

ITEM 6A

**Coachella Valley Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2016**



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 at 11:03 a.m. on November 10, 2016.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present.

Members Present

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan
Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Balocco
Councilmember Michael Wilson
Mayor Linda Evans
Councilmember Susan Marie Weber
Councilmember Richard W. Kite
Board Member Ed Pack
Board Member Randy Duncan
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik (Alternate
for Supervisor Chuck Washington)
Mayor Scott Matas
(Alternate for Supervisor John J. Benoit)
Mayor Steven Hernandez
(Alternate for Supervisor Marion Ashley)

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
Coachella Valley Water District
Mission Springs Water District
Riverside County – 3rd District

Riverside County – 4th District
Riverside County – 3rd District
Riverside County – 5th District

Members Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Mills
Mayor Glenn Miller (Alternate for
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries)
Councilmember Karen Spiegel
(Alternate for Supervisor John Tavaglione)
Board Member Matt Dessert

City of Palm Springs
Riverside County – 1st District

Riverside County – 2nd District
Imperial Irrigation District

Others Present

Christina Chavez (teleconference)
Jeness McBride
Britt Wilson
Charles Nisbet
Jim Foote

Imperial Irrigation District
US Fish & Wildlife Service
City of Rancho Mirage
Desert Trails Coalition
Trails Management Subcommittee

CVAG Staff

Tom Kirk
Gary Leong
Katie Barrows

Jim Sullivan
Kathleen Brundige
Linda Rogers

Erica Felci

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Evans led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Chair Michael Wilson thanked Board Member Pack for his service on the CVCC. Former Chair Richard W. Kite was also recognized and thanked for his strong leadership in serving as Chair of the CVCC since its inception over ten years ago.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK, SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS, TO:

- A. Approve Minutes of the September 8, 2016 Coachella Valley Conservation Commission**
- B. Approve Amendment #1 of the Fencing Maintenance Contract with Robles Pipeline Laying, Inc. to extend the term of the contract through December 30, 2017 and provide an additional \$12,000 through the end of that term.**
- C. Approve and authorize Chair to sign a letter supporting the designation of Joshua Tree National Park as an International Dark Sky Association (IDA) Dark Sky Park**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULT:

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez	AYE
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Balocco	AYE
Councilmember Michael Wilson	AYE
Mayor Linda Evans	AYE
Councilmember Susan Marie Weber	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Chris Mills	ABSENT
Councilmember Richard W. Kite	AYE
Board Member Ed Pack	AYE
Board Member Matt Dessert	ABSENT
Board Member Randy Duncan	AYE
Mayor Glenn Miller (Alternate for Riverside County 1 st District)	ABSENT
Councilmember Karen Spiegel (Alternate for Riverside County 2 nd District)	ABSENT
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik (Alternate for Riverside County 3 rd District)	AYE
Mayor Scott Matas (Alternate for Riverside County 4 th District)	AYE
Mayor Steven Hernandez (Alternate for Riverside County 5 th District)	AYE

(13 AYES; 4 ABSENT)

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

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

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS, SECONDED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ, TO APPROVE AMENDMENT #1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH ICF JONES & STOKES, INC TO INSTALL AND MONITOR GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS AS PART OF THE IN-LIEU FEE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PLAN, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,280.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULT:

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez	AYE
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Balocco	AYE
Councilmember Michael Wilson	AYE
Mayor Linda Evans	AYE
Councilmember Susan Marie Weber	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Chris Mills	ABSENT
Councilmember Richard W. Kite	AYE
Board Member Ed Pack	AYE
Board Member Matt Dessert	ABSENT
Board Member Randy Duncan	AYE
Mayor Glenn Miller (Alternate for Riverside County 1 st District)	ABSENT
Councilmember Karen Spiegel (Alternate for Riverside County 2 nd District)	ABSENT
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik (Alternate for Riverside County 3 rd District)	AYE
Mayor Scott Matas (Alternate for Riverside County 4 th District)	AYE
Mayor Steven Hernandez (Alternate for Riverside County 5 th District)	AYE

(13 AYES; 4 ABSENT)

B. Acquisition of six parcels totaling approximately 53.53 acres in the Willow Hole Conservation Area

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MATAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN, TO:

- 1) Approve Resolution 16-014 authorizing acquisition of six parcels totaling approximately 53.53 acres in the Willow Hole Conservation Area at a cost not to exceed \$168,750 plus closing costs not to exceed \$5,450; and
- 2) Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute all necessary contracts and documents and take such other actions as necessary to effect the acquisition of the Property.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULT:

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez	AYE

Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Balocco	AYE
Councilmember Michael Wilson	AYE
Mayor Linda Evans	AYE
Councilmember Susan Marie Weber	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Chris Mills	ABSENT
Councilmember Richard W. Kite	AYE
Board Member Ed Pack	AYE
Board Member Matt Dessert	ABSENT
Board Member Randy Duncan	AYE
Mayor Glenn Miller (Alternate for Riverside County 1 st District)	ABSENT
Councilmember Karen Spiegel (Alternate for Riverside County 2 nd District)	ABSENT
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik (Alternate for Riverside County 3 rd District)	AYE
Mayor Scott Matas (Alternate for Riverside County 4 th District)	AYE
Mayor Steven Hernandez (Alternate for Riverside County 5 th District)	AYE

(13 AYES; 4 ABSENT)

C. Acquisition of five parcels totaling approximately 90.11 acres in the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Area

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

- 1) Approve Resolution 16-015 authorizing acquisition of five parcels totaling approximately 90.11 acres in the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Area at a cost not to exceed \$671,460 plus closing costs not to exceed \$5,000.
- 2) Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute all necessary contracts and documents and take such other actions as necessary to effect the acquisition of the Property.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULT:

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez	AYE
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Balocco	AYE
Councilmember Michael Wilson	AYE
Mayor Linda Evans	AYE
Councilmember Susan Marie Weber	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Chris Mills	ABSENT
Councilmember Richard W. Kite	AYE
Board Member Ed Pack	AYE
Board Member Matt Dessert	ABSENT
Board Member Randy Duncan	AYE
Mayor Glenn Miller (Alternate for Riverside County 1 st District)	ABSENT
Councilmember Karen Spiegel (Alternate for Riverside County 2 nd District)	ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik (Alternate for Riverside County 3 rd District)	AYE
Mayor Scott Matas (Alternate for Riverside County 4 th District)	AYE
Mayor Steven Hernandez (Alternate for Riverside County 5 th District)	AYE

(13 AYES; 4 ABSENT)

D. Acquisition of one additional parcel to a previously approved acquisition, for a total of eight parcels not to exceed 373.35 acres in the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Area

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM HARNIK, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 16-016 TO ADD ONE ADDITIONAL PARCEL IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY STORMWATER CHANNEL AND DELTA CONSERVATION AREA TO A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACQUISITION, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PARCELS FROM SEVEN TO EIGHT PARCELS, TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 373.35 ACRES, AND INCREASING THE COST FROM \$2,138,000 TO NOT TO EXCEED \$2,614,000 PLUS CLOSING COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$7,100.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULT:

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez	AYE
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Balocco	AYE
Councilmember Michael Wilson	AYE
Mayor Linda Evans	AYE
Councilmember Susan Marie Weber	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Chris Mills	ABSENT
Councilmember Richard W. Kite	AYE
Board Member Ed Pack	AYE
Board Member Matt Dessert	ABSENT
Board Member Randy Duncan	AYE
Mayor Glenn Miller (Alternate for Riverside County 1 st District)	ABSENT
Councilmember Karen Spiegel (Alternate for Riverside County 2 nd District)	ABSENT
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik (Alternate for Riverside County 3 rd District)	AYE
Mayor Scott Matas (Alternate for Riverside County 4 th District)	AYE
Mayor Steven Hernandez (Alternate for Riverside County 5 th District)	AYE

(13 AYES; 4 ABSENT)

E. Update on Reserve Management and Trails Management

Kathleen Brundige reported on the monitoring and management of the CVCC lands. A report of the activities was covered with respect to illegal dumping and cleanup, six tons of illegal dumping has been removed. Volunteers have partnered with us to help with cleanup

activities. Fencing and signage are being installed to protect CVCC lands in the Desert Hot Springs area and a maintenance contract is in place for repair of fencing as needed.

F. Update on Peninsular Bighorn Sheep La Quinta Barrier Project

Katie Barrows indicated that the Draft EIR for this project is in progress. Proposed alternatives will be presented in the Draft EIR to address concerns submitted as comments. Coordination with the City of La Quinta, property owners, wildlife agencies, and concerned citizens continues.

8. INFORMATION

- 1) CVCC's Quarterly Unaudited Financial Statements as at September 30, 2016
- 2) CVCC's Investment Report as at September 30, 2016
- 3) CVCC Attendance Roster
- 4) Report on Contracts under \$25,000
- 5) Friends of the Desert Mountains – National Public Lands Day, Nov. 19, 2016

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Coachella Valley Conservation Commission – Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Rogers

Linda Rogers
Program Assistant II