

Energy and Environmental Resources Committee
Revised Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2019



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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Evans at 12:09 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Members Present

Mayor Dale Reynolds
Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez
Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto
Councilmember Anayeli Zavala
Councilmember Richard Balocco
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair
Councilmember Lisa Middleton
Councilmember Charles Townsend
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Director Alex Cardenas

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 Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
Riverside County – District 4 *(Left at 1:22 pm)*
Imperial Irrigation District

Ex-Officio Members Present

Board Member Anthony Bianco
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt

Coachella Valley Water District *(Left at 1:15 pm)*
Riverside County - District 5 *(Left at 12:56 pm)*

Members and Ex-Officio Members Not Present

Mayor Pro Tem Gina Nestande
Board Member Nancy Wright
Board Member Patricia Oyar

City of Palm Desert
Mission Springs Water District
Desert Water Agency

Others Present

Emmanuel Martinez
Frank Oswalt
Antonio Ortega
Pat Cooper
Philip Fine
Nydia Ibarra
Tom Kirk
Katie Barrows
Libby Carlson
Erica Felci
Benjamin Druyon

Imperial Irrigation District
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Office of Supervisor Perez
South Coast AQMD
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3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Supervisor Hewitt.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS – None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve the April 11, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TOWNSEND TO APPROVE THE APRIL 11, 2019 ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, 2 ABSTENTIONS, AND 2 ABSENT.

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| Mayor Dale Reynolds | Abstain |
| Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez | Aye |
| Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto | Aye |
| Councilmember Anayeli Zavala | Abstain |
| Councilmember Richard Balocco | Aye |
| Councilmember Oscar Ortiz | Aye |
| Mayor Linda Evans, Chair | Aye |
| Mayor Pro Tem Gina Nestande | Absent |
| Councilmember Lisa Middleton | Aye |
| Councilmember Charles Townsend | Aye |
| Supervisor V. Manuel Perez | Aye |
| Director Alex Cardenas | Aye |
| Board Member Nancy Wright | Absent |

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. South Coast AQMD Reclassification Request for Coachella Valley 8-Hour Ozone Standard – Dr. Philip Fine, South Coast AQMD, provided an informational overview.

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TOWNSEND TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CVAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH COAST AQMD RECLASSIFICATION REQUEST FOR COACHELLA VALLEY 8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 2 ABSENT.

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| Mayor Dale Reynolds | Aye |
| Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez | Aye |
| Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto | Aye |
| Councilmember Anayeli Zavala | Aye |
| Councilmember Richard Balocco | Aye |
| Councilmember Oscar Ortiz | Aye |
| Mayor Linda Evans, Chair | Aye |
| Mayor Pro Tem Gina Nestande | Absent |
| Councilmember Lisa Middleton | Aye |
| Councilmember Charles Townsend | Aye |
| Supervisor V. Manuel Perez | Aye |
| Director Alex Cardenas | Aye |
| Board Member Nancy Wright | Absent |

B. Letter of Support for AB 854: Imperial Irrigation District, Retail Electric Service – Councilmember Beaman-Jacinto provided background on the legislation. Board Member Bianco provided background on the formation of Imperial Irrigation District and agreement

with Coachella Valley Water District. Director Cardenas introduced Antonio Ortega and Frank Oswald from IID.

Mayor Evans recommended formation of an east Valley energy task force. Supervisor Perez and Director Cardenas voiced support for a task force.

Councilmember Ortiz reported that Indio City Council is in support of the legislation. Councilmember Middleton noted that the item has not been discussed by Palm Springs City Council and stated that it would be added to the next meeting agenda.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER BEAMAN-JACINTO AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CVAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF AB 854 AND REQUEST THAT LANGUAGE BE ADDED TO CLARIFY TERRITORY AND SCOPE.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES, 1 NO, 2 ABSTENTIONS, AND 2 ABSENT.

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| Mayor Dale Reynolds | Aye |
| Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez | Aye |
| Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto | Aye |
| Councilmember Anayeli Zavala | Aye |
| Councilmember Richard Balocco | Aye |
| Councilmember Oscar Ortiz | Aye |
| Mayor Linda Evans, Chair | Aye |
| Mayor Pro Tem Gina Nestande | Absent |
| Councilmember Lisa Middleton | Abstain |
| Councilmember Charles Townsend | Aye |
| Supervisor V. Manuel Perez | Abstain |
| Director Alex Cardenas | No |

Board Member Nancy Wright

Absent

C. Committee Goals and Objectives – Katie Barrows reviewed requested changes to the goals and objectives for FY19/20.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZAVALA TO ADOPT THE COMMITTEE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FY19/20 AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 2 ABSENT.

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| Mayor Dale Reynolds | Aye |
| Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez | Aye |
| Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto | Aye |
| Councilmember Anayeli Zavala | Aye |
| Councilmember Richard Balocco | Aye |
| Councilmember Oscar Ortiz | Aye |
| Mayor Linda Evans, Chair | Aye |
| Mayor Pro Tem Gina Nestande | Absent |
| Councilmember Lisa Middleton | Aye |
| Councilmember Charles Townsend | Aye |
| Supervisor V. Manuel Perez | Aye |
| Director Alex Cardenas | Aye |
| Board Member Nancy Wright | Absent |

D. Legislative Update – SB 732: Transactions & Use Tax, South Coast AQMD – Erica Felci gave an overview of the proposed legislation.

8. INFORMATION - The following item was provided for information only:

A. Attendance Record

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next scheduled meetings at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert:

- Energy & Environmental Resources Committee – June 13 at 12 pm

Upcoming meeting at Agua Caliente Casino Resort, 32-250 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage:

- General Assembly – June 24 at 6 pm

10. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Libby Carlson

