



One other individual joined the meeting but did not provide a full name

**Members & Ex-Officios Not Present**

Councilmember Gina Nestande	City of Palm Desert
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Coachella Valley Water District
Board Member Patricia Oygur	Desert Water Agency

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Chuck Parker, of the Salton Sea Coalition, commented on Item 6C and urged the Energy & Environmental Resources Committee to add the importation of ocean water into the Salton Sea as part of the committee goals and objectives.

**4. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Indio Councilmember Oscar Ortiz provided an update on environmental discussions at the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) committee meetings.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER TOWNSEND AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFITH TO:**

**A. Approve January 14, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, 1 ABSTAINS AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

<b>Councilmember Joey DeConinck</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Nancy Ross</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Neftali Galarza</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilmember Russell Betts</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Donna Griffith</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Oscar Ortiz</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Linda Evans</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Gina Nestande</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilmember Dennis Woods</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Charles Townsend</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Supervisor V. Manuel Perez</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Board Member Anthony Bianco</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Alex Cardenas</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice President Randy Duncan</b>	<b>Abstain</b>

**6. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Update on SB 1383 and waste disposal reduction goals**

Debbie Espinosa, from FIND Food Bank, gave a presentation on SB 1383's edible food recovery requirements and the ways that FIND Food Bank could partner with CVAG's jurisdictions to help them meet these requirements. Member discussion ensued.

There was no action taken as this was an informational item.

**B. Better Battery Recycling and Fire Risk Reduction Act of 2021**

Katie Barrows provided an update on Senate Bill 289, including its purpose and requirements, and said staff recommended the CVAG Chair sign a letter of support for the bill. Member discussion ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALARZA TO AUTHORIZE THE CVAG CHAIR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 289, THE STATE'S BETTER BATTERY RECYCLING AND FIRE RISK REDUCTION OF 2021.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

Councilmember Joey DeConinck	Aye
Councilmember Nancy Ross	Aye
Councilmember Neftali Galarza	Aye
Councilmember Russell Betts	Aye
Councilmember Donna Griffith	Aye
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz	Aye
Mayor Linda Evans	Aye
Councilmember Gina Nestande	Absent
Councilmember Dennis Woods	Aye
Councilmember Charles Townsend	Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Aye
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Absent
Director Alex Cardenas	Aye
Vice President Randy Duncan	Aye

**C. Input on Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Ms. Barrows provided an introduction to the committee's goals and objectives for the upcoming year before opening up the discussion for member input. Tory Brewster, CivicSpark Fellow, gave an update on the projects she has been working on for CVAG.

Member discussion ensued and input was provided. Based on the feedback, Ms. Barrows indicated she would provide the finalized goals and objectives to the Committee at its next meeting.

**7. INFORMATION** – The following item was provided in the agenda for information only:

- A. Attendance Record**
- B. Regional Energy Network Update**
- C. Update on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program**

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next scheduled meeting via Zoom:

- Energy & Environmental Resources Committee – May 13, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.
- Executive Committee – April 26, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

**10. ADJOURN** – Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trisha Stull*