

Coachella Valley Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 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 by Vice Chair Linda Evans on May 10, 2018 at 11:03 am.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Members Present

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala
Councilmember Richard Balocco
Councilmember Glenn Miller
Mayor Linda Evans, Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Susan Marie Weber
Councilmember Lisa Middleton
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Board Member Juanita Salas
(by teleconference)

Agency

City of Cathedral City
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
Riverside County - 4th District
Imperial Irrigation District

Members Absent

Mayor Steven Hernandez
Mayor Richard W. Kite
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Alternate - vacant (for Supervisor John Tavaglione)
Councilmember Jan Harnik (Alternate for
Supervisor Chuck Washington)
Alternate - vacant (for Supervisor Marion Ashley)
Board Member Nancy Wright
Board Member Anthony Bianco

City of Coachella
City of Rancho Mirage
Riverside County - 1st District
Riverside County - 2nd District
Riverside County - 3rd District

Riverside County - 5th District
Mission Springs Water District
Coachella Valley Water District

Others Present

Jim Karpiak

Emmanuel Martinez
Sara Toyoda
Dr. Cameron Barrows

Kim Floyd

Coachella Valley Mountains
Conservancy
Imperial Irrigation District
City of Indio
UC Riverside, Center for
Conservation Biology
Resident

CVAG Staff

Tom Kirk
Katie Barrows
Gary Leong

Jim Sullivan
Kathleen Brundige
Linda Rogers

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Linda Evans, Vice Chair, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEBER, TO:

A. Approve minutes of the April 12, 2018 Coachella Valley Conservation Commission

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 7 AYES; 2 ABSTAINING; AND 8 ABSENT.

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Richard Balocco	AYE
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	ABSTAIN
Councilmember Glenn Miller	AYE
Mayor Linda Evans, Vice Chair	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Susan Marie Weber	AYE
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	ABSTAIN
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	AYE
Board Member Juanita Salas	AYE
Mayor Richard W. Kite	ABSENT
Councilmember Jan Harnik (Alternate for Supervisor Chuck Washington)	ABSENT
Mayor Steven Hernandez	ABSENT
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries	ABSENT
Alternate – vacant (Alternate for Supervisor John Tavaglione)	ABSENT
Alternate - pending appointment (for Supervisor Marion Ashley)	ABSENT
Board Member Anthony Bianco	ABSENT
Board Member Nancy Wright	ABSENT

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Agreement with U.S. Geological Survey for Peninsular Bighorn Sheep and Human Recreational Activity

IT WAS MOVED BY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MILLER, TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) TO FULFILL THE TASKS OF THE STUDY *DETERMINING HABITAT USE AND RESPONSE TO HUMAN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF PENINSULAR BIGHORN SHEEP (OVIS CANADENSIS NELSONI)* IN A SHARED LANDSCAPE FOR A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$132,646.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 8 ABSENT.

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Richard Balocco	AYE
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	AYE
Councilmember Glenn Miller	AYE
Mayor Linda Evans, Vice Chair	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Susan Marie Weber	AYE
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	AYE
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	AYE
Board Member Juanita Salas	AYE
Mayor Richard W. Kite	ABSENT
Councilmember Jan Harnik (Alternate for Supervisor Chuck Washington)	ABSENT
Mayor Steven Hernandez	ABSENT
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries	ABSENT
Alternate – vacant (Alternate for Supervisor John Tavaglione)	ABSENT
Alternate - pending appointment (for Supervisor Marion Ashley)	ABSENT
Board Member Anthony Bianco	ABSENT
Board Member Nancy Wright	ABSENT

B. Acquisition of 7 tax default parcels totaling approximately 29.34 acres from the Riverside County Treasurer-Tax Collector

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 18-004 AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF 7 TAX DEFAULT PARCELS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$70,165.02 PLUS ADMINISTRATION COSTS AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF SALE TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTIES.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 8 ABSENT.

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Richard Balocco	AYE
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	AYE
Councilmember Glenn Miller	AYE
Mayor Linda Evans, Vice Chair	AYE

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Marie Weber	AYE
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	AYE
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	AYE
Board Member Juanita Salas	AYE
Mayor Richard W. Kite	ABSENT
Councilmember Jan Harnik	ABSENT
(Alternate for Supervisor Chuck Washington)	
Mayor Steven Hernandez	ABSENT
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries	ABSENT
Alternate – vacant	ABSENT
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Alternate - pending appointment	ABSENT
(for Supervisor Marion Ashley)	
Board Member Anthony Bianco	ABSENT
Board Member Nancy Wright	ABSENT

C. Acquisition of three parcels in the Stubbe/Cottonwood Canyon Conservation Area totaling approximately 167.51 acres

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 18-005 AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF THREE PARCELS TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 167.51 ACRES IN THE STUBBE/COTTONWOOD CANYON CONSERVATION AREA AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$364,000.00, PLUS CLOSING COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500.00.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 8 ABSENT.

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Richard Balocco	AYE
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	AYE
Councilmember Glenn Miller	AYE
Mayor Linda Evans, Vice Chair	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Susan Marie Weber	AYE
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	AYE
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	AYE
Board Member Juanita Salas	AYE
Mayor Richard W. Kite	ABSENT
Councilmember Jan Harnik	ABSENT
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D. Biological Monitoring Update

Dr. Cameron Barrows, Associate Research Ecologist, Center for Conservation Biology, UC Riverside provided an overhead slide presentation covering *More Than Three Decades of Conservation in the Coachella Valley*. Dr. Barrows addressed some of the

potential reasons for Fringe-toed lizard declines: habitat loss, loss of connectivity, loss of new sand flow into the habitat, off-road vehicles and invasive plants; he also addressed the translocation of 46 fringe-toed lizards from a development site to a protected site in 2017.

8. INFORMATION

- 1) CVCC's Quarterly Unaudited Financial Statements as at March 31, 2018
- 2) CVCC's Investment Report as at March 31, 2018
- 3) CVCC Attendance Roster
- 4) Contracts under \$25,000

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming meetings at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, Palm Desert:

Executive Committee – Monday, June 4, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Coachella Valley Conservation Commission – Thursday, June 14, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Meeting at Aqua Caliente Casino Resort, 32-250 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage:

General Assembly – Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rogers
Program Assistant II