

**ITEM 6A**

**Energy & Environmental Resources Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 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 Energy & Environmental Resources Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Yvonne Parks at 12:02 pm on February 8, 2018.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Wilson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

**Members Present**

Councilmember Mark Carnevale  
Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez  
Councilmember Yvonne Parks, Vice Chair  
Councilmember Richard Balocco  
Mayor Michael Wilson, Chair  
Councilmember Gina Nestande  
Councilmember Lisa Middleton  
Mayor Charles Townsend  
Mayor Steven Hernandez  
(Alternate for Supervisor V. Manuel Perez)  
Board Member Juanita Salas  
(teleconference)

**Ex-Officio Member Present**

Buford Crites, Air Quality Advisor  
(Representing Supervisor Marion Ashley)

**Members Absent**

Councilmember Dale Reynolds  
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair  
Board Member Anthony Bianco  
Board Member Nancy Wright

**Others Present**

Sara Toyoda  
Pat Cooper  
Lisa Castilone

**Agency**

City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage  
County of Riverside – 4th District  
  
Imperial Irrigation District

County of Riverside – 5<sup>th</sup> District

City of Blythe  
City of La Quinta  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Mission Springs Water District

City of Indio  
Supervisor's Office – 4<sup>th</sup> District  
GRID Alternatives

**CVAG Staff**

Tom Kirk  
Katie Barrows  
Jim Sullivan  
Erica Felci  
Linda Rogers

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**5. COMMITTEE MEMBER & DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Councilmember Middleton reported that the City of Palm Springs has recently passed a Solar Preference Ordinance for new construction. The new ordinance will go into effect 30 days after their council's reading.

Councilmember Carnevale reported that Cathedral City brought this up for discussion at their last council meeting. Cathedral City staff was given direction to reach out to come up with an idea for incentives.

IID Director Juanita Salas, teleconferencing in to the meeting, introduced herself stating that she is the newly appointed representative to the Energy and Environmental Resources Committee.

Katie Barrows provided a report on the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program. The committee was informed that Councilmember Kaplan is appearing today before the California Public Utilities Commission asking them to allow Desert Community Energy to move forward with the CCA.

Erica Felci reported on the action taken by the Executive Committee on cap and trade approving a grant for future funding.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR WILSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BALOCCO, TO:**

- A. Approve minutes of the November 9, 2017 Energy & Environmental Resources Committee**
- B. Approve 2017/2018 Used Oil Recycling Program Budget**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES ON 6A AND 2 ABSENTIONS ON 6A; 10 AYES ON 6B ABSENT.**

Councilmember Mark Carnevale	<b>ABSTAIN 6A; AYE 6B</b>
Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Yvonne Parks, Vice Chair	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Richard Balocco	<b>AYE</b>
Mayor Michael Wilson	<b>AYE</b>

Councilmember Gina Nestande	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	<b>ABSTAIN 6A; AYE 6B</b>
Mayor Charles Townsend	<b>AYE</b>
Mayor Steven Hernandez (Alternate for Supervisor V. Manuel Perez)	<b>AYE</b>
Board Member Juanita Salas (Teleconferencing)	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Dale Reynolds	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair	<b>ABSENT</b>
Board Member Anthony Bianco	<b>ABSENT</b>
Board Member Nancy Wright	<b>ABSENT</b>

**7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Grant Submittal to South Coast Air Quality Management District for Street Sweeping Program**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR TOWNSEND, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BALOCCO, TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT TO THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT UNDER THE VOLUNTARY INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE CVAG REGIONAL STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 4 ABSENT.**

Councilmember Mark Carnevale	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Yvonne Parks, Vice Chair	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Richard Balocco	<b>AYE</b>
Mayor Michael Wilson	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Gina Nestande	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	<b>AYE</b>
Mayor Charles Townsend	<b>AYE</b>
Mayor Steven Hernandez (Alternate for Supervisor V. Manuel Perez)	<b>AYE</b>
Board Member Juanita Salas (Teleconferencing)	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Dale Reynolds	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair	<b>ABSENT</b>
Board Member Anthony Bianco	<b>ABSENT</b>
Board Member Nancy Wright	<b>ABSENT</b>

**C. Presentation from GRID Alternatives**

Lisa Castilone with GRID Alternatives provided an overview on their work in the Coachella Valley. Grid Alternatives provides services to underserved communities in offering workforce development as well as providing economic and environmental benefits to the communities they work in. Ms. Castilone described a solutions-based approach to helping lower income communities with solar rooftop systems and helping to offset energy burdens on families.

**D. Semi-Annual Review of Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

Katie Barrows provided a status report on the projects and goals as established by the committee. Members were asked to review the goals and objectives and provide their input.

Steven Hernandez indicated that Supervisor Perez has asked that the North Lake Project be added to the Salton Sea effort. The North Lake Project is different than the Salton Sea 10-year plan. Katie Barrows has been in touch with Pat Cooper to discuss a presentation on the North Lake Project for a future meeting.

**8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**9. INFORMATION**

- 1) Attendance Roster
- 2) Update on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs
- 3) Recap on Energy, Water and Green Living Summit

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Executive Committee – February 26, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Energy & Environmental Resources Committee – April 12, 2018 at noon.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rogers  
Program Assistant II