

Energy & Environmental Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 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 Energy & Environmental Resources Committee was called to order by Chair Linda Evans at 12:00 p.m. on September 8, 2016.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Evans 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 (Teleconference)
Councilmember Shelley Kaplan
Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez
Councilmember Yvonne Parks, Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Balocco
Councilmember Michael Wilson
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair
Councilmember Van Tanner
Councilmember Charles Townsend
Board President Nancy Wright
Supervisor John J. Benoit

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 Rancho Mirage
Mission Springs Water District
County of Riverside – 4th District

Members Absent

Councilmember Geoff Kors
Board Member Matt Dessert

City of Palm Springs
Imperial Irrigation District

Non-voting Member Absent

Board Member Ed Pack

Coachella Valley Water District

Others Present

Sara Toyoda
Britt Wilson
Kelly Bishop (Teleconference)
Brian McDonald
Deborah McGarrey

City of Indio
City of Rancho Mirage
Imperial Irrigation District
Southern California Edison
Southern California Gas Co.

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 commented that the Desert Sun featured a nice article on the energy saving efforts attained by the City of Rancho Mirage. The article also highlighted the energy efficiency savings and results achieved as a result of the Desert Cities Energy Partnership formed in 2008 between CVAG, nine valley cities, Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas Co.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. Approve Minutes of the June 9, 2016 Energy & Environmental Resources Committee**
- B. Approve a three-year contract with HF&H Consultants, LLC for the Used Oil Recycling Program to September 30, 2019**

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULT:

Councilmember Dale Reynolds (Teleconference)	AYE
Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez	AYE
Councilmember Yvonne Parks, Vice Chair	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Balocco	AYE
Councilmember Michael Wilson	AYE
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair	AYE
Councilmember Van Tanner	AYE
Councilmember Geoff Kors	ABSENT
Councilmember Charles Townsend	AYE
Board President Nancy Wright	AYE
Supervisor John J. Benoit	AYE
Board Member Matt Dessert	ABSENT

(11 Ayes; and 2 members Absent)

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Election of Energy and Environmental Resources Committee Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2016/2017

Tom Kirk opened nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. Councilmember Wilson moved to retain Chair Linda Evans and Vice Chair Yvonne Parks. Nominations were then closed.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WILSON, SECONDED BY MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT BOARD PRESIDENT WRIGHT, TO RETAIN MAYOR EVANS AS CHAIR AND COUNCILMEMBER PARKS AS VICE CHAIR.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULT:

Councilmember Dale Reynolds (Teleconference)	AYE
Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez	AYE
Councilmember Yvonne Parks, Vice Chair	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Balocco	AYE
Councilmember Michael Wilson	AYE
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair	AYE
Councilmember Van Tanner	AYE
Councilmember Geoff Kors	ABSENT
Councilmember Charles Townsend	AYE
Board President Nancy Wright	AYE
Supervisor John J. Benoit	AYE
Board Member Matt Dessert	ABSENT

(11 Ayes; and 2 members Absent)

B. Community Choice Aggregation Presentation

Gary Saleba with EES Consulting provided an overview and description of community choice aggregation (CCA). Mr. Saleba discussed the benefits of a CCA which enables local governments to purchase electricity, allowing for local control over programs, rates and power/supply generation options. The CCA also allows for greener electricity usually at lower rates. Mr. Saleba provided an update on an Inland Choice Energy Feasibility study.

C. Allow new Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) providers to implement regional programs in the Coachella Valley through CVAG

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

- 1. Continue allowing new PACE providers, once vetted by CVAG, to enter into agreements with CVAG to implement their programs on a regional scale.**
- 2. Approve agreements between CVAG and Energy Efficiency Equity Inc., BlueFlame Energy Finance LLC, and Structured Finance Associates LLC as providers in CVAG's regional PACE program.**
- 3. Authorize the Executive Director and/or CVAG legal counsel to make minor changes/revisions to the agreement(s) as needed for clarification purposes.**

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULT:

Councilmember Dale Reynolds (Teleconference)	AYE
Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Emmanuel Martinez	AYE
Councilmember Yvonne Parks, Vice Chair	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Balocco	AYE
Councilmember Michael Wilson	AYE
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair	AYE
Councilmember Van Tanner	AYE
Councilmember Geoff Kors	ABSENT
Councilmember Charles Townsend	AYE
Board President Nancy Wright	AYE
Supervisor John J. Benoit	AYE
Board Member Matt Dessert	ABSENT

(11 Ayes; and 2 members Absent)

D. Energy Summit Update

Katie Barrows announced that this year's Energy Summit will be held on Thursday, October 27 in Rancho Mirage at *The Show* at Agua Caliente Casino Resort and Spa. On October 26, an evening reception will be held at the Living Desert. The event this year is being called the Energy + Water + Green Living Summit.

8. INFORMATION

- 1) Attendance Roster
- 2) Letter from CVAG Chair

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Energy & Environmental Resources Committee, November 10, 2016 at 12:00 noon.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rogers

Linda Rogers
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