

Energy & Environmental Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 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 12:10 pm on November 9, 2017.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Townsend 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 Shelly Kaplan
Mayor Pro Tem Emmanuel Martinez
Councilmember Dana Reed
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair
Councilmember Gina Nestande
Councilmember JR Roberts
Mayor Charles Townsend
Board Member Randy Duncan
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

Agency

City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
City of Indian Wells
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
Mission Springs Water District
County of Riverside – 4th District

Members Absent

Councilmember Dale Reynolds
Councilmember Yvonne Parks, Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wilson
Board Member Anthony Bianco
Board Member Erik Ortega

City of Blythe
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indio
Coachella Valley Water District
Imperial Irrigation District

Others Present

Sara Toyoda
Emily Nelson

City of Indio
Consultant

CVAG Staff

Katie Barrows
Jim Sullivan
Erica Felci
Benjamin Druyon
Linda Rogers
Oscar Vizcarra

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER & DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Staff announced that on Nov. 16 there will be a Zero Net Energy Workshop at UCR Palm Desert. CVAG along with COD, UCR Palm Desert and Palm Springs Sustainability Commission have partnered together as workshop sponsors.

Erica Felci added that CVAG is looking at a regional grant application to be able to better compete for CAP and Trade opportunities.

[Supervisor V. Manuel Perez has now arrived]

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ, TO:

- A. Approve Minutes of the June 8, 2017 Energy & Environmental Resources Committee**
- B. Approve agreement with Spruce PACE, LLC to implement their program regionally in the Coachella Valley with CVAG oversight**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 7 AYES, 1 AYE ON 6B; 1 ABSTENTION ON 6A; AND 5 ABSENT:

Councilmember Dale Reynolds	ABSENT
Councilmember Shelly Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Yvonne Parks	ABSENT
Councilmember Dana Reed	AYE
Councilmember Michael Wilson	ABSENT
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair	AYE
Councilmember Gina Nestande	AYE
Councilmember JR Roberts	ABSTAIN 6A; AYE 6B
Mayor Charles Townsend	AYE
Board Member Randy Duncan	AYE
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Emmanuel Martinez	ABSENT FOR VOTE
Board Member Erik Ortega	ABSENT

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

- A. Riverside County 5th District Representative on Energy and Environmental Resources Committee**

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBERTS, SECONDED BY MAYOR TOWNSEND, TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF AN EX-OFFICIO REPRESENTATIVE FROM RIVERSIDE COUNTY 5TH DISTRICT ON THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL

RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND BE ADDED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES AND 5 ABSENT.

Councilmember Dale Reynolds	ABSENT
Councilmember Shelly Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Yvonne Parks	ABSENT
Councilmember Dana Reed	AYE
Councilmember Michael Wilson	ABSENT
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair	AYE
Councilmember Gina Nestande	AYE
Councilmember JR Roberts	AYE
Mayor Charles Townsend	AYE
Board Member Randy Duncan	AYE
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Emmanuel Martinez	ABSENT FOR VOTE
Board Member Erik Ortega	ABSENT

[Mayor Pro Tem Emmanuel Martinez has now arrived]

B. Community Choice Aggregation: Agreement between CVAG and Desert Community Energy for Implementation and Management Services

[Councilmember Reed recused himself from this item and left the room until after the vote.]

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBERTS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN TO AUTHORIZE:

1. The Chair to execute an agreement with Desert Community Energy for CVAG to provide implementation and management services for a Community Choice Aggregation program for the Coachella Valley region;
2. The Executive Director to enter into a cost sharing agreement with Western Riverside Council of Governments and Los Angeles Community Choice Energy for legal services related to the California Public Utilities Commission Proceeding R17-06-026, Review of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment, for not to exceed \$20,000 as CVAG's share.
3. The Executive Director to enter into a cost sharing agreement with Los Angeles Community Choice Energy and Western Riverside Council of Governments for consulting services related to the California Public Utilities Commission Proceeding R17-06-026 Review of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment, for not to exceed \$20,000 as CVAG's share.
4. Recommend that the CVAG-Desert Community Energy agreement term be modified to avoid an automatic renewal provision, and that a definition of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment be added to the cost-sharing agreements with WRCOG and LACCE.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 7 AYES; 1 NAYE; 5 ABSENT

Councilmember Dale Reynolds	ABSENT
Councilmember Shelly Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Yvonne Parks	ABSENT
Councilmember Dana Reed	ABSENT FOR VOTE
Councilmember Michael Wilson	ABSENT

Mayor Linda Evans, Chair	AYE
Councilmember Gina Nestande	AYE
Councilmember JR Roberts	AYE
Mayor Charles Townsend	AYE
Board Member Randy Duncan	NAYE
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Emmanuel Martinez	AYE
Board Member Erik Ortega	ABSENT

C. Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Consumer Protection Legislation: SB 242 and AB 1284

[Councilmember Reed is now present.]

Benjamin Druyon updated the committee on the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program by highlighting its success in helping homeowners across the state. Mr. Druyon discussed the two bills signed by Governor Brown, SB242 and AB1284, enhancing consumer protection policies to PACE consumers. It was also noted that there have been very few complaints from property owners.

D. Update on 2018 SoCal Energy + Water Summit

Katie Barrows announced that the 2018 SoCal Energy + Water Summit would be held on January 11. Information on the program and speakers is available on the following website: <http://socalenergysummit.org>.

E. Discussion of moving January 2018 E&E meeting due to Energy Summit

A brief discussion ensued regarding an alternate meeting date for the E&E Committee due to the January meeting being the same day as the Energy and Water Summit. It was determined that the January 11 meeting would be cancelled or moved to an alternate date if necessary.

8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

9. INFORMATION

- 1) Educational Parks Bond & Salton Sea Funding Workshop presented by Assembly member Eduardo Garcia at 1 pm today (following E&E)
- 2) Attendance Roster
- 3) Free Net Zero Energy Shoptalk Workshop will be held on Nov. 16, 2017 from 10 am to noon at UCR Palm Desert.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, Palm Desert
Educational Parks Bond and Salton Sea Funding Workshop – Nov. 9, at 1:00 pm

Executive Committee – Monday, December 4, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. (Please note special time)

The next **Energy & Environmental Resources Committee** will be determined, if a meeting is needed, pending the committee's availability for an alternate meeting date in January. Otherwise, the next meeting will be the regular meeting date of February 8.

2018 Southern California Energy + Water Summit – January 11, 2018, at The Show at the Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa, 32-250 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage. 2018 Program details coming soon at: <http://socalenergysummit.org>

- **Registration:** 8:00 am to 9:00 am
- **Summit:** 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rogers
Program Assistant II