



COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission was called to order at 8:30 am by Acting Chair Linda Evans, Mayor, City of La Quinta.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Councilmember John Aguilar
Mayor Steven Hernandez
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala
Councilmember Dana Reed
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz
Mayor Linda Evans, Acting Chair
Mayor Susan Marie Weber
Mayor Richard W. Kite
Councilmember Jan Harnik
Board Member Anthony Bianco
Director Alex Cardenas

Agency

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 Rancho Mirage
Riverside County – District 3, Alternate
Coachella Valley Water District
Imperial Irrigation District

Members Not Present

Councilmember Lisa Middleton
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt
Board Member Nancy Wright

City of Palm Springs
Riverside County – District 1
Riverside County – District 2
Riverside County – District 4
Riverside County – District 5
Mission Springs Water District

Others Present

Councilmember Gary Gardner
Councilmember Elaine Holmes
Pat Cooper
Jim Karpiak
Nora Hackett
John Chavez
Stan Fischer
Deborah McGarrey
Tom Kirk
Katie Barrows
Jim Sullivan
Libby Carlson

City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indio
Office of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy
Riverside County Grand Jury
Riverside County Grand Jury
Riverside County Grand Jury
SoCal Gas
CVAG/CVCC
CVAG
CVAG
CVAG

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Richard W. Kite, Mayor of Rancho Mirage, let the pledge of allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Tom Kirk noted that the meeting would be followed by a site tour starting at 9am. Tom Kirk also recognized new CVAG staff member Libby Carlson and newly-appointed CVCC member Gary Gordon, City of Desert Hot Springs Councilmember.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK AND SECONDED BY MAYOR KITE TO:

A. Approve minutes of the November 8, 2018 Coachella Valley Conservation Commission

B. Accept the Local Development Mitigation Fee Annual and Five-Year Reports for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 in fulfillment of reporting requirements of the Mitigation Fee Act

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, WITH 1 ABSESION ON 6A AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember John Aguilar	Aye
Mayor Steven Hernandez	Aye
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	Aye
Councilmember Dana Reed	Aye
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz	Aye
Mayor Linda Evans, Acting Chair	Aye
Mayor Susan Marie Weber	Aye
Mayor Richard W. Kite	Aye
Councilmember Jan Harnik	Aye
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Aye
Director Alex Cardenas	Abstain Item 6A. Aye Item 6B.
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	Absent
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries	Absent
Supervisor Karen Spiegel	Absent
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Absent
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt	Absent
Board Member Nancy Wright	Absent

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Election of CVCC Chair / Vice Chair for Remainder of FY18/19

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK TO APPOINT MAYOR EVANS AS CVCC CHAIR FOR REMAINDER OF FY18/19.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK TO APPOINT MAYOR HERNANDEZ AS CVCC VICE CHAIR FOR REMAINDER OF FY18/19.

BOTH MOTIONS CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember John Aguilar	Aye
Mayor Steven Hernandez	Aye
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	Aye
Councilmember Dana Reed	Aye
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz	Aye
Mayor Linda Evans, Acting Chair	Aye
Mayor Susan Marie Weber	Aye
Mayor Richard W. Kite	Aye
Councilmember Jan Harnik	Aye
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Aye
Director Alex Cardenas	Aye
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	Absent
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries	Absent
Supervisor Karen Spiegel	Absent
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Absent
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt	Absent
Board Member Nancy Wright	Absent

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER BIANCO TO APPROVE ITEMS 7B, 7C, AND 7D:

- B. Acquisition of Two Parcels in the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Area Totaling Approximately 66.22 Acres**
- C. Acquisition of One Parcel Totaling Approximately 49.70 Acres in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains Conservation Area**
- D. Acquisition of Six Parcels Totaling Approximately 49.88 Acres in the Willow Hole Conservation Area**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember John Aguilar	Aye
Mayor Steven Hernandez	Aye
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	Aye
Councilmember Dana Reed	Aye
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz	Aye
Mayor Linda Evans, Acting Chair	Aye
Mayor Susan Marie Weber	Aye
Mayor Richard W. Kite	Aye
Councilmember Jan Harnik	Aye
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Aye
Director Alex Cardenas	Aye
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	Absent
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries	Absent

Supervisor Karen Spiegel	Absent
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Absent
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt	Absent
Board Member Nancy Wright	Absent

E. Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan 10th Anniversary Tour

Katie Barrows noted that the tour would leave by 9 am.

8. INFORMATION

A. CVCC Attendance Record

This item was provided for member information.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission is scheduled for February 14, 2019 at 11:00 am, at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, Palm Desert.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Libby Carlson
Program Assistant