

**ITEM 6A**

**Coachella Valley Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2018**



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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) was called to order on April 12 at 11:32 am by Chair Michael Wilson.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**Members Present**

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan  
Councilmember Richard Balocco  
Mayor Michael Wilson, Chair  
Mayor Linda Evans, Vice Chair  
Councilmember Susan Marie Weber  
Mayor Pro Tem Richard W. Kite  
Councilmember Jan Harnik  
(Alternate for Supervisor Chuck Washington)  
Mayor Scott Matas  
(Alternate for Supervisor V. Manuel Perez)  
Board Member Randy Duncan  
Board Member Anthony Bianco

**Agency**

City of Cathedral City  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Rancho Mirage  
Riverside County - 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
  
Riverside County - 4<sup>th</sup> District  
  
Mission Springs Water District  
Coachella Valley Water District

**Members Absent**

Mayor Steven Hernandez  
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala  
Councilmember Lisa Middleton  
Mayor Glenn Miller  
(Alternate for Supervisor Kevin Jeffries)  
Councilmember Geoff Kors  
(Alternate for Supervisor John Tavaglione)  
Pending alternate appointment  
(for Supervisor Marion Ashley)  
Board Member Juanita Salas

City of Coachella  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Palm Springs  
Riverside County - 1<sup>st</sup> District  
  
Riverside County - 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
  
Riverside County - 5<sup>th</sup> District  
  
Imperial Irrigation District

**Others Present**

Jim Karpiak  
  
Jenness McBride  
Joan Taylor  
Kim Floyd  
Christina Chavez (phone)

Coachella Valley Mountains  
Conservancy  
US Fish & Wildlife Service  
Sierra Club  
Resident  
IID staff

**CVAG Staff**

Tom Kirk  
Katie Barrows  
Gary Leong

Jim Sullivan  
Kathleen Brundige  
Linda Rogers

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Harnik led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**5. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Tom Kirk reported that on March 9 there was a dedication ceremony of the new Kim Nicol Trail spearheaded by Jim Karpiak, Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, along with others. Kim Nicol was key to the success of the CV Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan in her role as regional manager of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Ms. Nicol passed away in 2015.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK, SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS, TO:**

- A. Approve Minutes of the February 8, 2018 Coachella Valley Conservation Commission**
- B. Annual Inflation Adjustment to the Local Development Mitigation Fee**
- C. Approve Amendment #1 to the contract with the University of California Riverside’s Center for Conservation Biology to modify two tasks of the Biological Monitoring Program, at no additional cost**
- D. Ratify the acceptance of a Capital Improvement Grant from the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy by the CVCC Executive Director in the amount of \$17,138 for fencing, gates and cleanup on lands in Thousand Palms Conservation Area**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES AND 2 ABSTENTIONS ON 6A; 10 AYES ON 6B-D; 7 ABSENT.**

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Councilmember Shelley Kaplan                | ABSTAIN 6A; AYE 6B-D |
| Councilmember Richard Balocco               | ABSTAIN 6A; AYE 6B-D |
| Mayor Michael Wilson, Chair                 | AYE                  |
| Mayor Linda Evans, Vice Chair               | AYE                  |
| Councilmember Susan Marie Weber             | AYE                  |
| Mayor Pro Tem Richard W. Kite               | AYE                  |
| Councilmember Jan Harnik                    | AYE                  |
| (Alternate for Supervisor Chuck Washington) |                      |
| Mayor Scott Matas                           | AYE                  |
| (Alternate for Supervisor V. Manuel Perez)  |                      |
| Board Member Randy Duncan                   | AYE                  |

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| Board Member Anthony Bianco                | AYE    |
| Mayor Steven Hernandez                     | ABSENT |
| Councilmember Anayeli Zavala               | ABSENT |
| Councilmember Lisa Middleton               | ABSENT |
| Mayor Glenn Miller                         | ABSENT |
| (Alternate for Supervisor Kevin Jeffries)  |        |
| Councilmember Geoff Kors                   | ABSENT |
| (Alternate for Supervisor John Tavaglione) |        |
| Pending alternate appointment              | ABSENT |
| (for Supervisor Marion Ashley)             |        |
| Board Member Juanita Salas                 | ABSENT |

**7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Review 2017 Annual Report**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN, SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE 2017 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE COACHELLA VALLEY MUTLIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN AND PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC INPUT.**

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

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Councilmember Shelley Kaplan                | AYE    |
| Councilmember Richard Balocco               | AYE    |
| Mayor Michael Wilson, Chair                 | AYE    |
| Mayor Linda Evans, Vice Chair               | AYE    |
| Councilmember Susan Marie Weber             | AYE    |
| Mayor Pro Tem Richard W. Kite               | AYE    |
| Councilmember Jan Harnik                    | AYE    |
| (Alternate for Supervisor Chuck Washington) |        |
| Mayor Scott Matas                           | AYE    |
| (Alternate for Supervisor V. Manuel Perez)  |        |
| Board Member Randy Duncan                   | AYE    |
| Board Member Anthony Bianco                 | AYE    |
| Mayor Steven Hernandez                      | ABSENT |
| Councilmember Anayeli Zavala                | ABSENT |
| Councilmember Lisa Middleton                | ABSENT |
| Mayor Glenn Miller                          | ABSENT |
| (Alternate for Supervisor Kevin Jeffries)   |        |
| Councilmember Geoff Kors                    | ABSENT |
| (Alternate for Supervisor John Tavaglione)  |        |
| Pending alternate appointment               | ABSENT |
| (for Supervisor Marion Ashley)              |        |
| Board Member Juanita Salas                  | ABSENT |

**B. Contract Amendment #3 with Terra Nova Planning and Research, Inc. for Environmental Analysis of Potential Alternatives for a Barrier to Bighorn Sheep in La Quinta**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM KITE, TO APPROVE AMENDMENT #3 TO THE CONTRACT WITH TERRA NOVA PLANNING AND RESEARCH, INC. TO INCREASE THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$29,300**

**AND EXTEND THE CONTRACT TO JUNE 30, 2019 FOR COMPLETION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS FOR THE LA QUINTA PENINSULAR BIGHORN SHEEP BARRIER PROJECT.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES; 7 ABSENT.**

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Councilmember Shelley Kaplan                                    | AYE    |
| Councilmember Richard Balocco                                   | AYE    |
| Mayor Michael Wilson, Chair                                     | AYE    |
| Mayor Linda Evans, Vice Chair                                   | AYE    |
| Councilmember Susan Marie Weber                                 | AYE    |
| Mayor Pro Tem Richard W. Kite                                   | AYE    |
| Councilmember Jan Harnik  | AYE    |
| (Alternate for Supervisor Chuck Washington)                     |        |
| Mayor Scott Matas   | AYE    |
| (Alternate for Supervisor V. Manuel Perez)                      |        |
| Board Member Randy Duncan                                       | AYE    |
| Board Member Anthony Bianco                                     | AYE    |
| Mayor Steven Hernandez  | ABSENT |
| Councilmember Anayeli Zavala                                    | ABSENT |
| Councilmember Lisa Middleton                                    | ABSENT |
| Mayor Glenn Miller  | ABSENT |
| (Alternate for Supervisor Kevin Jeffries)                       |        |
| Councilmember Geoff Kors  | ABSENT |
| (Alternate for Supervisor John Tavaglione)                      |        |
| Pending alternate appointment<br>(for Supervisor Marion Ashley) | ABSENT |
| Board Member Juanita Salas                                      | ABSENT |

**C. Acquisition of one parcel in the East Indio Hills Conservation Area totaling approximately 35.71 acres**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS, SECONDED BY MAYOR MATAS, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 18-002 AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF ONE PARCEL TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 35.71 ACRES IN THE EAST INDIO HILLS CONSERVATION AREA AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000.00, PLUS CLOSING COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500.00.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES; 7 ABSENT.**

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Councilmember Shelley Kaplan                | AYE    |
| Councilmember Richard Balocco               | AYE    |
| Mayor Michael Wilson, Chair                 | AYE    |
| Mayor Linda Evans, Vice Chair               | AYE    |
| Councilmember Susan Marie Weber             | AYE    |
| Mayor Pro Tem Richard W. Kite               | AYE    |
| Councilmember Jan Harnik                    | AYE    |
| (Alternate for Supervisor Chuck Washington) |        |
| Mayor Scott Matas                           | AYE    |
| (Alternate for Supervisor V. Manuel Perez)  |        |
| Board Member Randy Duncan                   | AYE    |
| Board Member Anthony Bianco                 | AYE    |
| Mayor Steven Hernandez                      | ABSENT |
| Councilmember Anayeli Zavala                | ABSENT |

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| Councilmember Lisa Middleton   | ABSENT |
| Mayor Glenn Miller<br>(Alternate for Supervisor Kevin Jeffries)        | ABSENT |
| Councilmember Geoff Kors<br>(Alternate for Supervisor John Tavaglione) | ABSENT |
| Pending alternate appointment<br>(for Supervisor Marion Ashley)        | ABSENT |
| Board Member Juanita Salas   | ABSENT |

**D. Acquisition of six parcels in the Whitewater Floodplain Conservation Area totaling approximately 338.59 acres**

**IT WAS MOVED MAYOR EVANS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 18-003 AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF SIX PARCELS TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 338.59 ACRES IN THE WHITEWATER FLOODPLAIN CONSERVATION AREA AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,015,000.00, PLUS CLOSING COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500.00.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES; 7 ABSENT.**

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|---|--------|
| Councilmember Shelley Kaplan  | AYE    |
| Councilmember Richard Balocco   | AYE    |
| Mayor Michael Wilson, Chair   | AYE    |
| Mayor Linda Evans, Vice Chair   | AYE    |
| Councilmember Susan Marie Weber   | AYE    |
| Mayor Pro Tem Richard W. Kite   | AYE    |
| Councilmember Jan Harnik<br>(Alternate for Supervisor Chuck Washington) | AYE    |
| Mayor Scott Matas<br>(Alternate for Supervisor V. Manuel Perez)         | AYE    |
| Board Member Randy Duncan   | AYE    |
| Board Member Anthony Bianco   | AYE    |
| Mayor Steven Hernandez  | ABSENT |
| Councilmember Anayeli Zavala  | ABSENT |
| Councilmember Lisa Middleton  | ABSENT |
| Mayor Glenn Miller<br>(Alternate for Supervisor Kevin Jeffries)         | ABSENT |
| Councilmember Geoff Kors<br>(Alternate for Supervisor John Tavaglione)  | ABSENT |
| Pending alternate appointment<br>(for Supervisor Marion Ashley)         | ABSENT |
| Board Member Juanita Salas  | ABSENT |

**8. INFORMATION**

- 1) CVCC Attendance Roster
- 2) Contracts under \$25,000: CRM Tech and Capital Realty Associates
- 3) Comment on Paradise Valley Draft Environmental Impact Report

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next scheduled meeting at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, Palm Desert:

**Coachella Valley Conservation Commission – Thursday, May 10, 2018, 11:00 a.m.**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rogers  
Program Assistant II