <b>AYE</b>     |
| <b>TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS</b>   | <b>ABSENT</b>  |

**8. INFORMATION**

- a) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- b) CVAG Regional Arterial Program - Project Status Report
- c) Executive Committee Attendance Roster
- d) 2017/18 Schedule of CVAG Meetings
- e) Letter outlining the Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017, pursuant to Statements on Auditing Standards No. 114 (SAS 114)
- f) Correspondence to Rancho Mirage Proposing Modified CV Link
- g) Salton Sea Workshop Information

These items were placed in the agenda for member information.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Technical Advisory Committee – Monday, September 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Executive Committee – Monday, September 25, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.**

Upcoming Meeting at Miramonte Indian Wells Resort and Spa, 45000 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells:

**General Assembly – Monday, June 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Past Chair Henry adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joanna Stueckle*

Joanna Stueckle  
Executive Assistant