

Energy & Environmental Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 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 Chair Linda Evans at 12:00 noon on April 12, 2018.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Scott Matas 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 Shelley Kaplan
Mayor Scott Matas
Councilmember Richard Balocco
Mayor Michael Wilson
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair
Councilmember Gina Nestande
Councilmember Lisa Middleton
Board Member Randy Duncan

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
Mission Springs Water District

Members and Ex-Officio Members Absent

Mayor Dale Reynolds
Mayor Steven Hernandez
Mayor Charles Townsend
Board Member Juanita Salas
Board Member Anthony Bianco
Buford Crites, Air Quality Advisor
(Representing Supervisor Marion Ashley)

City of Blythe
City of Coachella
City of Rancho Mirage
Imperial Irrigation District
Coachella Valley Water District
Riverside County 5th District

Others Present

Kim Floyd
Vincent J. Signorotti

Resident
VP, Resource & Real Estate Assets,
EnergySources

CVAG Staff

Katie Barrows
Jim Sullivan
Benjamin Druyon
Linda Rogers

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER & DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Katie Barrows announced that the Mobile Source Review Committee (MSRC) has a \$16,000,000 grant program that includes funding for clean transportation, alternative fuel structure events, zero emission vehicles, traffic signal coordination, electric vehicle charging, and active transportation programs. A workshop is scheduled on May 1 at 1:00 pm at Cathedral City city hall. Previously CVAG has received funding from MSRC for street sweeping. This year MSRC changed the program and is no longer offering funding for street sweeping. Addressing this point, staff added that a grant application was submitted to South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) for funding to continue the regional PM-10 street sweeping program

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. Approve minutes of the February 8, 2018 Energy & Environmental Resources Committee**
- B. Approve a Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas Company for the Desert Cities Energy Partnership.**

THE MOTION CARRIED ON 6A WITH 6 AYES AND 2 ABSTAINING, 8 AYES ON 6B; AND 4 ABSENT.

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	ABSTAIN 6A; AYE 6B
Mayor Scott Matas	AYE
Councilmember Richard Balocco	AYE
Mayor Michael Wilson	AYE
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair	ABSTAIN 6A; AYE 6B
Councilmember Gina Nestande	AYE
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	AYE
Board Member Randy Duncan	AYE
Mayor Dale Reynolds	ABSENT
Mayor Steven Hernandez	ABSENT
Mayor Charles Townsend	ABSENT
Board Member Juanita Salas	ABSENT

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Geothermal Presentation

Mr. Vincent J. Signorotti, VP, Resource & Real Estate Assets, with EnergySources provided a detailed presentation on the Featherstone geothermal plant by the Salton Sea in Imperial County, California. Mr. Signorotti covered the differences between wind, solar and geothermal renewable energy. Mr. Signorotti discussed the aspects of AB 2208 being considered in Sacramento for new geothermal facilities for clean - renewable energy. A discussion was opened to take questions from committee members.

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

There was a review and input of the goals and objectives. One of the items added was a focus on the North Lake Concept at the Salton Sea as proposed by Supervisor Perez. Chair Evans recommended changing Salton Sea Restoration to Salton Sea Revitalization. Chair Evans asked staff to check into the water conservation goal of 30% by 2020 given the drought penalties. Katie Barrows indicated she would verify this figure with CVWD and bring it back in the final report for consideration at May's meeting.

CVAG staff, Linda Rogers, had the opportunity to take an agricultural tour offered by Blaine Carian with Desert Fresh. Staff highlighted the points of interest on the AG Tour citing a visit to the Thomas E. Levy Groundwater Replenishment Facility and recharge ponds. The tour included visiting the fields where grapes, dates and other produce are grown, and the methods of irrigation used. Katie Barrows added that another AG Tour would be offered again in the fall if there was interest; committee members expressed interest in a fall tour.

8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

9. INFORMATION

- 1) Attendance Roster
- 2) Update on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Energy & Environmental Resources Committee – May 10, 2018 at noon.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rogers
Program Assistant II