

Energy & Environmental Resources Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2017



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 Chair Linda Evans at noon on February 9, 2017.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Yvonne Parks 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 Dale Reynolds (Video conference)  
Councilmember Shelley Kaplan  
Mayor Pro Tem Emmanuel Martinez  
Councilmember Yvonne Parks, Vice Chair  
Mayor Richard Balocco  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wilson  
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair  
Mayor Jan Harnik  
Councilmember Geoff Kors  
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend  
Joseph Pradetto  
*(by proxy for RivCo 4<sup>th</sup> Dist. Supervisor)*

**Agency**

City of Blythe  
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 Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage  
County of Riverside – 4th District

**Non-voting Member Present**

Board Member Anthony Bianco  
Coachella Valley Water District

**Members Absent**

Board Member Erik Ortega  
Board President Nancy Wright  
Imperial Irrigation District  
Mission Springs Water District

**Others Present**

Councilmember Ted Mertens  
Isaiah Hagerman  
Anna Grandys  
Michael Kemp (Teleconference)  
Phil Rosentrater  
Bruce Wilcox  
Don Dame  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Rancho Mirage  
City of Indian Wells  
IID  
Salton Sea Authority  
Assistant Secretary, Salton Sea Policy  
California Natural Resource Agency  
Energy Consultant

Paul Quill  
Nicole Ochoa

Salton Sea Action Committee  
Renovate America

**CVAG Staff**

Tom Kirk  
Katie Barrows

Jim Sullivan  
Benjamin Druyon

Linda Rogers  
Erica Felci

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**5. COMMITTEE MEMBER & DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Katie Barrows stated that CVAG has an ongoing Tire Recycling Program funded by CalRecycle. A notice that the grant cycle had opened up was received after this agenda was out. The grant cycle requires that a resolution be submitted along with the grant application. Staff wanted the committee informed that a resolution in support of the grant application will be submitted to the TAC and Executive Committee for approval.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WILSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN, TO:**

- A. Approve Minutes of the November 10, 2016 Energy & Environmental Resources Committee**
- B.**
- 1. Approve an Agreement with PACE Funding to implement their program regionally in the Coachella Valley with CVAG oversight; and**
  - 2. Authorize the Executive Director of CVAG and/or legal counsel to make minor changes or revisions to the agreement for clarification purposes.**
- C.**
- 1. Approve an amendment to the existing agreement between Ygrene Energy Fund and CVAG, allowing for early termination of the CV Upgrade Program**
  - 2. Approve a new agreement to join Ygrene Energy Fund's statewide program**
  - 3. Authorize the Executive Director and/or legal counsel to make minor changes or revisions to the agreement for clarification purposes.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULT:**

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| Councilmember Dale Reynolds (Video conference) | <b>AYE</b>                       |
| Councilmember Shelley Kaplan                   | <b>AYE</b>                       |
| Mayor Pro Tem Emmanuel Martinez                | <b>AYE</b>                       |
| Councilmember Yvonne Parks, Vice Chair         | <b>AYE</b>                       |
| Mayor Richard Balocco                          | <b>AYE</b>                       |
| Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wilson                   | <b>AYE</b>                       |
| Mayor Linda Evans, Chair                       | <b>AYE</b>                       |
| Mayor Jan Harnik                               | <b>ABSTAIN ON 6A; AYE 6B, 6C</b> |
| Councilmember Geoff Kors                       | <b>ABSTAIN ON 6A; AYE 6B, 6C</b> |
| Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend                 | <b>AYE</b>                       |

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| Joseph Pradetto<br>(by proxy for Riverside County 4 <sup>th</sup> Dist.) | <b>AYE</b>    |
| Board Member Erik Ortega   | <b>ABSENT</b> |
| Board President Nancy Wright   | <b>ABSENT</b> |

**(9 AYES; 2 AYES ON 6B AND 6C; 2 ABSTENTIONS ON 6A (Minutes); 2 ABSENT)**

**7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Salton Sea Update and Presentation**

Bruce Wilcox, Assistant Secretary for the California Natural Resource Agency for Salton Sea Policy and Phil Rosentrater, Executive Director of the Salton Sea Authority were present and provided an update on the Salton Sea.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HARNIK, SECONDED BY MAYOR BALOCCO, TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN A COMMENT LETTER REGARDING THE SALTON SEA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULT:**

|  |               |
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| Councilmember Dale Reynolds (Video conference)                           | <b>AYE</b>    |
| Councilmember Shelley Kaplan   | <b>AYE</b>    |
| Mayor Pro Tem Emmanuel Martinez  | <b>AYE</b>    |
| Councilmember Yvonne Parks, Vice Chair                                   | <b>AYE</b>    |
| Mayor Richard Balocco  | <b>AYE</b>    |
| Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wilson   | <b>AYE</b>    |
| Mayor Linda Evans, Chair   | <b>AYE</b>    |
| Mayor Jan Harnik   | <b>AYE</b>    |
| Councilmember Geoff Kors   | <b>AYE</b>    |
| Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend   | <b>AYE</b>    |
| Joseph Pradetto<br>(by proxy for Riverside County 4 <sup>th</sup> Dist.) | <b>AYE</b>    |
| Board Member Erik Ortega   | <b>ABSENT</b> |
| Board President Nancy Wright   | <b>ABSENT</b> |

**(11 AYES; 2 ABSENT)**

**B. Community Choice Aggregation Presentation and Update**

Don Dame, energy consultant, discussed the cost savings and benefits derived by developing and implementing a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program regionally.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN, SECONDED BY MAYOR BALOCCO, TO RECEIVE THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE INLAND CHOICE POWER COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION BUSINESS PLAN.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULT:**

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| Councilmember Dale Reynolds (Video conference)        | <b>AYE</b>     |
| Councilmember Shelley Kaplan                          | <b>AYE</b>     |
| Mayor Pro Tem Emmanuel Martinez                       | <b>AYE</b>     |
| Councilmember Yvonne Parks, Vice Chair                | <b>AYE</b>     |
| Mayor Richard Balocco                                 | <b>AYE</b>     |
| Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wilson                          | <b>*ABSENT</b> |
| Mayor Linda Evans, Chair                              | <b>AYE</b>     |
| Mayor Jan Harnik                                      | <b>AYE</b>     |
| Councilmember Geoff Kors                              | <b>AYE</b>     |
| Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend                        | <b>AYE</b>     |
| Joseph Pradetto                                       | <b>AYE</b>     |
| (by proxy for Riverside County 4 <sup>th</sup> Dist.) |                |
| Board Member Erik Ortega                              | <b>ABSENT</b>  |
| Board President Nancy Wright                          | <b>ABSENT</b>  |

**(10 Ayes; 3 Absent)**

*[\*Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wilson left the meeting and was not present for the vote on 7B.]*

**C. Semi-Annual Review of Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2016-2017**  
– Katie Barrows

At the Chair's request, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

**8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**9. INFORMATION**

1) Attendance Roster

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Energy & Environmental Resources Committee, April 13, 2017 at 12:00 noon.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Rogers*

Linda Rogers  
Program Assistant II