

ITEM 6A

**Coachella Valley Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 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 Chair Michael Wilson on June 14, 2018 at 11:02 am.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Present

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan
Mayor Steven Hernandez¹
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala
Mayor Michael Wilson, Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Mayor Pro Tem Susan Marie Weber
Councilmember Lisa Middleton
Mayor Richard W. Kite
Councilmember Jan Harnik
(Alternate for Supervisor Washington)
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez¹
Board Member Anthony Bianco

Agency

City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
Riverside County - 3rd District

Riverside County - 4th District
Coachella Valley Water District

Members Absent

Councilmember Richard Balocco
Councilmember Glenn Miller
(Alternate for Supervisor Jeffries)
Alternate (vacant for Supervisor Tavaglione)
Alternate (vacant for Supervisor Ashley)
Board Member Nancy Wright
Board Member Juanita Salas

City of Indian Wells
Riverside County - 1st District

Riverside County - 2nd District
Riverside County - 5th District
Mission Springs Water District
Imperial Irrigation District

Others Present

Pat Cooper

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez' Office
Riverside County – 4th District

CVAG/CVCC Staff

Tom Kirk
Katie Barrows

Jim Sullivan
Kathleen Brundige

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Jan Harnik led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Tom Kirk reported that the CVCC has received Section 6 federal funding grant in the amount of \$2 million that will be used to acquire open space in the Plan area. Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia is the author of Proposition 68 – the Parks, Environment and Water Bond –was approved by the voters on June 5. As a result, the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy will receive \$7 million. There will be \$52 million available for Natural Community Conservation Planning (NCCP’s) to help meet the requirements of the state program. There will be \$200 million available for the Salton Sea and \$1.3 million available for the parks and recreation program tied to disadvantaged communities.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN SECONDED BY MAYOR KITE TO:

- A. Approve minutes of the May 10, 2018 Coachella Valley Conservation Commission**
- B. Approve Amendment 001 and Amendment 002 to the Technical Assistance Agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to provide a No Cost Extension through December 31, 2018 and reduce the number of samples to be collected for genetic analysis under Task 5.**
- C. Approve CVCC Investment Policy 18-02**
- D. Authorize a letter of engagement with Best, Best and Krieger to provide legal services for CVMSHCP Implementation not to exceed \$25,000 for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 8 ABSENT.

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Mayor Steven Hernandez	ABSENT FOR VOTE
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	AYE
Mayor Michael Wilson	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Fitzpatrick	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Susan Marie Weber	AYE
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	AYE
Mayor Richard W. Kite	AYE
Councilmember Jan Harnik (Alternate for Supervisor Washington)	AYE
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	ABSENT FOR VOTE
Board Member Anthony Bianco	AYE
Councilmember Richard Balocco	ABSENT
Councilmember Glenn Miller (Alternate for Supervisor Jeffries)	ABSENT
Alternate (vacant for Supervisor Tavaglione)	ABSENT

Alternate (vacant for Supervisor Ashley)	ABSENT
Board Member Nancy Wright	ABSENT
Board Member Juanita Salas	ABSENT

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Election of CVCC Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2018/2019

Tom Kirk opened nominations for CVCC Chair and Vice Chair. Councilmember Harnik re-nominated Mike Wilson and Linda Evans for Chair and Vice Chair. There being no further nominations, the nominations were then closed.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATIONS OF MAYOR WILSON AND MAYOR EVANS AS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 8 ABSENT.

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Mayor Steven Hernandez	ABSENT FOR VOTE
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	AYE
Mayor Michael Wilson	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Fitzpatrick	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Susan Marie Weber	AYE
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	AYE
Mayor Richard W. Kite	AYE
Councilmember Jan Harnik (Alternate for Supervisor Washington)	AYE
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	ABSENT FOR VOTE
Board Member Anthony Bianco	AYE
Councilmember Richard Balocco	ABSENT
Councilmember Glenn Miller (Alternate for Supervisor Jeffries)	ABSENT
Alternate (vacant for Supervisor Tavaglione)	ABSENT
Alternate (vacant for Supervisor Ashley)	ABSENT
Board Member Nancy Wright	ABSENT
Board Member Juanita Salas	ABSENT

B. Resolution No. 18-006 of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, a Joint Powers Authority, adopting the 2018/19 Fiscal Year Annual Budget

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 18-006 ADOPTING THE 2018/19 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL BUDGET.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 8 ABSENT.

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Mayor Steven Hernandez	ABSENT FOR VOTE
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	AYE
Mayor Michael Wilson	AYE

Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Fitzpatrick	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Susan Marie Weber	AYE
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	AYE
Mayor Richard W. Kite	AYE
Councilmember Jan Harnik	AYE
(Alternate for Supervisor Washington)	
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	ABSENT FOR VOTE
Board Member Anthony Bianco	AYE
Councilmember Richard Balocco	ABSENT
Councilmember Glenn Miller	ABSENT
(Alternate for Supervisor Jeffries)	
Alternate (vacant for Supervisor Tavaglione)	ABSENT
Alternate (vacant for Supervisor Ashley)	ABSENT
Board Member Nancy Wright	ABSENT
Board Member Juanita Salas	ABSENT

[Supervisor V. Manuel Perez has now arrived to the meeting at approximately 11:18 a.m. Mayor Steven Hernandez has now arrived to the meeting at approximately 11:20 a.m.]

C. Consider Approval of a Contract with the University of California Riverside, Center for Conservation Biology to Implement Biological Monitoring

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZAVALA TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE'S CENTER FOR CONSERVATION BIOLOGY TO IMPLEMENT BIOLOGICAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019 AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 6 ABSENT.

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Mayor Steven Hernandez	AYE
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	AYE
Mayor Michael Wilson	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Fitzpatrick	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Susan Marie Weber	AYE
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	AYE
Mayor Richard W. Kite	AYE
Councilmember Jan Harnik	AYE
(Alternate for Supervisor Washington)	
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	AYE
Board Member Anthony Bianco	AYE
Councilmember Richard Balocco	ABSENT
Councilmember Glenn Miller	ABSENT
(Alternate for Supervisor Jeffries)	
Alternate (vacant for Supervisor Tavaglione)	ABSENT
Alternate (vacant for Supervisor Ashley)	ABSENT
Board Member Nancy Wright	ABSENT
Board Member Juanita Salas	ABSENT

D. Amendment to Contract for In-Lieu Fee Development Plan

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK, TO APPROVE AMENDMENT #2 TO THE CONTRACT WITH ICF JONES & STOKES, INC. TO COMPLETE THE IN-LIEU FEE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PLAN, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$232,670.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 6 ABSENT.

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Mayor Steven Hernandez	AYE
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	AYE
Mayor Michael Wilson	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Fitzpatrick	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Susan Marie Weber	AYE
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	AYE
Mayor Richard W. Kite	AYE
Councilmember Jan Harnik (Alternate for Supervisor Washington)	AYE
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	AYE
Board Member Anthony Bianco	AYE
Councilmember Richard Balocco	ABSENT
Councilmember Glenn Miller (Alternate for Supervisor Jeffries)	ABSENT
Alternate (vacant for Supervisor Tavaglione)	ABSENT
Alternate (vacant for Supervisor Ashley)	ABSENT
Board Member Nancy Wright	ABSENT
Board Member Juanita Salas	ABSENT

8. INFORMATION

- 1) Letter outlining the Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018, pursuant to Statements on Auditing Standards No. 114 (SAS 114)
- 2) Compliance with TUMF and LDMF
- 3) CVCC Attendance Roster
- 4) Contracts under \$25,000
- 5) General Assembly flyer

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Executive Committee – Monday, June 25, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.**
- **General Assembly – Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

Coachella Valley Conservation Commission – Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rogers

Linda Rogers
Program Assistant II