



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024
4:30 p.m.**

**CVAG Conference Room
73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104
Palm Desert, CA 92260**

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Blythe, CA 92225**

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ACTION MAY RESULT ON ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Scott Matas, Mayor, City of Desert Hot Springs

2. **ROLL CALL**

A. **Member Roster**

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3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (IF ANY)**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the Executive Committee on agenda items. At the discretion of the Chair, comments may be taken at the time items are presented. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes.

6. **CHAIR / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Approve the Minutes of the September 25, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting**

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B. **Approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2023 Joint Meeting of the Executive and Transportation Committees**

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C. **Authorize the Executive Director to provide the Southern California Association of Governments with concurrence on the current Regional Council district boundaries**

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7.1 **ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

8. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

A. **Presentation: Preview of policies and issues emerging in California's 2024 Legislature**—Jesse Ramirez, League of California Cities' Riverside County Division Manager

- B. Dust Storms and Poor Air Quality Likely Resulting from Tropical Storm Hilary – Tom Kirk** **P40**

Recommendation: Information

- C. Update on Coachella Valley Energy Commission and Ongoing Analysis of Regional Alternative Governance – Emmanuel Martinez** **P42**

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to address Coachella Valley representation on Imperial Irrigation District electrical service matters by:

1. Negotiating terms and entering into an agreement with the Leading Resources Incorporated (LRI) for the Long-Term Governance and Electrical Services Strategic Plan at a total cost not to exceed \$199,370; contingent upon:
2. Negotiating and entering into cost-sharing agreements with stakeholder agencies to cover the plan costs, with no cost to CVAG
3. Concurrence from the Coachella Valley Energy Commission's Governance Committee

- D. Partnership with Governor's Office of Planning and Research for the Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program – Jacob Alvarez** **P111**

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to partner with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program and accept \$100,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Government to Government Program (EPA EJG2G) program for the Community Based Climate Resilience: California Extreme Heat Adaptation Planning project

- E. Regional Opportunities for the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant – Jacob Alvarez** **P113**

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to take any necessary steps for CVAG to participate in the submission of the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application, including executing an agreement between partnering agencies, and provide feedback on climate pollution reduction concepts that are included in the Metropolitan Statistical Area's Priority Climate Action Plan

9. INFORMATION

- a) Executive Committee Attendance **P116**
- b) Rollout of California's Solar Access Act **P117**
- c) Upcoming Used Oil and Oil Filter Recycling Events **P119**
- d) Update on Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 7 Funding Opportunities **P122**

10. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS –

- a) State Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25 – Emmanuel Martinez **P128**

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the Executive Committee on items of general interest within the purview of this committee. Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

13. ADJOURNMENT

ITEM 2A**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE****2023-2024 ROSTER**

Jurisdiction	Members
City of Coachella, Past Chair	Steven Hernandez Mayor
City of Palm Springs	Jeffrey Bernstein Mayor
City of Indio	Waymond Fermon Councilmember
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians	Darrell Mike Tribal Chair
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Joseph Mirelez Tribal Vice Chair
Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians	Brenda Soulliere Tribal Member
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Reid Milanovich Chairman
City of Indian Wells	Greg Sanders Mayor
City of Cathedral City	Mark Carnevale Mayor
City of Palm Desert	Kathleen Kelly Councilmember
City of La Quinta	Linda Evans Mayor
City of Blythe	Joseph DeConinck Mayor
County of Riverside	Kevin Jeffries , 1st District Supervisor Karen Spiegel , 2nd District Supervisor Chuck Washington , 3rd District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez , 4th District Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez , 5th District Supervisor
City of Rancho Mirage, Vice Chair	Ted Weill Mayor Pro Tem
City of Desert Hot Springs, Chair	Scott Matas Mayor

ITEM 7A

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2023



The audio file for this committee meeting can be found at: <http://www.cvag.org/audio.htm>
Any handouts distributed during the meeting will be placed in the meeting file.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Matas, Mayor, City of Desert Hot Springs, at 4:32 p.m. at CVAG Conference Room, Suite 104, in Palm Desert, with videoconferencing provided from the City of Blythe.

2. ROLL CALL

A roll call was taken, and it was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Steven Hernandez, *Past Chair*
Mayor Grace Garner
Mayor Oscar Ortiz
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez
Tribal Chair Reid Milanovich
Mayor Donna Griffith
Mayor Rita Lamb
Mayor Kathleen Kelly
Mayor Linda Evans
Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Councilmember Ted Weill, *Vice Chair*
Mayor Scott Matas, *Chair*

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Tribal Chair Darrell Mike
Tribal Member Brenda Soulliere
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Supervisor Chuck Washington
Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez

AGENCY

City of Coachella
City of Palm Springs (*arrived at item 7*)
City of Indio
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians (*arrived at item 7*)
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Indian Wells
City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert
City of La Quinta
City of Blythe
County of Riverside 4th District (*arrived at item 7*)
City of Rancho Mirage
City of Desert Hot Springs

AGENCY

Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
County of Riverside 1st District
County of Riverside 3rd District
County of Riverside 5th District

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Ted Weill led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Management Analyst Elysia Regalado read a submitted public comment from Eric Cunningham, resident of Rancho Mirage, regarding Agenda Item 9p and the importance of regional efforts around emergency preparedness.

6. CHAIR / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KELLY AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

A. Approve the June 26, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

B. Approve CVAG Resolution 2023-004/ Policy 23-02, amending the Conflict of Interest Code for CVAG and submit the code for approval and filing to its Code Reviewing Body, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors

C. Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the second quarter of 2023

D. Authorize the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to accept \$34,393.59 in additional funding from the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program, including amending the scope of work to reflect services offered by the CV Housing Program

E. Appoint the Rancho Mirage Councilmember Ted Weill and City of Indio Environmental Programs Coordinator Sara Toyoda as CVAG's representatives on the Solid Waste Advisory Council/Countywide Local Taskforce, and City of Cathedral City Environmental Conservation Manager Deanna Pressgrove and City of Palm Springs Director of Sustainability Lindsey-Paige McCloy as taskforce alternates, for two-year terms

F. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-003 promoting California Clean Air Day to raise awareness of the importance of improving air quality to improve public health

G. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a one-year services contract with HF&H Consultants, LLC for a total not-to-exceed annual amount of \$56,995 for the Used Oil Recycling Program, with the option for two additional years, all contingent on receiving a CalRecycle grant

H. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Reimbursement Agreement with the County of Riverside and the City of Coachella for the Avenue 48 Between Van Buren Street and Dillon Road Widening Project, extending the time trigger to commence construction to August 31, 2024; and authorize the Executive Director and/or Legal Counsel to make clarifying changes before execution

I. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a professional service agreement with HR Green Pacific, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$978,460 to provide engineering services for the Coachella Valley Broadband Strategic Plan

J. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 5 with Advantec Consulting Engineers, Inc. for an additional amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000 for construction support services for the CV Sync – Phase II project

K. Authorize the Executive Director to commit regional transportation funding to maximize the competitiveness for the 2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant program and other federal funding opportunities, with the condition that actual expenditure of funds would be dependent on securing grant funding and funding contributions by local jurisdictions

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR GARNER	AYE
MAYOR ORTIZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
MAYOR LAMB	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

7.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Regional Efforts to Secure Funding to Address the Impacts of Tropical Storm Hilary

Executive Director Tom Kirk provided the staff report along with a brief PowerPoint presentation of before and after pictures of the damage from the storm.

Bruce Barton, Director of the Riverside County Director of Emergency Management, provided the Executive Committee with information regarding estimated storm damages and the status of federal and state funding assistance possibilities.

Member discussion ensued along with Mr. Barton and Jason Uhley, General Manager for Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, addressing member questions regarding federal funding reimbursement and how the region can make sure it is prepared for possible future events.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KELLY AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND/OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY STEPS NECESSARY TO ADVOCATE FOR A FEDERAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND SECURE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE DEVASTATING IMPACTS OF TROPICAL STORM HILARY

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR GARNER	AYE
MAYOR ORTIZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
MAYOR LAMB	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

B. Contract Amendment with Michael Baker International (MBI) for the Western Coachella Valley Flooding and Blowsand Projects – Phase One-

Transportation Director Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEILL AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND/OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO:

- 1) EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL (MBI) INCREASING THE FEE AN ADDITIONAL \$794,786 TO ESTABLISH A REVISED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED OF \$5,259,417.58 TO PROVIDE DESIGN, ENGINEERING, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE WESTERN COACHELLA VALLEY FLOODING AND BLOWSAND PROJECTS- PHASE ONE; AND**
- 2) EXECUTE NEW OR AMENDED REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE PALM SPRINGS, CATHEDRAL CITY AND DESERT HOT SPRINGS TO OUTLINE THE LOCAL SHARE OF PROJECT COSTS, WITH CVAG'S SHARE NOT TO EXCEED \$3,944,562.75,**

**AND ALLOWING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE
MINOR MODIFICATIONS PRIOR TO EXECUTION**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR GARNER	AYE
MAYOR ORTIZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
MAYOR LAMB	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

C. Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee Focused on Improving Interstate 10

Chair Matas discussed the reasoning behind his request to create an ad hoc committee and the issues it wishes to address over time. The Transportation Committee had nominated the following members: City of Desert Hot Springs Mayor Scott Matas (Chair), County of Riverside Supervisor V Manuel Perez, City of Palm Desert Councilmember Jan Harnik, City of Palm Springs Councilmember Lisa Middleton, and City of Indian Wells Councilmember Dana Reed. Additionally, Chair Matas added that the committee would like to appoint Mayor Hernandez to serve as an alternate for Chair or County Supervisor's position on ad hoc Committee.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR KELLY TO
CREATE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH CALTRANS ON HIGHWAY
IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROVE THE MEMBERS NOMINATED BY THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR GARNER	AYE
MAYOR ORTIZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE

MAYOR LAMB	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

D. Reimbursement Agreement for Avenue 50 Bridge Project over the La Quinta Evacuation Channel

Gustavo Gomez, Transportation Management Analyst, presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO APPROVE THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LA QUINTA FOR THE AVENUE 50 BRIDGE PROJECT FROM WASHINGTON STREET SPANNING THE EVACUATION CHANNEL, PROVIDING A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$3,849,750 IN REGIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT'S PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS & ESTIMATES, RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND CONSTRUCTION PHASES

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR GARNER	AYE
MAYOR ORTIZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
MAYOR LAMB	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

E. Designation of 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Funds

Transportation Director Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued with Mr. Hoy addressing questions regarding increased costs of the Monroe Street interchange project.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ TO

- 1. APPROVE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RCTC) STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO PROGRAM \$6,632,729 OF COACHELLA VALLEY'S 2024 STIP FUNDING TOWARD CV RAIL TIER 2 ENVIRONMENTAL PHASE; AND**
- 2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECOMMEND TO RCTC THAT IT DESIGNATE AN ESTIMATED \$6,678,587 IN AVAILABLE 2024 STIP FUNDING TO THE INTERSTATE 10/MONROE STREET INTERCHANGE PROJECT, CONTINGENT ON AN EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT'S ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST INCREASES, PROJECT SCHEDULE, AND LOCAL FUNDING**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR GARNER	AYE
MAYOR ORTIZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
MAYOR LAMB	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

F. Regional Approach to Regulating Mylar Balloons in Public Spaces

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci presented the staff report and the separate committee recommendations.

Member discussion ensued regarding the recommendations issued by the Public Safety Committee and the Energy & Sustainability Committee including Mayor Kelly sharing with the committee the reasons the City of Palm Desert decided to adopt their ordinance

Multiple members of the committee expressed concerns about how the ordinance would be enforced or how the education portion of the ordinance would be funded.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KELLY AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR

MIRELEZ TO DIRECT STAFF TO SHARE THE TWO SEPARATE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THE ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO EACH MEMBER JURISDICTION AND ALLOW THEM TO DECIDE THE APPROACH TO TAKE WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR GARNER	AYE
MAYOR ORTIZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
MAYOR LAMB	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

9. INFORMATION

- a) Executive Committee Attendance
- b) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- c) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report
- d) Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program – Project Status Report
- e) CVAG Quarterly Investment Report
- f) Letter from CVAG Chairman Scott Matas
- g) Funding from REAP 2.0 County Transportation Commission Partnership Program
- h) Active Transportation Program Cycle 7 Update
- i) Update on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program
- j) Efforts to fund regional shade and tree initiatives
- k) Demand Side Grid Support and Distributed Electricity Backup Assets Programs

- l) Update on the Inland Regional Energy Network
- m) Update on efforts to identify funding for electric vehicle planning and infrastructure
- n) Imperial Irrigation District Governance and Electricity Services Study Update
- o) Riverside County's Coordinated Response to Asylum Seekers
- p) National Preparedness Month
- q) Riverside County's Homeless Action Plan
- r) Rollout of the State's Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court
- s) Annual Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Individuals

These items were provided to the Committee for members' information.

10. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS –

- a) Update on CVAG's state advocacy efforts- Emmanuel Martinez

This item was provided to the Committee for members' information.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

Mayor Kelly from the City of Palm Desert informed the committee that SCAG will be hosting its Connect SoCal Workshop on November 6th after the Transportation Committee meeting in Suite 104 and attendance is recommended. Staff would follow up with additional information.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Matas adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst

ITEM 7B

JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2023



1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Matas, Mayor, City of Desert Hot Springs, at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Regional Medical Center Jerry Stergios Building- First Floor Conference Room 1140 N. Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

2. ROLL CALLOF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A roll call of the Executive Committee was taken, and it was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Steven Hernandez, *Past Chair*
Mayor Grace Garner
Mayor Oscar Ortiz
Mayor Donna Griffith
Mayor Rita Lamb
Mayor Kathleen Kelly
Mayor Linda Evans
Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Councilmember Ted Weill, *Vice Chair*
Mayor Scott Matas, *Chair*

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City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert
City of La Quinta
City of Blythe
County of Riverside 4th District (*arrived at item 9A*)
City of Rancho Mirage
City of Desert Hot Springs

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Tribal Chair Darrell Mike
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez
Tribal Member Brenda Soulliere
Tribal Chair Reid Milanovich
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Supervisor Chuck Washington
Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez

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County of Riverside 2nd District
County of Riverside 3rd District
County of Riverside 5th District

3. CALL TO ORDER OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Transportation Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Steven Hernandez, Mayor, City of Coachella, at 4:31 p.m. at Desert Regional Medical Center Jerry Stergios Building- First Floor Conference Room 1140 N. Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

4. **ROLL CALL OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

A roll call of the Transportation Committee was taken, and it was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

AGENCY

Tribal Councilmember Virginia Siva-Gillespie	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Mayor Joseph DeConinck	City of Blythe
Councilmember Raymond Gregory	City of Cathedral City
Mayor Steven Hernandez, <i>Chair</i>	City of Coachella
Mayor Scott Matas	City of Desert Hot Springs
Councilmember Dana Reed, <i>Vice Chair</i>	City of Indian Wells
Councilmember Elaine Holmes	City of Indio
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick	City of La Quinta
Councilmember Jan Harnik	City of Palm Desert
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	City of Palm Springs
Mayor Pro Tem Steve Downs	City of Rancho Mirage
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	County of Riverside 4 th District (<i>arrived at 9A</i>)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

AGENCY

Tribal Chair Thomas Torte	Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
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5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Grace Garner led the Committees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (IF ANY)**

None

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON JOINT COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

8. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Executive Director Tom Kirk announced that on November 21, 2023, President Biden declared a federal disaster for the state of California from the effects of Tropical Storm Hilary.

Mr. Kirk announced that CVAG is working with South Coast Air Quality Management District regarding air quality concerns from dust storms coming from Mission Creek mudflow created by Tropical Storm Hilary. He also informed the committees of a federal funding opportunity related to reducing climate pollution that could bring for up to \$200 million dollars for the Inland Empire. He noted that CVAG will be advocating for the Coachella Valley's share of that money.

Mr. Kirk acknowledged that CVAG, along with some member cities, are celebrating a 50th anniversary this year and there will be hors d'oeuvres after the meeting to celebrate all the successes of the year.

A. Welcome message from Desert Care Network Chief Executive Officer Michelle Finney

Mr. Kirk introduced CEO Michelle Finney, who welcomed members of the committees to Desert Regional and explained to the effects Tropical Storm Hilary had on the staff and patients attempting to get to the hospital for work or care. She expressed her appreciation for the committees and Riverside County for the work they have done to secure funding for Indian Canyon to make sure access is available to the hospital during future storms.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR FOR TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

- A. Services LLC. for work related to CV Link, extending the contract for two years with an optional two additional years, at a total not-to-exceed annual amount of \$130,000**
- B. Concur with the one-time procurement method of selecting quotes for a vehicle purchase and authorize the Executive Director to execute the purchase of a Tesla Model Y electric vehicle for the CV Sync program at a cost not to exceed \$49,538**
- C. Authorize the Chair and/or Executive Director to execute a cooperative agreement with the City of Cathedral City for a total amount not-to-exceed \$534,404.51, including a 15 percent contingency, for the construction of a CV Link community connector to the Dream Homes Park**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 1 MEMBERS ABSENT.

TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR TORTEZ	ABSENT

10.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

None.

11. CONSENT CALENDAR FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KELLY AND MAYOR EVANS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

- A. Approve Agenda Items 10A-10C, conditioned on Transportation Committee endorsement**
- B. Adopt CVAG's 2023-24 Federal and State Legislative Platform**
- C. Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the third quarter of 2023**
- D. Authorize the Executive Director to take any necessary steps to amend Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) agreements and any other documents to remove SoCalGas as the fiscal agent**
- E. Authorize the Chair and/or Executive Director to work with member jurisdictions and South Coast Air Quality Management District on collecting air quality data as well as secure federal funding reimbursements that address the impacts of Tropical Storm Hilary**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 8 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR GARNER	AYE
MAYOR ORTIZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
MAYOR LAMB	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

11.1. ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

None

12. DISCUSSION / ACTION

The following items were presented to both committees for their consideration and approval.

A. Construction Contract award for CV Link Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor Project – Segments 3/4/5 Federal Aid Project No(s). CML-6164(027), CML-6164(028), CML-6164(029) Project No. CVL-2023-001 and additional subsegments

Transportation Director Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report and detailed the next stages of construction.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER REED AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS WITH AMES CONSTRUCTION INC, FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT \$30,734,147,40, INCLUDING CONTINGENCY, FOR SEGMENT 3/4/5 AND, AS RIGHT-OF-WAY IS FINALIZED, ADDITIVE BID ALTERNATIVES A AND B

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT

TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR TORTEZ	ABSENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR ORTIZ TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS WITH AMES CONSTRUCTION INC, FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT \$30,734,147,40, INCLUDING CONTINGENCY, FOR SEGMENT 3/4/5 AND, AS RIGHT-OF-WAY IS FINALIZED, ADDITIVE BID ALTERNATIVES A AND B

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 8 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR GARNER	AYE
MAYOR ORTIZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT

TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
MAYOR LAMB	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

B. Next Steps for the Arts and Music Line Project

Transportation Program Manager Randy Bowman presented the staff report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER REED AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PROTEM DOWNS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS FOR THE ARTS & MUSIC LINE PROJECT:

- 1. EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ANSER ADVISORY, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$509,333, INCLUDING 20 PERCENT CONTINGENCY, TO PROVIDE PRE-CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES;**
- 2. EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH T.Y. LIN INTERNATIONAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 TO PRIVED PRE-CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES;**
- 3. EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CHEN RYAN ASSOCIATES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$934,730 INCLUDING 20 PERCENT CONTINGENCY, TO PROVIDE NON-INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; AND**
- 4. NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITIES OF COACHELLA, INDIO AND LA QUINTA TO ADJUST THE LOCAL SHARE OF PRE-CONSTRUCTION, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, AND NON-INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM SERVICES**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT

TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE

COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR TORTEZ	ABSENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The item was moved forward to the Executive Committee for action. Brief member discussion ensued regarding cities involvements in design of project.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR ORTIZ TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS FOR THE ARTS & MUSIC LINE PROJECT:

1. EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ANSER ADVISORY, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$509,333, INCLUDING 20 PERCENT CONTINGENCY, TO PROVIDE PRE-CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES;
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THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 8 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR GARNER	AYE
MAYOR ORTIZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
MAYOR LAMB	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE

SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

C. Support for CV Sync Traffic Engineering Services

Program Manager Kristopher Gunterson presented the staff report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH HR GREEN PACIFIC, INC, FOR A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$300,000 ANNUALLY TO PROVIDE ON-CALL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CV SYNC PROGRAM, FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH AN OPTION FORTHREE ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR AGREEMENTS

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 1 MEMBERS ABSENT.

TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR TORTEZ	ABSENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR GARNER AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH HR GREEN PACIFIC, INC, FOR A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$300,000 ANNUALLY TO PROVIDE ON-CALL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CV SYNC PROGRAM, FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH AN OPTION FORTHREE ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR AGREEMENTS

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TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT

TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
MAYOR LAMB	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

D. CV Sync Phase III and additional Environmental and Engineering Services along Varner Road

Transportation Engineer Eric Cowle presented the staff report and discussed the next stages of the signal synchronization project.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO:

- 1. EXECUTE AN ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DOKKEN ENGINEERING FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$5,148,209, INCLUDING CONTINGENCY, FOR WORK ALONG VARNER ROAD TO INCLUDE CV SYNC PHASE III DESIGN AND ENGINEERING AND A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF AN INTERSTATE 10 BYPASS;**
- 2. NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOCAL JURISDICTION FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE I-10 BYPASS**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 1 MEMBERS ABSENT.

TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR TORTEZ	ABSENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The item was moved forward to the Executive Committee for action. Member discussion ensued with comments from members about coordination with Rancho Mirage's program.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAOR LAMB AND SECONDED BY MAYOR KELLY TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO:

- 1. EXECUTE AN ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DOKKEN ENGINEERING FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$5,148,209, INCLUDING CONTINGENCY, FOR WORK ALONG VARNER ROAD TO INCLUDE CV SYNC PHASE III DESIGN AND ENGINEERING AND A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF AN INTERSTATE 10 BYPASS;**
- 2. NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOCAL JURISDICTION FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE I-10 BYPASS**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 8 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR GARNER	AYE
MAYOR ORTIZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
MAYOR LAMB	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

E. Next Steps for Addressing Climate Change, Emergencies and Sand Storms (ACCESS) on Indian Canyon Drive – Jonathan Hoy

Transportation Director Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report, with Mr. Kirk recognizing the efforts by CVAG staff and the project's partners in order to secure state funding.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Member discussion ensued. Committee members noted the regional importance of Indian Canyon, thanked those involved in securing the grant and commented on the

potential for securing future grants.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK TO, CONTINGENT ON ACTION BY THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO:

- 1. TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ACCEPT \$50 MILLION FROM THE 2023 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROGRAM (LTCAP) FOR THE ACCESS- INDIAN CANYON PROJECT, INCLUDING FINALIZING AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND**
- 2. EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 2 WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL FOR AN ADDITIONAL NOT-TO-EXCEED \$2,540,074 IN ORDER TO FINALIZE THE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING OF ADDITIONAL PROJECT COMPONENTS**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 1 MEMBERS ABSENT.

TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SIVA-GILLESPIE	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER REED	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DOWNS	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR TORTEZ	ABSENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The item was moved forward to the Executive Committee for action. Additional member discussion ensued regarding the award, the positive impact, and applying for potential future grants.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR GARNER AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO, CONTINGENT ON ACTION BY THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO:

- 1. TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ACCEPT \$50 MILLION FROM THE 2023 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROGRAM (LTCAP) FOR THE ACCESS- INDIAN CANYON PROJECT, INCLUDING FINALIZING AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND**
- 2. EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 2 WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL**

**FOR AN ADDITIONAL NOT-TO-EXCEED \$2,540,074 IN ORDER TO FINALIZE
THE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING OF ADDITIONAL PROJECT
COMPONENTS**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 8 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR GARNER	AYE
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TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
MAYOR LAMB	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

13. INFORMATION

- a) Executive Committee Attendance Roster
- b) Transportation Committee Attendance Roster
- c) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- d) CVAG Regional Arterial Program - Project Status Report
- e) Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program – Project Status Report
- f) CVAG Quarterly Investment Report
- g) Update on Local and Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plans
- h) Preparing Elected Officials For The Next Tropical Storm Hilary
- i) Engaging the CV 200 through CVAG's Mobile Access Center
- j) Update on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program
- k) Outreach related to Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Funding Opportunity and the Inland Regional Energy Network Program

- I) Update on Coachella Valley Energy Commission and Ongoing Analysis of Regional Alternative Governance

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

The next meeting of the **Transportation Committee** will be held on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260. The January meeting is being canceled.

Transportation Committee Chair Hernandez announced that the City of Coachella was going to be awarded a \$22 million Transformative Climate Communities grant from the California Strategic Growth Council.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES –

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst

ITEM 7C

Coachella Valley Association of Governments Executive Committee January 29, 2024



Subject: SCAG Evaluation of Regional Council District Boundaries

Contact: Erica Felci, Chief Operating Officer (efelci@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to provide the Southern California Association of Governments with concurrence on the current Regional Council district boundaries

Background: The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization (MPO), representing six counties, 191 cities and more than 19 million residents. SCAG's policy is set by the 86-member Regional Council. CVAG's member jurisdictions are part of Regional Council Districts 2 and 66, which are currently represented by Palm Desert Councilmember Kathleen Kelly and Indio Councilmember Oscar Ortiz. Additionally, CVAG appoints members to represent the region on SCAG's policy committees: Community, Economic, and Human Development; Energy and Environment; and Transportation.

SCAG is required under its Bylaws to review the Regional Council makeup in years that end in three and eight, when they are compared to the most recent city population data from the California Department of Finance. The Bylaws also state that districts: (1) have a "geographic community of interest" and be of "approximately equal population;" 2) may span multiple counties, but must not cross subregional boundaries; and (3) are limited to 70 in number.

SCAG created a District Evaluation Committee that met in 2023 and is now poised to recommend that the current composition of Regional Council districts remain. SCAG has requested CVAG provide support to the proposal or submit its own proposal, compliant with SCAG bylaws and requirements, prior to the issue coming to the Regional Council.

CVAG staff is recommending the Executive Director be provided authorization to send a letter to SCAG to provide concurrence on the current district boundaries.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no financial impact to CVAG for this item.

Attachment: SCAG correspondence on its 2023 District Evaluation Process, December 8, 2023



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December 8, 2023

Tom Kirk
Executive Director
Coachella Valley Association of Governments
74199 El Paseo STE 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

RE: 2023 SCAG District Evaluation Process

Dear Mr. Tom Kirk:

The Bylaws of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) require that in years ending in three and eight, the Regional Council (RC) review the composition of the SCAG RC Districts (Districts) based upon the most recent California Department of Finance (DOF) city population data. The Bylaws provide that Districts: (1) have a “geographic community of interest” and be of “approximately equal population” (Bylaws Art. V.A.(1)(a)(1)); (2) may span multiple counties, but must not cross subregional boundaries (ibid.); and (3) are limited to 70 in number (Bylaws Art. V.A.(1)(a)(6)).

Earlier this year, President Art Brown created a District Evaluation Committee (Committee) to make recommendations to the RC. The Committee held its first meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. At the meeting, SCAG staff provided a presentation on the bylaws’ requirements, the 2018 District Evaluation process, 2023 population changes, and staff’s recommendations. After discussion, the Committee approved the following staff recommendations subject to input from our subregional partners¹:

- District population target size and deviation (245,000-345,000 with +/- 50,000) remain unchanged;
- District boundaries remain unchanged;

¹ The Committee also discussed the need for a future discussion regarding a more thorough review of the District Evaluation process and directed staff to seek input from our subregional partners on areas that the Committee should consider when conducting that review. Staff looks forward to engaging with you at a future date to seek that input.

- No Districts be added; and
- SCAG staff should seek input from subregional partners regarding any changes to the current composition of the Districts in their respective subregion and then return to the Committee with that input.

SCAG and the Committee value the input of our subregional partners. Before returning to the Committee or bringing any recommendations to the Regional Council, SCAG wants your input on any proposed changes to the Districts in the Coachella Valley Association of Governments subregion.

Enclosed with this letter is an excel sheet of data that contains the composition of the 69 Districts along with their population data based upon the most recently available information from the DOF. The Districts in your subregion are highlighted in yellow. Additional information can be found in the November 7, 2023, District Evaluation Committee agenda packet, available at scag.ca.gov/post/district-evaluation-committee.

SCAG requests that the Coachella Valley Association of Governments Subregion either 1) inform SCAG that the subregion supports the current RC district composition, or 2) submit a proposal, compliant with the bylaws' requirements, to SCAG requesting changes to RC districts in your subregion.

Any proposal submitted by a subregion will be considered by the Committee at its next meeting.

Please submit a response or proposal by close of business Friday, January 26, 2024 to:

Jeffery Elder
Acting Chief Legal Counsel
Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Email: elder@scag.ca.gov

We appreciate your partnership on this important topic. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at elder@scag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeffery Elder
Acting Chief Legal Counsel

2023 Population by Regional Council District, City, and Subregion

January 2023

Regional Council Districts by City	2018 Population	2023 Population	2045 Population^	Subregion	Subregion
1	150,617	145,643	215,000	Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)	Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)
Brawley	27,417	27,539	41,100	Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)	
Calexico	41,199	38,697	67,500	Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)	
Calipatria	7,488	5,975	9,700	Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)	
El Centro	46,315	44,445	58,800	Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)	
Holtville	6,501	5,502	7,700	Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)	
Imperial	19,372	21,496	27,800	Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)	
Westmorland	2,325	1,989	2,400	Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)	
2	209,320	200,534	294,600	Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)	Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)
Cathedral City	54,791	51,433	76,300	Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)	
Desert Hot Springs	29,742	32,608	61,000	Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)	
Indian Wells	5,574	4,774	6,400	Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)	
Palm Desert	52,769	50,615	64,100	Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)	
Palm Springs	47,706	44,092	61,600	Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)	
Rancho Mirage	18,738	17,012	25,200	Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)	
3	219,707	242,823	336,200	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
Banning	31,282	31,250	41,500	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
Beaumont	48,237	56,590	80,200	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
Calimesa	8,876	10,962	20,600	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
Hemet	83,166	89,918	124,000	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
San Jacinto	48,146	54,103	69,900	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
4	197,670	199,534	217,800	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
Eastvale	64,855	69,514	72,700	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
Jurupa Valley	106,054	104,983	117,800	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
Norco	26,761	25,037	27,300	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
5	318,624	328,931	395,900	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
Menifee	91,902	110,034	129,800	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
Murrieta	113,541	109,998	127,700	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
Temecula	113,181	108,899	138,400	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
6	216,041	217,159	271,300	SBCTA/SBCOG	SBCTA/SBCOG

Colton	53,724	53,154	70,700	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Grand Terrace	12,524	12,814	14,500	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Loma Linda	23,946	25,228	30,100	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Redlands	71,196	71,972	80,800	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Yucaipa	54,651	53,991	75,200	SBCTA/SBCOG	
7	275,891	279,214	299,400	SBCTA/SBCOG	SBCTA/SBCOG
Highland	54,761	55,984	68,900	SBCTA/SBCOG	
San Bernardino	221,130	223,230	230,500	SBCTA/SBCOG	
8	319,041	316,836	425,800	SBCTA/SBCOG	SBCTA/SBCOG
Fontana	212,000	213,851	286,700	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Rialto	107,041	102,985	139,100	SBCTA/SBCOG	
9	293,014	289,415	343,500	SBCTA/SBCOG	SBCTA/SBCOG
Montclair	39,326	37,494	49,200	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Rancho Cucamonga	176,671	173,545	201,300	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Upland	77,017	78,376	93,000	SBCTA/SBCOG	
10	347,505	350,912	483,200	SBCTA/SBCOG	SBCTA/SBCOG
Chino	86,757	93,137	121,300	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Chino Hills	83,159	77,058	92,800	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Ontario	177,589	180,717	269,100	SBCTA/SBCOG	
11	83,980	82,152	108,200	SBCTA/SBCOG	SBCTA/SBCOG
Barstow	24,411	24,918	36,900	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Big Bear Lake	5,512	4,914	6,600	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Needles	5,177	4,756	5,600	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Twentynine Palms	27,046	25,929	33,300	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Yucca Valley	21,834	21,635	25,800	SBCTA/SBCOG	
12	277,009	269,394	293,000	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)
Aliso Viejo	51,950	50,766	52,700	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Dana Point	34,071	33,155	35,600	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Laguna Beach	23,309	22,445	23,500	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Laguna Niguel	65,377	64,702	69,700	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
San Clemente	65,543	63,237	69,600	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
San Juan Capistrano	36,759	35,089	41,900	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
13	278,576	274,014	291,800	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)
Laguna Hills	31,818	30,525	34,000	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	

Laguna Woods	16,597	17,450	16,500	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Lake Forest	84,845	87,127	92,900	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Mission Viejo	95,987	91,846	98,600	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Rancho Santa Margarita	49,329	47,066	49,800	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
14	276,176	303,051	327,700	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)
Irvine	276,176	303,051	327,700	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
15	259,398	251,581	274,700	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)
Costa Mesa	115,296	111,183	123,700	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Fountain Valley	56,920	56,987	59,000	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Newport Beach	87,182	83,411	92,000	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
16	338,247	299,630	360,100	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)
Santa Ana	338,247	299,630	360,100	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
17	230,247	224,411	252,700	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)
Orange	141,952	139,063	154,000	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Tustin	82,344	79,558	92,600	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Villa Park	5,951	5,790	6,100	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
18	242,822	236,333	253,200	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)
Cypress	49,978	49,818	51,300	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Garden Grove	176,896	171,183	185,800	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
La Palma	15,948	15,332	16,100	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
19	357,084	328,580	416,800	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)
Anaheim	357,084	328,580	416,800	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
20	171,793	166,358	180,200	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)
Los Alamitos	11,863	12,129	12,300	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Seal Beach	25,984	24,647	25,400	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Stanton	39,470	39,084	44,200	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Westminster	94,476	90,498	98,300	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
21	228,209	226,390	254,500	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)
Buena Park	83,995	83,517	96,200	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Fullerton	144,214	142,873	158,300	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
22	229,616	229,594	243,700	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)
Brea	44,890	48,184	48,000	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
La Habra	62,850	61,835	66,200	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
Placentia	52,755	52,507	58,900	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	

Yorba Linda	69,121	67,068	70,600	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
23	189,062	178,679	190,600	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)
Artesia	16,792	16,093	17,800	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Cerritos	50,058	47,887	50,100	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Hawaiian Gardens	14,666	13,546	15,700	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Norwalk	107,546	101,153	107,000	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
24	226,610	220,687	231,500	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)
Bellflower	77,682	76,924	77,000	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Lakewood	81,179	80,154	84,500	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Paramount	56,000	52,178	57,500	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Signal Hill	11,749	11,431	12,500	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
25	212,279	203,889	232,000	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)
Downey	114,146	111,261	119,200	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
South Gate	98,133	92,628	112,800	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
26	171,887	159,947	180,000	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)
Compton	99,872	93,719	103,100	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Lynwood	72,015	66,228	76,900	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
27	204,512	184,155	214,000	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)
Bell	36,325	33,370	37,100	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Bell Gardens	43,051	38,447	44,300	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Commerce	13,067	12,036	13,800	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Cudahy	24,343	22,270	25,600	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Huntington Park	59,473	53,281	64,000	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Maywood	28,044	24,546	29,000	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Vernon	209	205	200	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
28	263,577	251,759	295,700	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)
Gardena	61,246	59,809	65,700	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	
Hawthorne	88,772	85,702	92,900	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	
Inglewood	113,559	106,248	137,100	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	
29	243,148	232,462	248,900	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)
Avalon	3,867	3,351	4,100	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Long Beach Regional Council	239,281	229,111	244,800	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
30	239,281	229,111	244,800	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)
Long Beach Regional Council	239,281	229,111	244,800	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	

31	225,008	220,240	245,100	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)
La Habra Heights	5,454	5,505	5,800	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
La Mirada	49,590	47,899	52,400	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Pico Rivera	64,260	60,975	67,400	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Santa Fe Springs	18,335	18,570	20,600	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
Whittier	87,369	87,291	98,900	Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	
32	193,353	175,860	220,400	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)
El Monte	117,204	106,377	137,500	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Rosemead	55,267	50,022	60,300	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
South El Monte	20,882	19,461	22,600	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
33	229,821	222,843	246,000	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)
Azusa	49,954	49,483	56,200	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Baldwin Park	76,708	70,368	81,700	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Covina	49,006	50,350	50,500	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Glendora	52,703	51,159	55,700	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Irwindale	1,450	1,483	1,900	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
34	213,232	202,236	224,600	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)
Alhambra	86,665	81,303	91,200	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Montebello	64,327	61,645	67,800	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Monterey Park	62,240	59,288	65,600	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
35	221,162	214,033	243,500	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)
Arcadia	57,704	55,503	62,200	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Bradbury	1,069	889	1,100	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Duarte	22,013	22,796	25,100	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Monrovia	38,787	37,539	42,100	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
San Gabriel	40,920	38,466	45,800	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
San Marino	13,272	12,206	13,600	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Sierra Madre	10,986	10,821	11,300	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Temple City	36,411	35,813	42,300	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
36	191,118	183,191	204,300	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)
La Canada Flintridge	20,683	19,930	21,600	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Pasadena	144,388	136,988	155,500	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
South Pasadena	26,047	26,273	27,200	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
37	237,285	226,610	256,900	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)

Diamond Bar	57,460	53,381	64,700	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Industry	437	427	400	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
La Puente	40,686	37,356	41,600	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Walnut	30,457	27,553	31,300	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
West Covina	108,245	107,893	118,900	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
38	259,900	252,615	296,800	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)
Claremont	36,446	36,759	39,800	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
La Verne	33,260	32,056	34,400	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
Pomona	155,687	149,721	187,600	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
San Dimas	34,507	34,079	35,000	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	
39	263,759	255,335	279,500	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)
Carson	93,799	92,186	105,200	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	
Lomita	20,715	20,092	21,200	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	
Torrance	149,245	143,057	153,100	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	
40	241,024	233,599	248,200	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)
El Segundo	16,784	16,928	17,200	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	
Hermosa Beach	19,673	19,018	20,600	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	
Lawndale	33,607	30,882	34,400	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	
Manhattan Beach	35,991	34,284	35,600	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	
Palos Verdes Estates	13,519	12,935	14,000	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	
Rancho Palos Verdes	42,723	41,030	43,000	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	
Redondo Beach	68,677	68,407	72,900	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	
Rolling Hills	1,939	1,669	2,000	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	
Rolling Hills Estates	8,111	8,446	8,500	South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	
41	203,503	197,853	234,700	Westside Cities Council of Governments (WCCOG)	Westside Cities Council of Governments (WCCOG)
Beverly Hills	34,504	31,658	35,800	Westside Cities Council of Governments (WCCOG)	
Culver City	39,860	39,682	41,600	Westside Cities Council of Governments (WCCOG)	
Santa Monica	92,416	91,720	114,700	Westside Cities Council of Governments (WCCOG)	
West Hollywood	36,723	34,793	42,600	Westside Cities Council of Governments (WCCOG)	
42	312,685	295,819	329,500	Arroyo Verdugo Cities Subregion	Arroyo Verdugo Cities Subregion
Burbank	107,149	104,535	115,400	Arroyo Verdugo Cities Subregion	
Glendale	205,536	191,284	214,100	Arroyo Verdugo Cities Subregion	
43	320,390	339,293	420,300	North Los Angeles County Subregion	North Los Angeles County Subregion
Lancaster	161,485	173,376	213,300	North Los Angeles County Subregion	

Palmdale	158,905	165,917	207,000	North Los Angeles County Subregion	
44	68,381	62,740	71,100	Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG)	Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG)
Agoura Hills	20,878	19,770	22,400	Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG)	
Calabasas	24,296	22,808	24,900	Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG)	
Hidden Hills	1,892	1,731	2,000	Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG)	
Malibu	12,957	10,512	13,000	Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG)	
Westlake Village	8,358	7,919	8,800	Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG)	
45	299,169	288,142	336,600	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)
Camarillo	68,741	69,309	76,100	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)	
Oxnard	206,499	197,477	238,100	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)	
Port Hueneme	23,929	21,356	22,400	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)	
46	296,000	282,292	323,900	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)
Moorpark	37,044	35,151	42,200	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)	
Simi Valley	128,760	124,174	137,000	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)	
Thousand Oaks	130,196	122,967	144,700	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)	
47	166,039	163,156	185,800	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)
Fillmore	15,953	16,899	18,600	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)	
Ojai	7,679	7,493	7,900	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)	
San Buenaventura	111,269	107,341	123,900	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)	
Santa Paula	31,138	31,423	35,400	Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)	
48	243,714	238,741	310,787	City of Los Angeles Subregion	City of Los Angeles Subregion
Los Angeles City Council Di:	243,714	238,741	310,787	City of Los Angeles Subregion	
49	283,838	241,977	295,460	City of Los Angeles Subregion	City of Los Angeles Subregion
Los Angeles City Council Di:	283,838	241,977	295,460	City of Los Angeles Subregion	
50	280,839	251,322	304,504	City of Los Angeles Subregion	City of Los Angeles Subregion
Los Angeles City Council Di:	280,839	251,322	304,504	City of Los Angeles Subregion	
51	258,950	250,701	298,407	City of Los Angeles Subregion	City of Los Angeles Subregion
Los Angeles City Council Di:	258,950	250,701	298,407	City of Los Angeles Subregion	
52	285,875	258,768	337,796	City of Los Angeles Subregion	City of Los Angeles Subregion
Los Angeles City Council Di:	285,875	258,768	337,796	City of Los Angeles Subregion	
53	249,065	255,195	313,505	City of Los Angeles Subregion	City of Los Angeles Subregion
Los Angeles City Council Di:	249,065	255,195	313,505	City of Los Angeles Subregion	
54	263,486	253,100	304,515	City of Los Angeles Subregion	City of Los Angeles Subregion
Los Angeles City Council Di:	263,486	253,100	304,515	City of Los Angeles Subregion	

55	275,791	244,204	285,692	City of Los Angeles Subregion	City of Los Angeles Subregion
Los Angeles City Council Di:	275,791	244,204	285,692	City of Los Angeles Subregion	
56	271,316	249,508	301,000	City of Los Angeles Subregion	City of Los Angeles Subregion
Los Angeles City Council Di:	271,316	249,508	301,000	City of Los Angeles Subregion	
57	253,448	256,930	362,070	City of Los Angeles Subregion	City of Los Angeles Subregion
Los Angeles City Council Di:	253,448	256,930	362,070	City of Los Angeles Subregion	
58	278,898	260,818	306,129	City of Los Angeles Subregion	City of Los Angeles Subregion
Los Angeles City Council Di:	278,898	260,818	306,129	City of Los Angeles Subregion	
59	272,118	251,933	295,442	City of Los Angeles Subregion	City of Los Angeles Subregion
Los Angeles City Council Di:	272,118	251,933	295,442	City of Los Angeles Subregion	
60	233,471	245,721	320,008	City of Los Angeles Subregion	City of Los Angeles Subregion
Los Angeles City Council Di:	233,471	245,721	320,008	City of Los Angeles Subregion	
61	251,114	257,665	416,766	City of Los Angeles Subregion	City of Los Angeles Subregion
Los Angeles City Council Di:	251,114	257,665	416,766	City of Los Angeles Subregion	
62	271,416	249,525	285,268	City of Los Angeles Subregion	City of Los Angeles Subregion
Los Angeles City Council Di:	271,416	249,525	285,268	City of Los Angeles Subregion	
63	279,244	276,263	363,300	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
Canyon Lake	11,018	10,949	11,400	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
Corona	168,574	157,005	185,100	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
Lake Elsinore	63,365	71,973	111,600	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
Wildomar	36,287	36,336	55,200	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
64	202,648	195,714	205,300	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)
Huntington Beach	202,648	195,714	205,300	Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	
65	327,807	348,886	530,600	SBCTA/SBCOG	SBCTA/SBCOG
Adelanto	35,293	36,656	66,600	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Apple Valley	73,984	74,996	101,400	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Hesperia	94,829	100,041	168,100	SBCTA/SBCOG	
Victorville	123,701	137,193	194,500	SBCTA/SBCOG	
66	194,111	188,543	334,900	Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)	Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)
Blythe	19,389	17,265	28,600	Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)	
Coachella	45,635	42,462	129,300	Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)	
Indio	87,883	90,837	129,300	Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)	
La Quinta	41,204	37,979	47,700	Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)	
67	241,191	254,146	285,900	North Los Angeles County Subregion	North Los Angeles County Subregion

San Fernando	24,602	23,487	27,100	North Los Angeles County Subregion	
Santa Clarita	216,589	230,659	258,800	North Los Angeles County Subregion	
68	325,860	313,676	395,800	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
Riverside	325,860	313,676	395,800	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
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Moreno Valley	207,629	208,289	266,800	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
Perris	77,837	78,948	121,000	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	
TOTAL OF SCAG REGIONAL	17,042,437	16,569,609	19,984,949		

Sources: SCAG, DOF. City-level 2023 population is from DOF January 2023 E-1. LA city Council District 2045 population reflects CPA-Tier 2 TAZ estimates joined to city council boundaries. LA City Council Distric 2022 population is interpolated from 2020 census block group population data.

^ Source: SCAG 2020 RTP/SCS Growth Forecast

***Long Beach components of Districts 29 and 30 simply divide Long Beach's population estimate in half and are not spatially distinct.

^^Excludes unincorporated areas and does not sum to SCAG region total.

ITEM 8B

Coachella Valley Association of Governments Executive Committee January 29, 2024



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Dust Storms and Poor Air Quality Likely Resulting from Tropical Storm Hilary

Contact: Tom Kirk, Executive Director (tkirk@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Energy & Sustainability Committee: The Committee received this item as a presentation when it met on January 11, and requested additional follow-ups be provided at future meetings.

Background: On August 20, 2023, Tropical Storm Hilary pummeled the Coachella Valley. Record amounts of rainfall landed in the western Coachella Valley, particularly in the upper Mission Creek water shed. The impacts of the storm were unprecedented, receiving national media coverage. When the updates were last provided, much of the focus was on roadway fixes and infrastructure. But since then, one of the longer-term impacts of the Tropical Storm Hilary has become increasingly evident: horrible air quality. The deposit of new mud and sediment, comprised of fine silt, seems to be the culprit. It is much smaller than gravel and sand that is typically deposited during storms. Such small diameter material appears to be much more likely to become airborne, even during the fall, which isn't the desert's windiest season.

CVAG staff provided a written update on the air quality concerns as part of the Energy and Sustainability Committee's agenda packet in November. However, due to timing concerns at the meeting, the presentation was tabled until its January meeting, where it sparked robust discussion and a request that CVAG staff continue to follow up on the issue. Given the interest among members and importance of the issue, CVAG staff is providing the update to the Executive Committee as well.

In the weeks since the storm, CVAG staff has been coordinating with member jurisdictions' staffs to ensure the region is maximizing the Federal Emergency Management Agency financial assistance available under the federal disaster declaration that President Biden declared in November 2023. One of those eligible expenses is the application of soil stabilizer in areas that were impacted by flood and mud, which is believed to be the source of fine silt that has contributed to poor air quality. Currently, rough estimates are that there are more than 6,500 acres of such muddy deposits from Mission Creek's flood flows.

Poor air quality is not only bad for residents' health, but also bad for the health of the regional economy. Based on the preliminary findings of hourly PM10 data, there have been several days of extremely high levels of PM10 (Particulate Matter of 10 microns or less) since the storm. The South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) monitoring stations in both Palm Springs and Mecca have shown high levels. The levels downwind, at the Mecca monitoring

station, are particularly high, even hazardous. Derived from the hourly data, the Coachella Valley has experienced at least five days that have exceeded the Federal 24-hour PM10 health standard of 150 ug/m³ at the Mecca monitoring site. In comparison, only three days are reported exceeding the Federal standard over a six year, 2015-2021, period.

CVAG staff has been meeting with the County of Riverside, SCAQMD and impacted cities to better understand the air quality issues that are resulting from these mud deposits. CVAG's longtime consultant on air quality issues, Dr. Emily Nelson, has reviewed data gathered from SCAQMD to help analyze air quality post-Hilary.

CVAG staff has also interfaced with the office of Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, who represents Riverside County on SCAQMD and sits on the California Air Resources Board. SCAQMD staff has noted the increase prevalence of poor air quality days post-Hilary, noting that dust is becoming emissive at lower windspeeds, about 12 miles per hour, which is not typical. Although a direct correlation between the storm, the mud deposits and increased PM10 has not been conclusively proved, there does not seem to be any other plausible reasons for the horrible air quality. SCAQMD has responded to these new conditions and modified their agency's wind advisory alerts to account for the lower wind speeds which are leading to poor air quality.

PM 10 problems have long plagued the Coachella Valley. SCAQMD, CVAG, local cities and Riverside County have made important strides, such as CVAG's Regional Street Sweeping Program, to reduce PM10 levels. If the current conditions result in more extremely dusty days, the public's health and the regional economy will suffer. CVAG staff is also working with local stakeholders and partners to gather more data on the likely links between Hilary and recent poor quality. For instance, understanding hospitalizations, mortality, hotel room or event cancellations, can render additional data that can help better understand the health and economic impacts of days in which the Coachella Valley experiences poor air quality. Additionally, CVAG staff has reached out to the Desert Healthcare District, which identified air quality in the eastern Coachella Valley as part of the high priority goals in its recently finalized Strategic Plan.

Fiscal Analysis: There are no costs for providing this update. CVAG staff has been working with Riverside County and local cities to provide documentation as they seek FEMA reimbursement for air quality mitigation work.

ITEM 8C

Coachella Valley Association of Governments Executive Committee January 29, 2024



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Update on Coachella Valley Energy Commission and Ongoing Analysis of Regional Alternative Governance

Contact: Emmanuel Martinez, Program Manager – External Affairs (emartinez@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to address Coachella Valley representation on Imperial Irrigation District electrical service matters by:

1. Negotiating terms and entering into an agreement with the Leading Resources Incorporated (LRI) for the Long-Term Governance and Electrical Services Strategic Plan at a total cost not to exceed \$199,370; contingent upon:
2. Negotiating and entering into cost-sharing agreements with stakeholder agencies to cover the plan costs, with no cost to CVAG; and
3. Concurrence from the Coachella Valley Energy Commission's Governance Committee.

Energy & Sustainability Committee: The Committee concurred with the approach, but did not have the specific contract as the request for proposals was ongoing. (Meeting of January 11th)

Background: At the November meeting of the Energy and Sustainability Committee, staff provided a written update to the ongoing efforts to help provide representation for Coachella Valley stakeholders on Imperial Irrigation District's (IID) electrical service matters. The issue has become a regular item on CVAG's agendas as it has a memorandum of understanding with IID to provide staffing support to IID's Coachella Valley Energy Commission (CVEC) and the efforts to agree on next steps after 2033, when the lease provision under the existing agreement between Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) and IID expires.

To analyze this issue and help develop a path towards a governance solution, the State's 2021 Budget Act allocated \$500,000 to fund a study that would provide governance options that provide proportional and direct representation for the Coachella Valley on IID's electrical service matters. The local agency formation commissions of Riverside County and Imperial County administered the "Alternative Governance and Electrical Services Study" (study), which was conducted by Dopudja and Wells. On November 30, 2023, in adherence with the statutory requirements, the final study was completed. Although the study identified the top two ranking alternatives – identified as Option 1.D Joint Powers Authority and Option 2.B New Publicly Owned Utility – more analysis is required to help refine these options and identify the preferred governance alternative.

On November 27, 2023 in anticipation of the final LAFCO study, CVEC's Governance Committee met to discuss next steps that build on the LAFCO study and help identify a preferred governance alternative. As noted in the November staff report to CVAG's Energy &

Sustainability Committee, the initial recommendation was to secure a sole source contract with Leading Resources Incorporated – a Sacramento-based management consulting firm that has completed similar work on board governance, strategic planning, and organization. This initial recommendation was based on the narrow and specialized segment of work. However, upon further deliberation, the CVEC Governance Committee recommended that a competitive process be pursued to allow other interested and capable parties to submit a proposal. The Governance Committee also recommended that CVAG take the lead in soliciting proposals and administering the long-term strategic plan efforts to avoid potential conflicts of interest or implications of bias that could occur if an impacted agency took the lead. Staff support for these efforts would fall under the provisions of CVAG's existing memorandum of understanding with IID to serve as coordinator for the CVEC and assist with related matters.

Based on the Governance Committee's feedback, CVAG staff, in coordination with the CVEC representatives and the member agencies, issued a request for proposals (RFP) on December 21, 2023, to focus on analyzing the top two alternatives. This effort will build on the study conducted by the joint-LAFCO's by providing an in-depth analysis of each of the two top two ranking alternatives, as well as assisting with identifying the level of responsibility, role and service delivery Coachella Valley stakeholders would like to achieve. As stated in the study's Summary of Findings, *"to determine which option best suits the needs of the Coachella Valley, stakeholders must first identify the desired roles, responsibilities, and rights for the potential service and governance option."* The proposed scope of work will include but is not limited to, assisting with identifying a preferred governance alternative, determine enabling legislation requirements, performing a financial evaluation, determining financing options, and obtaining legal opinions on matters related to certain questions raised, but not answered in the final study. Once the level of responsibility and role is determined, a recommendation can be made to match the desired responsibility and role with the best suited governance structure. Ultimately, the goal of this next phase of work is to identify the preferred governance alternative and to develop the long-term strategic plan for continued energy service to the Coachella Valley under such preferred governance alternative, which is a key objective of the CVEC.

The RFP was vetted by the CVEC's Governance Committee as well as by the CVEC, to ensure stakeholder comments related to the components of the RFP were incorporated in the final RFP. The deadline to receive proposals in response to the RFP was January 19, 2024, and non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting was held on January 3, 2024 with prospective vendors to review the RFP and answer any questions. To review and score the proposals, an Evaluation Committee was established, which included a representative from the County of Riverside, the City of La Quinta, the City of Indio, IID and CVAG.

Ultimately, CVAG received one proposal from Leading Resources Incorporated (LRI). As noted above, LRI is a Sacramento based consulting firm with 25 years of experience in strategic planning, governance, leadership development, performance management and stakeholder engagement. Some of the notable engagements for LRI include, but is not limited to, development of a governance framework for Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), a new governance structure for Omaha Public Power District, and an assessment of Long Island Power Authority's utility structure and governance, and an update to IID's governance system and associated governance policies.

After reviewing the LRI proposal, the Evaluation Committee recommends moving forward with selecting LRI to conduct the strategic plan. In consideration of the niche scope of work and available consultants who have experience in governance and strategic plans, the committee has determined that LRI possesses the technical capacity to facilitate the development of the strategic plan, which will be done in coordination with CVEC and its member agencies. In

addition, the LRI will conduct community outreach activities, to ensure the broader community perspective is incorporated into the final product.

A presentation on this matter will also be provided at CVEC's Governance Committee, which was tentatively scheduled to meet on January 31. Any feedback or recommendation provided by the Governance Committee will be incorporated into the final agreement. Should the Governance Committee or the CVEC oppose moving forward, staff will report back to CVAG's committees in February with potential recommendations on next steps.

If approved, the goal of the CVEC is to have a draft strategic plan in one-year from the time of contract execution. CVAG staff will coordinate with CVEC and will provide updates to the committee throughout the process. In addition, staff is providing the Energy & Sustainability Committee with a copy of the recently completed 2022-2023 Annual Progress Report, which highlights the momentum being made.

Fiscal Analysis: LRI's proposal is for an estimated \$199,370. Staff is currently working with their representatives to finalize the scope of work to ensure it covers both of the top-ranking alternatives.

There is no cost to CVAG for this plan. Staff has reached out to stakeholders about sharing the costs. CVAG staff is proposing an equal cost-share between CVEC members, which include IID; CVWD; Riverside County; the cities of Indio, Coachella, and La Quinta; the Cove Communities; and Tribal Nations.

Staff time related to this work is covered under the existing MOU with IID, which is billed on a time and materials basis.

Attachment:

1. RFP for Long-Term Governance and Electrical Services Strategic Plan
2. LRI proposal and cost estimate
3. CVEC's 2022-2023 Annual Progress Report



COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

LONG-TERM GOVERNANCE & ELECTRICAL SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN

FOR

COACHELLA VALLEY ENERGY COMMISSION

Interested proposers should submit qualifications via email to:

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Attn: Allen McMillen

procurement@cvag.org

**Proposals must be received to the email address above by
4:00 p.m. PST on January 19, 2024**

Questions regarding this Request for Proposals should be directed by email to
Allen McMillen at procurement@cvag.org

Issue Date: December 21, 2023

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

LONG-TERM GOVERNANCE & ELECTRICAL SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN COACHELLA VALLEY ENERGY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that proposals will be received by the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (“CVAG”). CVAG invites proposals for the above stated services and will receive such proposals *only by email* no later than **4:00 p.m. PST on January 19, 2024**. Proposals received after this date will be rejected. Proposals will be submitted to the attention of Allen McMillen at procurement@cvag.org.

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On November 30, 2023, the local agency formation commissions for Riverside County and Imperial County completed the “Alternative Governance and Electrical Services Study – Imperial Irrigation District” (study). The study was completed by Dopudja and Wells, a consulting firm that provides advisory services to public service delivery entities. The study identified several potential governance structures that were evaluated under two overarching frameworks, one in which IID continues to provide electrical service in perpetuity, and the other in which alternative governance structures are implemented to extend voting rights to registered voters residing within the IID electrical service area to provide proportional representation on a governing board that will have primary jurisdiction on all electrical service matters.

The governance alternatives identified under these two frameworks were evaluated against key foundational objectives that identify Coachella Valley stakeholders’ desired roles, responsibilities, and rights for the potential service and governance options. These foundational objectives include, but are not limited to, ensuring continued service under a publicly owned utility model, providing representation for Coachella Valley customers, a structure that can own utility assets, provides flexible funding opportunities, and minimizes risk to ratepayers. The seventeen foundational objectives were derived from the study’s stakeholder feedback and were used to evaluate the performance of each alternative option against the status quo.

After reviewing all the possible alternative governance options, the study identified the top two highest ranking options: Option 1.D Joint Powers Authority and option 2.B Form a New Publicly Owned Utility with specific service roles. These two options were identified as the highest-ranking among stakeholders and require further evaluation to assist in determining the preferred alternative option of the two and a corresponding strategic plan that identifies necessary steps, actions and strategies required to implement such alternative option.

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largely based on the most important foundational objectives, which include: A governance structure that is uncomplicated to implement; ability to achieve vertically integrated utility status; and ability to adapt to future changes and responsibilities.

The CVEC was created by IID in response to Assembly Bill 1021 and is tasked with providing immediate and diverse local representation by Coachella Valley stakeholders in IID's energy service area. Additionally, CVEC is tasked with developing a long-term strategic governance plan for continued energy service to the Coachella Valley.

The increased demands for various electrical services by Coachella Valley stakeholders and the desire to obtain local representation and control over electrical service matters by certain Coachella Valley stakeholders are the main factors driving further analysis of the two highest-ranking alternative options identified by the study. The long-term strategic governance plan shall focus on analyzing the technical feasibility, legal requirements and implications and financial policies of the two highest-ranking alternative options, identified as 1.D and 2.B in the study.

Project objectives:

- Evaluate options 1.D. and 2. B governance models for electrical services identified in the joint-LAFCO study relative to the foundational objectives in the study, with a focus on:
 - Affordability
 - Ratepayer Input
 - Economic Development
 - Financing of current electrical system and planning and financing future electrical infrastructure necessary for load growth
 - Representation
 - Industry Trends
 - Local Programs
 - Local Control
 - Legal and Legislative Considerations
 - System Reliability
- Identify the preferred alternative option based on comprehensive analysis and evaluation of options 1.D and 2.B of the study.
- Assess hybrid or collaborative alternatives to each of the preferred alternative options (1.D and 2.B of the study) and their effectiveness.
- Develop a long-term strategic governance plan based on the preferred alternative option, which includes actionable steps, process, legal and technical analysis and other information relevant to implementation of the preferred alternative option.

It is anticipated that the consultant will conduct interviews, preliminary financial and strategic analyses, facilitate workshops and meetings with Coachella Valley stakeholders, including the Coachella Valley Energy Commission and respective subcommittees, as well as ratepayers, and residents, reach areas of agreement, develop an initial draft strategic plan, and define next steps, including additional analyses as needed.

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**Request for Proposals
For
Long-Term Governance & Electrical Services Strategic Plan**

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CVAG seeks to retain a qualified professional consultant to conduct a long-term strategic governance plan for providing governance and electrical services for the Coachella Valley in consultation and coordination with the Coachella Valley Energy Commission (CVEC).

Funding:

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 has been allocated to conduct the long-term strategic governance plan.

Proposal:

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II. Request For Proposals

A. Scope of Services

The Services sought under this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) are set forth in more detail in [Section V: Scope of Work](#) herein. Notwithstanding the inclusion of such Services in [Section V: Scope of Work](#) herein, the final scope of Services negotiated between Coachella Valley Association of Governments (“CVAG”) and the successful Proposer shall be set forth in the Professional Services Agreement (“Agreement”) executed by and between CVAG and the successful Proposer. A copy of the Agreement is attached hereto as Attachment “A” and incorporated herein by this reference.

B. Procurement Manager

The procurement manager for CVAG regarding this RFP will be Allen McMillen, Management Analyst II, (760) 346-1127, procurement@cvag.org, or a designated representative, who will coordinate the assistance to be provided by CVAG to the Proposer.

C. Requests for Clarification

All questions, requests for interpretations or clarifications, either administrative or technical, must be requested in writing and emailed to the CVAG procurement manager for this RFP.

All written questions, if answered, will be answered in writing via an Addendum, conveyed to all interested Proposers who have provided contact information, and posted to the CVAG website. Oral statements regarding this RFP by any persons should be considered unverified information unless confirmed in writing. To ensure a response, questions must be received in writing via email by 2:00 PM local time on the date identified in [Section IV.A. Selection Schedule](#) herein.

D. Pre-Proposal Meeting

*A Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal conference will be held via MS Teams at **1:00 p.m. PST on January 03, 2024**. [Click here](#) for a link to the MS Teams meeting.*

While the meeting is not mandatory, all prospective Proposers are strongly encouraged to attend the pre-proposal conference. Oral statements regarding this RFP at the Pre-Proposal Meeting should be considered unverified information unless confirmed in writing.

E. Term of Contract

Contracts entered into for Professional Services will typically be for one (1) year with up to one (1) successive one-year term by mutual agreement of the Parties. Extension to a contract shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds and will be at the same awarded contract unit prices and under the same terms and conditions as specified herein.

III. Submission Requirements

A. General

Proposals shall be submitted by email in Adobe Printable Document Format (pdf), identified in the subject line as “Long-Term Governance & Electrical Services Strategic Plan” to Allen McMillen, procurement@cvag.org. Proposals shall consist of both a technical proposal and a separate fee proposal and are to be submitted (emailed) in one email submission as two separate attachments. The file names shall designate the contents (Technical Proposal or Fee Proposal) accordingly. Only one email submittal per Consultant consisting of the technical proposal and the fee proposals will be considered.

It is strongly recommended that the Proposer submit proposals in the format identified in this RFP to allow CVAG to fully evaluate and compare the proposal. All requirements and questions in the RFP should be addressed and all requested data shall be supplied. CVAG reserves the right to request additional information which, in CVAG's opinion, is necessary to assure that the Proposer's competence, number of qualified employees, business organization, and financial resources are adequate to perform according to the Agreement.

Proposals should be prepared in such a way as to provide a straightforward, concise delineation of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. Responses should emphasize the Proposer's demonstrated capability to perform the Services. Technical literature that supports the Proposer's approach to providing the Services and work plan may be submitted to CVAG in conjunction with the Proposal. Emphasis should be concentrated on completeness, approach to the work and clarity of proposal.

Proposers are encouraged to visit the project location, as applicable, to determine the local conditions which may in any way affect the performance of the work; familiarize themselves with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and codes affecting the performance of the work; make such investigations, as it may deem necessary for performance of the services at its proposal price within the terms of the Agreement; and correlate its observations, investigations, and determinations with the requirements of the Agreement.

The proposal shall be signed by an individual, partner, officer or officers authorized to execute legal documents on behalf of the Proposer.

B. Content and Format of Technical Proposal

Proposals shall be concise, well organized and demonstrate qualifications and applicable experience. Proposals shall be organized and include page numbers for all pages in the proposal. The proposal shall be emailed (.pdf file) as an attachment(s) and submitted via email to the Procurement Manager.

Proposals shall be limited to a total of 25 pages. The Cover Page, Cover Letter, Appendices and page separators will not count toward the page limit. Proposals shall be presented in the following order and shall include:

1. Cover Letter. This letter shall be a maximum of two pages, shall be addressed to Tom Kirk, Executive Director and shall, at a minimum, contain the following:

- Identification of Consultant that will have contractual responsibility with CVAG. Identification shall include legal name of company, corporate address, telephone, and fax number. Include name, title, address, and telephone number of the contact person identified during period of qualification evaluation.
- Identification of all proposed Subcontractors including legal name of company, contact person(s) name and mailing address, phone number and email address. Relationship between Consultant and Subcontractors, if applicable.
- Acknowledgment of receipt of all RFP addenda, if any. Note: All addenda posted on www.cvaq.org/proposals for this solicitation shall be signed by the proposer and included in the appendices.
- A statement to the effect that the proposal shall remain valid for a period of not less than 180 days from the date of submittal.
- A statement that the Consultant does not have any personal, business, or financial relationship with the Contractors and Subcontractors that will be pursuing the work.
- Signature of a person authorized to bind Consultant to the terms of the proposal.
- Signed statement attesting that all information submitted with the qualifications is true and correct.

2. Qualifications, Related Experience and References. This section of the RFP should establish the ability of Consultant to satisfactorily perform the required work by reasons of experience in performing work of the same or similar nature; strength and stability of the Consultant; staffing capability; workload; record of meeting schedules on similar projects; and at least three supportive client references. Consultant to:

- Provide a brief profile of the firm, including the types of services offered; the year founded; form of the organization (corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship); number, size, and location of offices; number of employees.
- Provide a general description of the firm's financial condition, identify any conditions (e.g., bankruptcy, pending litigation, planned office closures, impending merger) that may impede Consultant's ability to complete the Project.
- Describe the firm's experience in performing work of a similar nature to that solicited in this RFP and highlight the participation in such work by the key personnel proposed for assignment to this Project.
- Describe experience in working with the various government agencies and private entities that may have jurisdiction over the approval of the work specified in this RFP. Please include specialized experience and professional competence in areas related to this RFP.
- A minimum of three (3) references should be given. Furnish the name, title, address, and telephone number of the person(s) at the client organization who is most knowledgeable about the work performed. Consultant also may supply references from other work not cited in this section as related experience.
- Any prior engagement or work which may result in any potential or actual professional conflict of interest in the performance of any services under this RFP.
- To avoid potential conflicts of interest, law firms and other professionals or licensees which represent or advise or have advised IID or CVWD on energy related matters may be deemed unqualified for purposes of this RFP.

3. Proposed Staffing and Project Organization. This section of the proposal should establish the method typically used by the Consultant to manage the Project as well as identify key personnel and sub-consultants assigned. Consultant to:
- Provide education, experience, and applicable professional credentials of project staff. Include applicable professional credentials of "key" project staff.
 - Furnish brief resumes (not more than two (2) pages each) for the proposed Project Manager and other key personnel in the appendix, include copy of their certifications
 - Identify key personnel proposed to perform the work in the specified tasks and include major areas of subcontract work. Include the person's name, current location, proposed position for this Project, current assignment, level of commitment to that assignment, availability for this assignment and how long each person has been with the firm.
 - Include a project organization chart that clearly delineates communication and reporting relationships with CVAG among the project staff and subconsultants.
 - Include a statement that key personnel will be available to the extent proposed for the duration of the Project, acknowledging that no person designated as "key" to the Project shall be removed or replaced without the prior written consent of CVAG.
4. Work Plan. Consultant shall provide a narrative that addresses the Scope of Work and shows Consultant's understanding of CVAG's needs and requirements. Consultant to:
- Describe the approach and work plan for completing the tasks specified in the Scope of Work. The work plan shall be of such detail to demonstrate the Consultant's ability to accomplish the Project objectives and overall schedule.
 - Outline sequentially, the activities that would be undertaken in completing the tasks and specify who would perform them and identify all deliverables.
 - Identify methods that Consultant will use to ensure quality control as well as budget and schedule control for the Project.
 - Identify any special issues or problems that are likely to be encountered during this Project and how the Consultant would propose to address them.
 - Consultant is encouraged to propose enhancements or procedural or technical innovations to the Scope of Work that do not materially deviate from the objectives or required content of the Project. Any modifications proposed to this solicitation are welcome provided they are innovative, advanced, and well thought out methodologies and shall be identified as optional and priced out separately in the Fee Proposal.
 - Provide Schedule and Deadlines. The draft schedule shall be depicted in a Gantt chart format.
5. Appendices:
- Recent and Relevant Projects: Provide an example of a similar scoped project deliverable conducted within the last three (3) years, or in process if at least in the final draft stage. If published online, the Proposer may provide a link in lieu of inserting a lengthy document into the appendices.
 - Litigation: Provide litigation history for any claims filed by your firm or against your firm related to the provision of Services in the last five (5) years.

- Project Team Resumes – Submit resumes of all key personnel/support staff that will produce work product for the Services. Describe their qualifications, education, and professional licensing.
- Changes to Professional Services Contract – CVAG’s standard professional services contract is included as [Attachment “A”](#) in this Request for Proposals. The Proposer shall review with proposed subconsultants and identify from Proposer or proposed subconsultants any objections to and/or request changes to the standard contract language in this section of the proposal.

C. Content and Format of Fee Proposal

Provide separate from the Technical Proposal a Fee Proposal for required services described in [Section V. Scope of Work](#) herein. The proposal shall be emailed (.pdf file) as an attachment(s) and submitted via email to the Procurement Manager.

The Fee Proposal shall be presented in a table format organized by task per Section V.D. and V.E. Sections herein and shall include hours and hourly rates for all personnel including subconsultants, subtotals for each task, and a grand total for total proposed fee. The Fee Proposal shall also include proposed direct costs and subcontractor mark-up, if any.

Any modifications proposed to this solicitation are welcome provided they are innovative, advanced, and well thought out methodologies and shall be identified as optional and priced out separately in the Fee Proposal.

D. No Deviations from the RFP

In submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, Proposer is certifying that it takes no exceptions to this RFP including, but not limited to, the Agreement. If any exceptions are taken, such exceptions must be clearly noted in the proposal and may be reason for rejection of the proposal. As such, Proposer is directed to carefully review the proposed Agreement, the insurance and indemnification provisions therein.

E. Additional Stipulations

CVAG reserves the right to accept or reject all or any proposal and to waive any informality, incompleteness, or error in any proposal.

All proposals received become the property of CVAG. Once a contract has been awarded, the name(s) of the successful applicant(s) may be made available to the public upon request. All costs incurred by applicants in the preparation and presentation of their proposal will be at their own expense, and applicant materials will not be returned.

CVAG reserves the right to amend the RFP or issue to all Proposers addenda to answer questions for clarification.

Unless specifically requested by CVAG, no amendment, addendum or modification will be accepted after a proposal has been submitted to CVAG. If a change to a proposal that has been submitted is desired, the submitted proposal must be withdrawn and the replacement proposal submitted prior to the deadline stated herein for receiving proposals.

A proposal may be considered non-responsive if conditional, incomplete, or if it contains alterations of form, additions not called for, or other irregularities that may constitute a material change to the proposal.

CVAG will not compensate any Proposer for the cost of preparing any proposal, and all materials submitted with a proposal shall become the property of CVAG. CVAG will retain all proposals submitted and may use any idea in a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected.

CVAG reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time prior to the contract award without obligation in any manner for proposal preparation, interview, fee negotiation or other marketing costs associated with this RFP.

Prices provided by Proposers in response to this RFP are valid for 90 calendar days from the proposal due date. CVAG intends to award the contract within this time but may request an extension from the Proposers to hold pricing, until negotiations are complete, and the contract is awarded.

Issuance of this RFP and receipt of proposals does not commit CVAG to award a contract. CVAG expressly reserves the right to postpone the proposal for its own convenience, to accept or reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP, to negotiate with more than one Proposer concurrently, or to cancel all or part of this RFP.

CVAG reserves the right to negotiate any price or provision, task order or service; accept any part or all of any proposals; waive any irregularities; and to reject any and all, or parts of any and all proposals; whenever, in the sole opinion of CVAG, such action shall serve its best interests and those of the tax-paying public. The Agreement, if any is awarded, will go to the Proposer whose proposal best meets CVAG's requirements.

IV. Submission Process

A. Selection Schedule

Proposals are due by **January 19, 2024, no later than 4:00 p.m. PST**. A Selection Committee comprised of CVAG and partnering agency staff may choose up to three applicants to be interviewed. Applicants invited to an interview will be notified by **5:00 p.m. PST on January 22, 2024**. Interviews will be scheduled to occur January **24-25, 2024** at a time and location to be provided by CVAG. Proposers are to hold the interview dates until confirmed by CVAG. The tentative schedule is as follows:

ACTION	DATE
1. Release of Request for Proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none">Post to www.cvag.org	December 21, 2023
2. Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Click here for a link to the meeting	January 03, 2024 (1:00 p.m. PST)
3. Deadline to Email Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Email to procurement@cvag.org	January 05, 2024 (2:00 p.m. PST)

ACTION	DATE
4. Responses to Questions via Addendum • Post to www.cvag.org	January 12, 2024
5. Deadline for Receipt of Proposals • Email to procurement@cvag.org	January 19, 2024 (4:00 p.m. PST)
6. Evaluation of Proposals	January 22, 2024
7. Finalist Interviews (Proposers are to hold these dates until confirmed)	January 24-25, 2024
8. Expected Contract Award	January 29, 2024
9. Notice to Proceed	February 2024

The schedule above is tentative and CVAG retains the sole discretion to adjust dates.

B. Selection Process

CVAG will appoint a selection committee comprised of at least three members, which may include CVAG staff and staff from partnering agencies. The selection committee will review and score the Proposals submitted by the consultants based on the selection criteria and weights identified in the [Section IV.C. Evaluation](#) of this RFP and establish a preliminary list of qualified consultants and identify which, if any, consultants will be interviewed for final consideration. CVAG may contact previous clients identified in the RFP at any time prior to the interviews to verify the experience and performance of the consultants.

CVAG will notify consultants on the preliminary list which are to be interviewed and required to provide an oral presentation. CVAG will provide the time and location for the interview. CVAG reserves the right to waive interviews.

During the evaluation process, CVAG reserves the right, where it may serve CVAG's best interest, to request additional information or clarifications from Proposers, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions.

It is CVAG's intent to select a Proposer best evidencing demonstrated competence and professional qualifications to perform the Services. CVAG reserves the right to reject all proposals, select by proposal review only or interview as needed. Certain Proposers may be selected to make a brief presentation and oral interview after which a final selection will be made. The successful Proposer will be selected on the basis of information provided in the RFP, in-person presentations, and the results of CVAG's research and investigation.

Upon selection of a Proposer, CVAG will endeavor to negotiate a mutually agreeable professional services agreement with the selected Proposer. In the event that CVAG is unable to reach agreement, CVAG will proceed, at its sole discretion, to negotiate with the next Proposer selected by CVAG. CVAG reserves the right to contract for services in the manner that most benefits CVAG including awarding more than one contract if desired.

C. Evaluation

The Selection Committee will score qualifications based on the following scale:

1. Qualifications, Related Experience and References (30%)

This section of the proposal should establish the ability of the proposed team to satisfactorily perform the required work by reasons of experience in performing work of the same or similar nature; demonstrated experience working with agencies directly involved in this Project; staffing capability; workload; record of meeting schedules on similar projects; and at least three (3) supportive client references.

CVAG strongly encourages proposals from qualified small local businesses. It is CVAG's policy to encourage greater availability, capacity development, and contract participation by small local business enterprises in CVAG contracts. It is intended to further CVAG's interest to stimulate economic development in the Coachella Valley through the support and empowerment of the local community, ensure that it is neither an active nor passive participant in marketplace discrimination, and promote equal opportunity for all segments of the contracting community. Successful applicants will demonstrate experience and success in comparable projects. References will support examples of success in comparable projects.

2. Proposed Staffing and Project Organization (25%)

This section of the proposal should establish the method that will be used to manage the Project as well as identify key personnel assigned.

3. Work Plan (25%)

This section of the proposal shall provide a narrative that addresses the Scope of Work and shows understanding of the Project needs and requirements.

4. Proposed fee (20%)

Successful applicants will propose fees that are cost-effective, sufficiently detailed, and feasible. Cost-effective proposals will be able to accomplish higher levels of planning and design with the available funds.

During the evaluation process, CVAG reserves the right, where it may serve CVAG's best interest, to request additional information or clarifications from Proposers, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions.

D. Protests

Protest procedures and dispute resolution process for the contract portions of the project that are federally funded will be in accordance with the CVAG process. The protest shall be in writing to the attention of the Executive Director and submitted to the attention as follows:

Executive Director
Coachella Valley Association of Governments
74199 El Paseo, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

V. Scope of Services

A. General Conditions and Requirements

CVAG is seeking the services of qualified firms to conduct a Long-Term Governance & Electrical Services Strategic Plan for the Coachella Valley Energy Commission (CVEC).

CVAG reserves the right to perform any portion of this scope of services with CVAG staff or any other vendor, however, for the purposes of this RFP, the Consultant is requested to assume that no CVAG resources will be available to perform any portion of the scope of services described herein.

CVAG may have the contracted Consultant establish direct contact with member agencies and other stakeholders related to the subject matter of this RFP for the purpose of obtaining information, expertise and assistance in developing project information. The Consultant shall maintain a record of all such contacts and shall provide copies of the contacts and records promptly to CVAG on a regular basis. CVAG will participate in and/or provide prior approval for all intra-agency meetings.

The Consultant shall be responsible for reproduction, binding, circulation, and distribution of all deliverables pursuant to CVAG requirements.

The Consultant has total responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the deliverables for the Project and shall check all such material accordingly. Reviews by CVAG and stakeholders do not include detailed review or checking of the deliverables. The responsibility for accuracy and completeness of such items remains solely that of the Consultant. The Consultant or their sub-consultants shall not incorporate in the Project any materials or equipment of sole source origin without written approval of CVAG.

The deliverables furnished under this Scope of Services shall be of a quality acceptable to CVAG. The criteria for acceptance shall be a product of neat appearance, well-organized, technically and grammatically correct. The minimum standard of appearance, organization and content of the drawings shall be that of similar types produced by CVAG.

The page identifying preparers of engineering reports shall bear the professional seal, certificate number, registration classification, expiration date of the certificate, and signature of the professional engineer(s) responsible for their preparation, as applicable.

The Consultant shall submit all project files to CVAG at the completion of the project. All studies, plans, reports, data, manuals, electronic software developed, databases, spreadsheets and intellectual properties developed during the life of this contract shall become the property of CVAG.

The Consultant shall not suspend performance of the contract during the negotiations of any change in scope of services except as they may be directed by CVAG. The Consultant shall perform all changes in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract.

The Consultant shall employ risk management techniques that identify potential risks and uncertainties related to the development of the Project. If at any time during the performance of

this Scope of Services, the Consultant observes, encounters, or identifies any circumstance that could pose potential risk, the Consultant shall notify CVAG.

B. Quality Assurance

The Consultant has total responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the deliverables furnished under the Project and shall meet that responsibility through quality assurance practices standard to the profession. The Consultant's quality assurance practices shall ensure the following:

- All work is done in accordance with good engineering practice and all analysis and technical work meets the standards set forth herein.
- A process is established whereby all deliverables and analysis are independently checked, corrected, and backchecked in accordance with accepted practice.
- Deliverables and computations must be accompanied by supporting documentation that may include copies of appropriate lists of deliverables, tables, etc.

C. Project Progress

The Consultant shall establish internal accounting methods and procedures acceptable to CVAG for documenting and monitoring contract costs.

The Consultant shall report in a timely manner, through correspondence or progress reports, whenever it appears that approved schedules will not be met, and whether the reasons are within the Consultant's control. In the event the Scope of Services is modified, and the modified Schedule is approved by CVAG, the Consultant shall submit a revised schedule.

On a monthly basis, the Consultant shall prepare and submit to CVAG a monthly status report that indicates the work progress achieved during the period. The report shall summarize the actual work progress compared with estimated progress and will identify problem areas, provide evaluations, recommendations, and an outline of the process which the Consultant and CVAG will follow to rectify the problem(s). The progress report shall be submitted with the monthly invoice. Progress reports shall include the total number of hours worked by the Consultant's and sub-consultant's personnel. As a minimum, the monthly report should address the following specific areas:

- Time related project status via a bar chart schedule
- Physical progress
- Amendment summary history
- Narrative status report
- Graphical comparisons for actual progress vs. earned and planned progress for physical (%complete), performance (hours complete) and cash flow

Progress meetings between the Consultant and CVAG shall be held to discuss progress, potential problems, plans for the next period, and other progress issues. CVAG will establish with the Consultant the dates and times of these meetings. The Consultant shall provide CVAG with a written agenda for the meeting and prepare written meeting minutes and submit them to CVAG after the meeting. The minutes shall indicate issues discussed and the resolution or action required to resolve any issues. The Consultant shall submit at each Progress Meeting a four-week horizon schedule to be used in monitoring the progress of the work.

D. Project Objectives and Services to be Performed

Project Objectives:

- Evaluate options 1.D. and 2. B governance models for electrical services identified in the joint-LAFCO study relative to the foundational objectives in the study, with a focus on:
 - Affordability
 - Ratepayer Input
 - Economic Development
 - Financing of current electrical system and planning and financing future electrical infrastructure necessary for load growth
 - Representation
 - Industry Trends
 - Local Programs
 - Local Control
 - Legal and Legislative Considerations
 - System Reliability
- Identify the preferred alternative option based on comprehensive analysis and evaluation of options 1.D and 2.B of the study.
- Assess hybrid or collaborative alternatives to each of the preferred alternative options (1.D and 2.B of the study) and their effectiveness.
- Develop a long-term strategic governance plan based on the preferred alternative option, which includes actionable steps, process, legal and technical analysis and other information relevant to implementation of the preferred alternative option.

Services to be Performed:

- Identifying a leader: Confirm that the parties/stakeholders will continue with the CVEC as the leader to spearhead the efforts related to the long-term strategic governance plan.
- Determine options for the provision of electrical services for the Coachella Valley: Determine if IID intends to continue to provide electrical service to the Coachella Valley, and to understand potential financial and rate impacts associated with continued service by IID.
- Determine if a regional consensus-based solution will be pursued: To assess financing and revenue requirements, each party will need to determine and align local priorities to determine if regional or a local solution will be feasible.
- Analysis on the likelihood of prolonged litigation in the event a regional consensus-based or non-consensus-based solution is adopted or not adopted. If such litigation occurs, what is the anticipated duration and cost to ratepayers, residents and stakeholders in terms of delay in the implementation of any solution?
- Identify enabling legislation for member eligibility: Identify member eligibility and enabling legislation requirements to allow a member to join any alternative option under consideration. Existing law prohibits certain public districts and entities from joining certain structures (I.e. joining a JPA), and owning and operating electrical assets.
- Legal guidance on leased power rights under the Agreement of Compromise: Analyze the investments of IID, and CVWD (if any), upon termination of lease power rights under the Agreement of Compromise, including each party's respective legal and equitable rights in

said power rights, works, and facilities on or in connection with the All-American Canal, to understand the potential impact this could have on IID and/or any proposed successor.

- Asset valuation and condition assessment: A preliminary financial analysis related to the asset disposition, including an opinion related to asset disposition and/or associated costs to potentially acquire existing assets from IID (I.e. inventory of assets and assessment of assets), to determine financial impact related to the governance option with service responsibilities.
- Legal guidance and enabling legislation for Joint Powers and desire for service Responsibilities: For a regional based solution and the desire to obtain electrical service responsibilities, a legal assessment related to “common powers” rule and identifying enabling legislation for members to pursue service responsibilities to meet a specific need, since service is provided outside of the underlying utilities jurisdiction.
- Identify market risks and trends: To identify foreseeable risks associated with creating and operating a new utility. The assessment should focus on understanding potential market drivers, trends, mandates, and requirements, to determine costs associated with such efforts and associated mitigation efforts to address foreseeable risks.
- Clarify legal understandings related to rights and responsibilities arising from or adjacent to the 1934 Agreement of Compromise.
- Establish debt policy principles: General debt policy principles should be established to aid in the assessment and decision-making process related to the alternative options. These include policy guidelines to identify limits, obligations, and associated risk mitigation measures for uncertain market drivers and customer demands. These guidelines will assist with issuing, managing and adhering to affordability standards for the proposed alternative option under consideration. This will also assist with balancing obligations associated with asset acquisition, associated rehabilitation and replacement projects, and new capital investment planning.
- Community education: In coordination with the CVEC, establish a public engagement strategy or program to keep customers informed about the proposed electric service options and benefits. This will also help assess the support of residents, local officials and business leaders.

E. Project Scope

CVAG seeks to retain a qualified professional consultant to develop a Long-Term Governance and Electrical Services Strategic Plan for providing governance and electrical services for the Coachella Valley in consultation and coordination with the Coachella Valley Energy Commission (CVEC). This will consist of professional and technical services including, but not limited to:

1. Literature Review:

- a. Review existing literature on governance and service delivery models for electrical services.
- b. Analyze case studies of successful and unsuccessful implementations similar to the alternative options.
- c. Identify key trends, challenges, and best practices in the industry.

2. Stakeholder Analysis:

- a. Review stakeholders identified in the joint LAFCO study related to electrical services governance and delivery.
- b. Conduct interviews and surveys to gather perspectives and expectations.
- c. Conduct interviews and surveys with ratepayers, and residents.

3. Governance Models:

- a. Examine governance structures 1.D and 2.B of the joint LAFCO study.
- b. Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of each governance model.
- c. Consider regulatory frameworks and compliance requirements, including legal and statutory considerations related to enabling, creating and operating such governance structures.

4. Service Delivery Options:

- a. Investigate options 1.D and 2.B of the joint LAFCO study and examine service delivery options, such as centralized, decentralized, or hybrid/collaborative approaches.
- b. Evaluate the impact of emerging technologies (e.g., smart grids, renewable energy integration) on service delivery.
- c. Assess the scalability, efficiency and resilience of each service delivery option.

5. Cost-Benefit Analysis:

- a. Develop a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis for each governance and service delivery model.
- b. Consider initial setup costs, operational expenses and long-term sustainability.
- c. Evaluate the potential economic, social, and environmental benefits.

6. Risk Assessment:

- a. Identify potential risks associated with each governance and service delivery option.
- b. Assess the likelihood and impact of identifiable risks.
- c. Develop risk mitigation strategies for the preferred option.
- d. Consider risk of legal challenges (litigation) if a non-consensual option is pursued.

7. Legal and Regulatory Considerations:

- a. Examine existing legal frameworks governing electrical services related to options 1.D and 2.B.
- b. Identify regulatory constraints and opportunities for innovation related to each of options 1.D and 2.B.

- c. Ensure alignment with local, regional, State and Federal policies, regulations and other rules and obligations affecting electric service providers.

8. Comparative Analysis:

- a. Develop a matrix for the side-by-side comparison of the two governance and service delivery options.
- b. Rank options based on predefined criteria and stakeholder preferences set forth in the joint LAFCO study.

9. Recommendations:

- a. Present a clear recommendation for the preferred governance and service delivery model.
- b. Provide justifications based on the findings and analysis.

10. Implementation Plan:

- a. Outline a phased implementation plan for transitioning to the recommended model.
- b. Identify key milestones, responsibilities, and timelines.

11. Monitoring and Evaluation:

- a. Develop metrics for monitoring the success of the implemented model.
- b. Establish a regular evaluation mechanism for continuous improvement.

12. Reporting:

- a. Prepare a comprehensive report documenting the study's methodology, findings, and recommendations.
- b. Present the report to relevant stakeholders and solicit feedback.

13. Long-Term Governance and Electrical Services Strategic Plan:

Produce the Long-Term Governance and Electrical Services Strategic Plan that includes, but is not limited to, the key findings and emphasizes the anticipated impact of the recommended model in achieving representation for IID's Coachella Valley stakeholders on electrical service matters, long-term sustainability and effectiveness in electrical service governance and delivery.

END OF SCOPE OF SERVICES

Attachment A: Professional Services Agreement

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
between
COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (CVAG)
and
[INSERT CONSULTANT]

THIS AGREEMENT is made and effective as of [INSERTS DATE], 2021 between the Coachella Valley Association of Governments ("CVAG") and [INSERT CONSULTANT] ("Consultant"). In consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. TERM

This Agreement shall commence on [INSERT DATE], 2024 and shall remain and continue in effect until tasks described herein are completed, but in no event later than [INSERT DATE], [INSERT YEAR] unless sooner terminated or extended pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement. CVAG shall have the unilateral option, at its sole discretion, to renew this Agreement and negotiate a revised price, if any, for no more than [INSERT NUMBER] additional one-year terms. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement, CVAG, at its sole discretion, will not move forward with the renewal option and shall re-bid the work.

2. SERVICES

Consultant shall perform **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG-TERM GOVERNANCE & ELECTRICAL SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN** consistent with the provisions of the Request for Proposals for the proposed **COACHELLA VALLEY ENERGY COMMISSION PROJECT**, released on December 21, 2023, (the "RFP,") and any modification thereto adopted in writing by the parties and identified herein as an exhibit to this Agreement, upon issuance by CVAG of written authority to proceed (a "Notice to Proceed") as to either (a) a portion of the work if separate and independent tasks are contemplated or (b) all work if it constitutes a single project.

Except as amended by the exhibits hereto, Consultant is bound by the contents of the RFP and Consultant's response thereto. In the event of conflict, the requirements of this Agreement, including any exhibits, then the Request for Proposals, shall take precedence over those contained in Consultant's response.

The following exhibit(s) are attached and incorporated herein by reference:

Exhibit A: Scope of Work

Exhibit B: Price Formula (Consultants Proposal)

3. PRICE FORMULA

CVAG agrees to pay Consultant at the rates set forth in Exhibit B, the Price Formula, and by reference incorporated herein. In no event shall the total amount paid for services rendered by Consultant under this Agreement exceed the sum of \$[INSERT NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT]

without a written amendment.

4. PERFORMANCE

Consultant shall at all times faithfully, competently and to the best of its ability, experience, and talent, perform all tasks required hereunder. Consultant shall employ, at a minimum, generally accepted standards and practices utilized by persons engaged in providing similar services as are required of Consultant hereunder in meeting its obligations under this Agreement.

Consultant shall submit informal progress reports to CVAG's Project Manager by telephone, e-mail or in person, on a weekly basis, in a form acceptable to CVAG, describing the state of work performed. The purpose of the reports is to allow CVAG to determine if the contract objectives and activities are being completed in accordance with the agreed upon schedule, and to afford occasions for airing difficulties or special problems encountered.

The Consultant's Project Manager shall meet with the CVAG Project Manager as needed.

5. PAYMENT

(a) If independent and separate Work Orders are contemplated, CVAG shall pay Consultant upon satisfactory completion of each Work Order; and, unless Consultant provides a performance bond, progress payments will not be made on individual or a collection of Work Orders. If all the work constitutes a single project, Consultant shall submit invoices for work completed on a periodic basis, no more frequently than monthly.

(b) Consultant shall not be compensated for any services rendered in connection with its performance of this Agreement which are in addition to those set forth in a duly issued Work Order.

(c) Consultant shall submit invoices for services performed in accordance with the payment rates and terms set forth in Exhibit B. The invoice shall be in a form approved by CVAG.

(d) A formal report of tasks performed and tasks in process, in a form acceptable to CVAG, shall be attached to each invoice.

(e) All invoices shall be consistent with current progress reports as well as the budget and work schedule set out in the RFP and, if modified or supplemented thereby, the exhibits to this Agreement.

(f) Upon approval by CVAG's Project Manager, payment shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of each invoice as to all non-disputed fees. If CVAG disputes any of Consultant's invoiced fees it shall give written notice to Consultant within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice.

6. INSPECTION OF WORK

Consultant shall permit CVAG the opportunity to review and inspect the project activities at all reasonable times during the performance period of this Agreement including review and inspection on a daily basis.

7. SCOPE OF WORK CHANGES

The scope of work shall be subject to change by additions, deletions or revisions by CVAG. Consultant shall be advised of any such changes by written notice. Consultant shall promptly perform and strictly comply with each such notice. If Consultant believes that performance of any change would justify modification of the Agreement price or time for performance, Consultant shall comply with the provisions for dispute resolution set out hereinbelow.

8. SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT WITHOUT CAUSE

(a) CVAG may at any time, for any reason, with or without cause, suspend or terminate this Agreement, or any portion hereof, by serving upon Consultant seven (7) days prior written notice. Upon tender of said notice, Consultant shall immediately cease all work under this Agreement, unless further work is authorized by CVAG. If CVAG suspends or terminates a portion of this Agreement, such suspension or termination shall not make void or invalidate the remainder of this Agreement.

(b) In the event this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section, CVAG shall pay Consultant only for work that has been accepted by CVAG. Work in process will not be paid unless CVAG agrees in writing to accept the partial work, in which case, prorated fees may be authorized. Upon termination of the Agreement pursuant to this Section, Consultant will submit a final invoice to CVAG. Payment of the final invoice shall be subject to approval by the CVAG Project Manager as set out above.

9. DEFAULT OF CONSULTANT

(a) Consultant's failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement shall constitute a default. In the event that Consultant is in default for cause under the terms of this Agreement, CVAG shall have no obligation or duty to continue compensating Consultant for any work performed after the date of default and can terminate this Agreement immediately by written notice to Consultant. Provided, however, if such failure by Consultant to make progress in the performance of work hereunder arises out of causes beyond Consultant's control, and without fault or negligence of Consultant, it shall not be considered a default.

(b) As an alternative to notice of immediate termination, the CVAG Executive Director or his/her delegate may cause to be served upon Consultant a written notice of the default. Consultant shall then have ten (10) days after service upon it of said notice in which to cure the default by rendering a satisfactory performance. In the event that Consultant fails to cure its default within such period of time, CVAG shall have the right, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, to terminate this Agreement without further notice and without prejudice to any other remedy to which it may be entitled at law, in equity or under this Agreement.

10. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

(a) Consultant shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to work

performed, costs, expenses, receipts, and other such information that relates to the performance of services under this Agreement. Consultant shall maintain adequate records of services provided in sufficient detail to permit an evaluation of services. All such records shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall be clearly identified and readily accessible. Consultant shall provide free access to the representatives of CVAG or its designees at reasonable times to such books and records; shall give CVAG the right to examine and audit said books and records; shall permit CVAG to make transcripts therefrom as necessary; and shall allow inspection of all work, data, documents, proceedings, and activities related to this Agreement. Such records, together with supporting documents, shall be maintained for a period of three (3) years after receipt of final payment.

(b) Unless the RFP or exhibits hereto expressly provide otherwise, upon completion of, or in the event of termination or suspension of this Agreement, all original documents, designs, drawings, maps, models, computer files, surveys, notes, and other documents prepared in the course of providing the services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement shall become the sole property of CVAG and may be used, reused, or otherwise disposed of by CVAG without the permission of Consultant. With respect to computer files, Consultant shall make available to CVAG, at Consultant's office and upon reasonable written request by CVAG, the necessary computer software and hardware for purposes of accessing, compiling, transferring, and printing computer files.

11. INDEMNIFICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless CVAG, its members and any and all of their officials, employees and agents from and against any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees and costs, which arise out of, pertain to, or relate to Consultant's alleged act(s) or failure(s) to act.

12. INSURANCE

(a) Throughout the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall procure and maintain the following: (1) Commercial General Liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 general aggregate for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage; (2) Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 per claim and in the aggregate; (3) Automobile Liability Insurance for bodily injury and property damage including coverage for owned, non-owned and hired vehicles, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per accident combined single limit, at least as broad as Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 00 01 covering automobile liability, Code 1 (any auto); (4) Workers' compensation in compliance with applicable statutory requirements and Employer's Liability Coverage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per accident or disease, Consultant shall submit to Agency, along with the certificate of insurance, a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement in favor of Agency, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers.

(b) Consultant shall include CVAG, its member agencies and any other interested and related party designated by CVAG, as additional insureds on the commercial general liability policy and the automobile liability policy for liabilities caused by Consultant in its performance of services under this Agreement and shall provide CVAG with a certificate and endorsement verifying such coverage. In the event said insurance coverage expires at any time or times during

the term of this Agreement, Consultant agrees to provide at least five (5) days notice prior to said expiration date and, prior to said expiration date, a new certificate of insurance and endorsements evidencing insurance coverage as required herein for no less than the remainder of the term of the Agreement, or for a total period of not less than one (1) year. New certificates of insurance are subject to the approval of CVAG. In the event Consultant fails to keep in effect at all times insurance coverage as required herein, CVAG may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, terminate this Agreement.

(c) Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects CVAG, its member agencies, and any other interested and related party designated by CVAG as additional insureds. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by said additional insureds shall be in excess of Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with it and, to the extent obtainable, such coverage shall be payable notwithstanding any act of negligence of CVAG, its members, or any other additional insured, that might otherwise result in forfeiture of coverage. Any failure to comply with reporting or other provisions of the policies, including breach of warranties, shall not affect coverage provided to said additional insureds. Consultant's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought. Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by any party, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to CVAG.

(d) Said insurance policy or policies shall be issued by a responsible insurance company with a minimum A. M. Best Rating of "A-" Financial Category "X", and authorized and admitted to do business in, and regulated by, the State of California.

(e) Evidence of all insurance coverage shall be provided to CVAG prior to issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that such insurance is in addition to Consultant's obligation to fully indemnify and hold CVAG, its members and any other additional insureds free and harmless from and against any and all claims arising out of an injury or damage to property or persons caused by the acts or omissions of Consultant.

13. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

(a) Consultant is and shall at all times remain as to CVAG a wholly independent contractor. The personnel performing the services under this Agreement on behalf of Consultant shall at all times be under Consultant's exclusive direction and control. Neither CVAG, its members, nor any of their officers, employees, or agents shall have control over the conduct of Consultant or any of Consultant's officers, employees, or agents, except as set forth in this Agreement. Consultant shall not at any time or in any manner represent that it or any of its officers, employees, or agents are in any manner officers, employees, or agents of CVAG or its members. Consultant shall not incur or have the power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability whatever against CVAG or its members, or bind CVAG or its members in any manner except as expressly authorized by CVAG.

(b) No employee benefits shall be available to Consultant in connection with the performance of this Agreement. Except for the fees paid to Consultant as provided in the Agreement, CVAG shall not pay salaries, wages, or other compensation to Consultant for performing services hereunder. CVAG shall not be liable for compensation or indemnification to Consultant for injury or sickness arising out of performing services hereunder.

14. LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Consultant shall keep itself informed of State, Federal and local laws and regulations which in any manner affect those employed by it or in any way affect the performance of its services pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant shall at all times observe and comply with all such laws and regulations. CVAG, its members, and their officers and employees, shall not be liable at law or in equity for any liability occasioned by failure of Consultant to comply with this Section.

Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, or any other unlawful basis.

15. UNDUE INFLUENCE

Consultant declares and warrants that no undue influence or pressure was or will be used against or in concert with any officer or employee of CVAG in connection with the award, terms or implementation of this Agreement, including any method of coercion, confidential financial arrangement, or financial inducement. No officer or employee of CVAG will receive compensation, directly or indirectly, from Consultant, or from any officer, employee or agent of Consultant, in connection with the award of this Agreement or any work to be conducted as a result of this Agreement. Violation of this Section shall be a material breach of this Agreement entitling CVAG to any and all remedies at law or in equity.

16. NO BENEFIT TO ARISE TO LOCAL EMPLOYEES

No member, officer, or employee of CVAG, nor its designees or agents, and no public official who exercises authority over or responsibilities with respect to the subject of this Agreement during his/her tenure or for one year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any agreement or sub-agreement, or the proceeds thereof, for work to be performed in connection with the services performed under this Agreement.

17. RELEASE OF INFORMATION/CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

(a) All information gained by Consultant in performance of this Agreement shall be considered confidential and shall not be released by Consultant without CVAG's prior written authorization. Consultant, its officers, employees, agents, or sub-consultants, shall not without written authorization from the CVAG Task Manager or unless requested by the CVAG Attorney, voluntarily provide declarations, letters of support, testimony at depositions, response to interrogatories, or other information concerning the work performed under this Agreement or relating to any project or property of CVAG. Response to a subpoena or court order shall not be considered "voluntary" provided Consultant gives CVAG notice of such court order or subpoena.

(b) Consultant shall promptly notify CVAG should Consultant, its officers, employees, agents, or sub-consultants be served with any summons, complaint, subpoena, notice of deposition, request for documents, interrogatories, request for admissions, or other discovery request, court order, or subpoena from any person or party regarding this Agreement and the work performed thereunder or with respect to any project or property of CVAG or its members. CVAG retains the right, but has no obligation, to represent Consultant and/or be present at any deposition, hearing, or similar proceeding. Consultant agrees to cooperate fully with CVAG and to provide the opportunity to review any response to discovery requests provided by Consultant. However, CVAG's right to review any such response does not imply or mean the right by CVAG

to control, direct, or rewrite said response.

(c) Consultant covenants that neither it nor any officer or principal of Consultant's firm has any interest in, or shall acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, which will conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services hereunder. Consultant further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having such interest shall be employed by Consultant as an officer, employee, agent, or subcontractor.

18. NOTICES

Any notices which either party may desire to give to the other party under this Agreement must be in writing and may be given either by (i) personal service, (ii) delivery by a reputable document delivery service, such as but not limited to, Federal Express, which provides a receipt showing date and time of delivery, or (iii) mailing in the United States Mail, certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the address of the party as set forth below or at any other address as that party may later designate by notice:

To CVAG:	Executive Director Coachella Valley Association of Governments 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 200 Palm Desert, CA 92260
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To Consultant:	[INSERT NAME, TITLE INSERT CONSULTANT NAME ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP]
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19. ASSIGNMENT/PERSONNEL

Consultant shall not assign the performance of this Agreement, nor any part thereof, nor any monies due hereunder, without prior written consent of CVAG.

Because of the personal nature of the services to be rendered pursuant to this Agreement, there shall be no change in Consultant's Project Manager or members of the project team without prior written approval by CVAG.

20. MANAGEMENT

CVAG's Executive Director shall represent CVAG in all matters pertaining to the administration of this Agreement, review and approval of all services submitted by Consultant.

During the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall provide sufficient executive and administrative personnel as shall be necessary and required to perform its duties and obligations under the terms hereof.

21. SUBCONTRACTS

Unless expressly permitted in the RFP or the exhibits hereto, Consultant shall obtain the prior written approval of CVAG before subcontracting any services related to this Agreement.

CVAG reserves the right to contract directly with any necessary subcontractors in the unlikely event it becomes necessary.

22. LICENSES

At all times during the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall have in full force and effect all licenses required of it by law for the performance of the services described in this Agreement.

23. GOVERNING LAW

CVAG and Consultant understand and agree that the laws of the State of California shall govern the rights, obligations, duties, and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and also govern the interpretation of this Agreement. Any litigation concerning this Agreement shall take place in the Riverside County Superior Court, Desert Branch.

Any dispute arising under this Agreement shall first be decided by the CVAG Executive Director or designee. Consultant shall give CVAG written notice within seven (7) days after any event which Consultant believes may give rise to a claim for an increase in compensation or a change in the performance schedule. Within fourteen (14) days thereafter, Consultant shall supply CVAG with a statement supporting the claim. CVAG shall not be liable for and Consultant hereby waives any claim or potential claim which Consultant knew or should have known about and which was not reported in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph. Consultant agrees to continue performance of the services during the time any claim is pending. No claim shall be allowed if asserted after final payment.

24. FINAL PAYMENT CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE

CVAG shall not be obligated to make final payment to Consultant until Consultant has fully performed under this Agreement and has provided CVAG written assurances that Consultant has paid in full all outstanding obligations incurred as a result of Consultant's performance hereunder. All obligations owing by CVAG to Consultant shall be deemed satisfied upon Consultant's acceptance of the final payment. Thereafter, no property of CVAG shall be subject to any unsatisfied lien or claim arising out of this Agreement.

25. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties relating to the obligations of the parties described in this Agreement. All prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations, and statements, oral or written, are merged into this Agreement and shall be of no further force or effect. Each party is entering into this Agreement based solely upon the representations set forth herein and upon each party's own independent investigation of any and all facts such party deems material.

26. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party hereto shall be liable to the other for its failure to perform under this Agreement when such failure is caused by strikes, accidents, acts of God, fire, war, flood, governmental restrictions, or any other cause beyond the control of the party charged with performance; provided that the party so unable to perform shall promptly advise the other party of the extent of its inability to perform. Any suspension of performance by reason of this paragraph shall be limited to the period during which such cause of failure exists.

27. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT

The person or persons executing this Agreement on behalf of Consultant warrants and represents that he/she has the authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of Consultant and has the authority to bind Consultant to the performance of its obligations hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

By: _____
Tom Kirk, Executive Director

[INSERT CONSULTANT]

By: _____
[INSERT NAME, TITLE]

EXHIBIT “A”
SCOPE OF WORK

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January 18, 2024

To the Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Attention: Tom Kirk
procurement@cvag.org

Dear Tom,

On my behalf of my colleagues at Leading Resources Inc., I am pleased to present this proposal to the Coachella Valley Association of Governments to facilitate the development of a long-term governance and electrical services strategic plan for the Coachella Valley Energy Commission. This proposal shall remain valid for a period of not less than 180 days from the date of our submission.

I confirm receipt of all RFP related materials and addenda. I confirm that we do not have a conflictual relationship with any contractors or subcontractors.

I attest that all information submitted with the qualifications is true and correct.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Eric Douglas

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. F. Douglas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric F. Douglas
Senior partner
Leading Resources Inc.

January 18, 2024

To the Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Attention: Allen McMillen
procurement@cvag.org

On my behalf of my colleagues, I am pleased to present this proposal to the Coachella Valley Association of Governments to facilitate the development of a long-term governance and electrical services strategic plan for the Coachella Valley Energy Commission. We look forward to working with you.

I. Goal of Engagement

The Coachella Valley Energy Commission is tasked with determining a solution to meet the unique energy needs of the various and diverse parties comprising the greater Coachella Valley portion of the Imperial Irrigation District's energy service area. The Commission's focus includes developing a long-term strategic plan for continued energy service to the Coachella Valley following the 2033 expiration of the 99-year lease between IID and the Coachella Valley Water District.

The goal of this engagement with LRI is to assist the Commission in analyzing and narrowing the viable options for providing energy service to the Coachella Valley, based on a thorough understanding of the benefits and costs of various options, and developing a draft plan for the provision of electrical service to the Coachella Valley, including how it would be structured, organized, and governed.

This work would build upon the LAFCO analysis already completed that looked at the costs and benefits of various structures and options. Our work would focus on whether to form a new municipal utility or a JPA. We would facilitate discussions leading to draft agreements among the parties on the solution that will most effectively serve Coachella Valley's energy needs and the interests of its various stakeholders.

The members of our consulting team have a deep level of expertise both in public utility governance and strategy. Eric Douglas has worked with multiple public utilities on Board governance and strategy development. Jim Tracy served for 19 years as the Treasurer and CFO of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District and was responsible for conducting the cost/risk evaluations of major generation projects and other long-term investments. Karin Bloomer is an expert in facilitating planning meetings that result in mutually-agreeable solutions. Bill Slaton is a governance expert who has both consulted to and served on numerous public agency boards.

II. Qualifications, Related Experience, and References

For 25 years, LRI has been dedicated to developing leaders and leading organizations. We work primarily with public agencies and not-for-profit organizations. LRI blends five practice areas to strengthen organizational performance and achieve significant results. Those practice areas are:

1. Strategic planning
2. Governance
3. Leadership development
4. Performance management
5. Stakeholder engagement

LRI operates under the following set of core values:

- To act ethically at all times and build trust with our clients and each other.
- To serve our clients with utmost attention to quality and customer service.
- To partner with our clients to create valuable outcomes.
- To research and develop services, products and processes that provide measurable benefits.
- To deliver our services and tools in easily accessible, innovative ways.

LRI has extensive experience in planning and facilitating change in highly complex environments in the public and private sectors. We assure diverse stakeholders are engaged, that decision-making processes are clear, that expectations are aligned, and that the appropriate best practices are used to achieve desired organizational outcomes.

LRI's office is in Sacramento, California. It is a corporation with fewer than 10 employees. Its financial condition is healthy; there are no challenges to the firm being able to undertake and complete this scope of work.

Here is a list of similar engagements:

For the **Long Island Power Authority**, Eric Douglas led a team from LRI that facilitated an assessment of the utility's structure, system of governance, its system for establishing goals and priorities, and its methods of assuring accountability. In the first phase of work, this included developing an organizational assessment and facilitating an understanding of what performance oversight entails, developing a new oversight strategy for LIPA's service provider, and building internal capacity for performance management. Eric and the LRI team then facilitated the development of strategic goals and related governance policies for LIPA.

For the **Omaha Public Power District**, Eric facilitated the development of a new governance structure and an integrated set of strategic directives. He worked with the elected Board, the CEO and executive team first to identify the need for a new structure. Once consensus was reached on the need, Eric facilitated a detailed planning process that resulted in new clarity of roles and responsibilities for the Board of Directors, new delegations to the CEO, and a clear set of goals and related performance metrics to guide the organization.

For the **Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)**, Eric facilitated the development of a new governance framework and new governance policies for its elected Board of Directors. In addition to his work on governance, Eric facilitated the development of SMUD's strategic directives. He also facilitated Board workshops to improve communication, meeting management, and the effective management of decision processes.

For the **California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)**, Eric Douglas and Karin Bloomer worked with the five-member commission and the senior management team to develop an integrated set of strategic directives, detailing the results that the CPUC wants to achieve in areas such as safety, consumer protection, and climate change. He also facilitated a planning process in which different teams analyzed issues and evaluated the impact of various strategies. Concurrently, the LRI team also facilitated the development of a set of core values for the CPUC.

For the **Large Public Power Council**, LRI facilitated a strategic planning process with the CEOs of the nation's largest public power utilities. The work resulted in consensus among the CEOs around LPPC's mission, vision, goals, objectives and related action plan. Eric Douglas provided counsel to LPPC's chief executive and also facilitated the work of a committee that guided the implementation of the strategic plan.

For California's **Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz)**, LRI facilitated a strategic planning process to articulate and align priorities, desired results, and performance metrics for all units and affiliated programs within the organization. The team designed a process that engaged every employee in the development of these plans. LRI also facilitated units' development of action plans that delineated the key actions, leads, and timeframes for achieving each desired result.

For the **Imperial Irrigation District**, Eric Douglas and Karin Bloomer worked with the 5-member board, the GM and executive team to update its governance system and its related governance policies. In the course of doing so, LRI helped IID develop strategic direction policies for IID, along with policies defining the roles and responsibilities of the board and delegations to the GM.

Here is a list of references:

Reference:	Contact information:
Paul Lau, CEO, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)	Paul.Lau@smud.org 916-732-6252
Heidi Sanborn, former president, SMUD Board	Heidi.Sanborn@smud.org 916-402-3911
Javier Fernandez, CEO, Omaha Utility District	ljfernandez@oppd.com 531-226-3223
Tom Falcone, CEO, Long Island Power Authority	tfalcone@lipower.org
Jamie Asbury, GM, Imperial Irrigation District	jlasbury@iid.com 760-791-7471

III. Proposed Staffing and Project Organization

The lead for this project will be Eric Douglas. Eric is the founder, president, and senior partner of Leading Resources ("LRI"). Eric is a recognized expert in Board governance and organizational leadership. He has written dozens of articles and three books. His most recent book, *The Leadership Equation*, details the practices that effective leaders use to build high-performing organizations. A previous book, *Straight Talk: Turning Communication Upside Down for*

Strategic Results, provides insights into how leaders can productively communicate around tough issues.

Prior to founding Leading Resources, Eric Douglas was an executive in the newspaper and magazine industry. He also co-founded two technology companies. He is an honors graduate of Harvard University and serves on its alumni Board of Directors. He has been honored by the Institute of Management Consultants (IMC) for his work and devotes considerable time to charitable and community projects.

Karin Bloomer is a partner at LRI. For more than 20 years, Karin has focused her consulting career on improving the efficiency of organizational processes and maximizing the value of organizations' services. Karin's expertise is in board development, strategic planning, performance measurement and management, organizational assessment, process analysis, workload analysis, facilitation, and training. She has assisted a wide variety of organizations in determining their operational and strategic effectiveness and utilizing performance measures and data to improve mission-critical services and programs. Karin holds a Master of Public Policy degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Jim Tracy is a senior consultant who will provide financial and strategic analysis to assist the Commission in analyzing and narrowing its options. From 1989-2018, Jim worked for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, first as treasurer, then as risk management officer, and then as CFO. As CFO, Jim was responsible for treasury, accounting, budget, resource planning, enterprise risk management, capital allocation and rates. He was responsible for analyzing the financial impact of SMUD's attempted annexation of Yolo County cities that desired to become part of SMUD's service area. He helped develop the structure for contracting services to CCA's. He led the cost/risk evaluation of many major generation projects that SMUD considered adding to their system, including pumped hydro, thermal, and renewable power plants. Jim led the change in how low-income assistance was structured to better focus subsidies on those customers needing help the most. And he provided extensive input to the utility's strategic plans and policies.

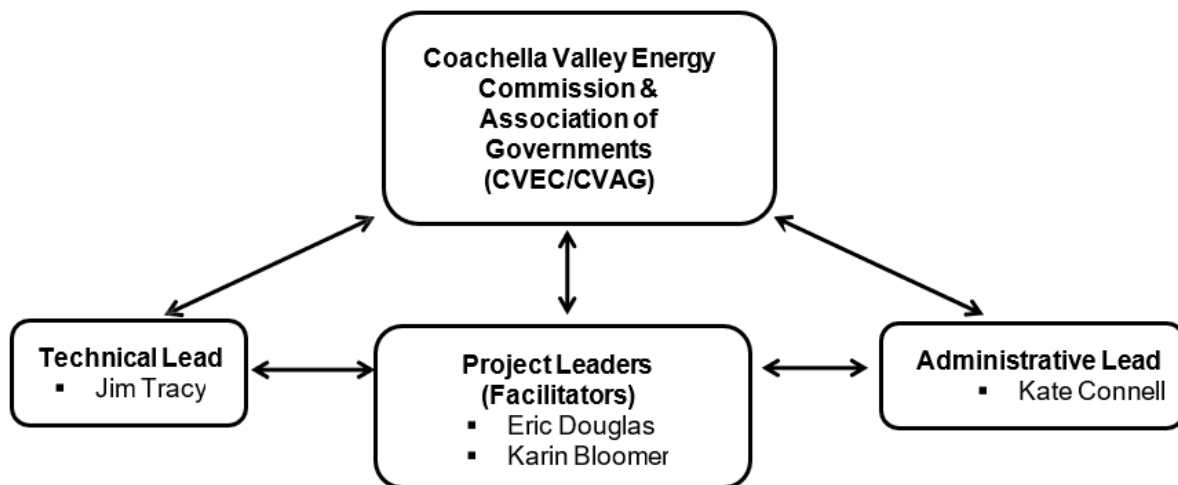
Prior to working for SMUD, Jim worked for RW Beck and Associates (1981-1989). He reviewed rate filings to the CPUC and FERC for municipal clients in California, providing analysis and testimony to support their interests in the filings. He provided valuations of utility plant and equipment to support the purchase price of that equipment. Jim developed the model to value and support the New Zealand government's sale of their electric generation assets to private companies. He modeled utility generation assets and contracts to provide estimated cost of power under various market conditions and system expansions. He also provided analytical support and testimony for the Port of Oakland's filing to switch from a retail to a wholesale customer of PG&E.

Kate Connell is an associate consultant at LRI. She provides support to LRI's consultants and assists with the organizational communication between LRI and their clients. Kate works on client projects with LRI's senior consultants, providing assistance with proposal preparation, notetaking, and developing reports. Kate is experienced in survey development and administration, including communication and tracking throughout the survey process and performing data analysis for final reports. Kate holds two Master of Science degrees from Georgia State University – one in Managerial Science with a concentration in Project Management and Operations and the other in Geoscience.

These personnel will be available for the duration of the project. Their resumes are attached in the appendix.

LRI Consultant	Expertise
Eric Douglas, senior partner	Board development, strategic planning, facilitation, project management
Karin Bloomer, partner	Board development, strategic planning, facilitation, project management
Jim Tracy, senior consultant	Utility strategy, risk management, and financing
Kate Connell, associate consultant	Administration, report writing, meeting organization, project management

A project organization chart showing the reporting relationships among the consulting team and with CVAG/CVEC is shown below.



IV. Proposed Work Plan

Our approach to the work is informed by our work with other municipal utilities in California and across the U.S. Of the two options presented in the LAFCO report, we think a Joint Powers Authority or similar structure would be preferred over a new stand-alone utility, mainly because of the costs in acquiring the generation, transmission and distribution system needed for an independent utility.

As we facilitate discussions among the various stakeholders, we would want to look at other examples in California. For example, the Transmission Authority of Northern California is a Joint Powers Authority with several different cities and irrigation districts as its members. It is structured to provide flexibility for member jurisdictions to invest in – and benefit from – projects and upgrades based on their needs. We might also want to look at the Northern California

Power Agency, which is a Joint Action Agency that provides electrical power service to a number of small cities and jurisdictions in Northern California.

Here are the proposed steps we would take:

Phase 1: Conduct interviews and develop stakeholder interests/needs analysis: In this phase, we will conduct interviews with various stakeholders, including all of the members of the CVEC, to understand their needs, their primary interests, what capabilities they would want the new entity to have, what decisions they would want the new entity to address and resolve, and related issues, such as representation, financing, and transition. We would initially focus on the JPA, which is likely to be the lower cost and lower risk option, and determine whether it might be the most effective way to meet the electrical energy needs of Coachella Valley's stakeholders. We would seek input into how the new entity could be structured to meet the needs of the stakeholders in Coachella Valley. We would prepare a needs analysis and an initial cost/risk analysis of various options.

Phase 2: Facilitate planning meetings and develop draft strategic plan: We will facilitate a series of workshops with the Coachella Valley Energy Commission and related subcommittees. We will discuss our analysis of the interests and needs of each stakeholder group, define the issues that need to be resolved, and help members of the Commission narrow the range of acceptable options, and develop consensus on the strategic direction. In the course of this step we will help conduct the strategic, financial, and legal analyses needed to help facilitate the Commission's decision making. The deliverable from this step will be a draft plan for the new entity.

Phase 3: Facilitate additional stakeholder outreach and refine the plan: In this phase, we will facilitate additional stakeholder outreach and work with the Commission to modify the draft set of agreements as needed. We will also facilitate the development of a transition plan and timeline.

Below is a table that shows the activities in each phase of work and the estimated hours.

Phase:	Estimated hours:
1. Conduct interviews and develop stakeholder interests/needs analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Review LAFCO study and other documents▪ Develop interview questions▪ Conduct interviews (assume 25)▪ Prepare summary of findings▪ Prepare initial needs analysis and cost/risk analysis	102
2. Facilitate planning meetings and develop draft strategic plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prepare agendas and materials▪ Facilitate planning meetings (assume 20)▪ Prepare synopses▪ Refine needs analysis and cost/risk analysis, perform additional analyses as needed▪ Draft strategic plans	438
3. Facilitate additional stakeholder outreach and refine the plan	76

Phase:	Estimated hours:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare for and facilitate additional stakeholder meetings (assume 5) ▪ Prepare summaries of input ▪ Refine draft plans ▪ Draft transition plan 	
TOTAL:	616

A separate fee proposal lays out our billing rates and the estimated cost for this engagement.

V. Conclusion

We are excited about this opportunity to serve the citizens of Coachella Valley. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and questions.

APPENDICES

Litigation: LRI has never faced litigation of any kind during its 26-year history as a company.

Example of similar scoped project:

LRI facilitated an assessment of Long Island Power Authority's governance and oversight capabilities in 2020. The draft report is copied below.

Long Island Power Authority Oversight of PSEG-LI DRAFT Findings and Recommendations January 21, 2020

Introduction:

The goal of this engagement is to assist the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) in determining how to optimize its approach and processes to providing oversight to its contracted operating company, PSEG Long Island.

To develop these findings and recommendations, we conducted 31 interviews with LIPA executives, directors and managers. For the list of individuals interviewed, see Appendix B.

Each individual was told that the interviews would be confidential in the sense that we would not quote them by name. We did explain that we would translate the results of the interviews into specific findings and recommendations. And that we would use quotes from our interviews, without attribution, to illustrate the themes and findings.

Recommendations

A. Align oversight expectations

There is a lack of clarity within LIPA about what oversight is and isn't – and variation in approach to oversight. Many cannot put it into words and express confusion. The following quotes are intended to illustrate the broad spectrum of approaches.

- "In this job, you make a lot of decisions with imperfect knowledge. I'm a good fit. I feel empowered. If they're going to blow smoke, I'll see it."
- "We need to step back and get beyond operational thinking; at the same time, we need to be comfortable with their decision-making processes."
- "The oversight is not to tell them how to operate the system; LIPA's role is to look at what they're doing and try to understand whether it makes sense."
- "They will respond positively if we say we want to get comfortable with your processes and procedures."

Some said a recent management audit stated that it was LIPA's responsibility to catch PSEG's mistakes. Some want more transparency in specific areas e.g. to look more closely at how PSEG is spending money on overtime. Yet others said that applying more oversight doesn't necessarily result in better utility performance. This results in a wide variation in approaches.

The one things almost all interviewees agreed on is a desire for a better defined, more consistent approach to oversight.

Recommendation 1: Put in writing a definition of what oversight is and isn't from LIPA's perspective. Define the areas where LIPA has greater decision-making authority and less authority. Make sure to distinguish different types of oversight.

One way to define oversight is by temporal orientation:

- Future-oriented oversight i.e. aligning goals and expectations, tracking trends
- Past-oriented oversight i.e. monitoring actual performance

Another way to define oversight is by level of detail:

1. Strategic oversight i.e. focus on vision, strategy, goals, and desired outcomes
2. Operational oversight i.e. focus on processes and outputs
3. Contract oversight i.e. focus on verifying that everything is occurring per contractual terms.

Recommendation 2: Train LIPA employees to be clear in framing their requests for information – explaining what the information will be used for and why is it needed.

One way to bring clarity to the role of oversight is by being clear, when asking for information, what the information will be used for. There is an important distinction between wanting information to track trends, for example, versus wanting information to make or to influence decisions.

Recommendation 3: LIPA should communicate internally how its oversight processes differ from area to area, based on its decision-making authority.

Another way to bring clarity to the role of oversight is to clearly define those areas where LIPA actually does have final decision-making authority versus those where it does not. Annual budget preparation is one area where LIPA has final say – and where there is a strong level of collaboration between the two entities.

Recommendation 4: LIPA should share its oversight objectives in advance annually with PSEG LI upper management and explain the reasoning behind those objectives.

LIPA should plan in advance and then communicate to PSEG the areas of greatest concern to it, and then agree with PSEG LI on the approach that will be taken in the coming year to track progress. LIPA should frame its oversight work as benchmarking the current state and tracking trends, not substituting its managerial expertise for PSEG's.

- "If everyone came to an agreement on what our oversight inquiries are going to be for the coming year, it would go smoother. Like an audit plan. We've never shared our spreadsheet with PSEG. I wonder whether that would be helpful."

Recommendation 5: LIPA should develop a policy that assuages the inefficiency inherent in asking for information at different levels. This will help address the skip management issue that PSEG says results in inefficiency. The policy could be stated as: “All LIPA requests for information will flow to PSEG upper management (directors and above). PSEG managers will then funnel the requests to the appropriate staff.”

Recommendation 6: Continue to work at the CEO and executive team level to develop a shared understanding of both entities’ long-term goals and explore how to best align PSEG compensation to those goals. Many at LIPA express appreciation for PSEG’s performance and recognize that PSEG is motivated to do the right things for ratepayers in general.

Several people suggested that LIPA needs to create incentives to align PSEG with its strategic objectives. People pointed out that PSEG may be willing to add new targets if tied to additional financial incentives.

Recommendation 7: Continue to use language and engage in activities that build trust.

Many LIPA interviewees said that they are more persuasive with their PSEG counterparts when they focus on the benefits to PSEG, rather than on what LIPA wants.

- 1) Continually remind PSEG that the two entities share have common objectives; LIPA is not looking to find fault; it’s trying to get to the best results possible.
- 2) Avoid using the word oversight; find messages that all can agree on e.g. “We both serve as stewards of the utility.”
- 3) Continue regular CEO-to-CEO meetings to build trust at that level.
- 4) Show more appreciation of PSEG’s accomplishments. Recognize PSEG’s successes publicly. At the same time, be more assertive in addressing areas of deficiency.
- 5) Provide more opportunities for social interaction between the two leadership teams.

Recommendation 8: Focus recruitment, onboarding, and training activities to make sure that LIPA is staffed with people who understand the protocols for providing effective oversight.

Other Improvement Ideas

Here are other suggestions gleaned from the interviews:

- Utilize the Management Review Board meetings to discuss where oversight is working and isn’t working. LIPA could report regularly on the status of their oversight plans; what has been done, what is in progress and what is coming up in the near term. Consider retooling those meetings to have fewer people.
- Consider a higher-level review of the performance metrics with the two executive teams.

Metrics of success

Suggestions:

- In the next 6 months, we need a common understanding of what we mean by oversight and start to develop improved processes. In 12 months, a manual of this is how LIPA

RESUME
Eric F. Douglas
Senior Partner

Summary

Eric Douglas is the founder and senior partner of Leading Resources Inc., a consulting company headquartered in Sacramento, California. Eric specializes in facilitating real, meaningful change in the areas of strategy, governance, leadership, and performance. He has worked with dozens of client organizations and is broadly recognized as an industry leader in developing high performing organizations.

Professional History

Senior Partner, Founder

Leading Resources Inc, Sacramento, CA

1998-present

Founder and senior partner in consulting company providing strategic planning, governance, organizational and leadership development, and other consulting services.

Senior Partner

BMR Associates, San Francisco, CA

1993-1997

Partner in consulting company providing strategic planning, leadership coaching, change management, performance assessments, and other consulting services to media companies in the United States.

Vice President of Marketing and Strategy

The Sacramento Bee, Sacramento, CA

1989-1993

Division head for Pulitzer Prize-winning daily newspaper. Managed major strategic initiatives, resulting in new forays into electronic media. Managed six departments, including market research, promotions, community relations, and new media.

Executive Editor

Baltimore Magazine, Baltimore, MD

1984-1989

Led business and editorial staff for 50,000-circulation city/regional magazine. Won two National Magazine Awards while earnings grew 12 percent over 4-year span.

Managing Editor

The Daily Progress, Charlottesville, VA

1981-1984

Led news operation of 25,000-circulation daily newspaper. Initiated new sections, raised circulation, and assisted parent company in strategic acquisitions.

News editor, reporter

1975-1981

The San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco, CA

Managed business and news sections of 550,000-circulation daily newspaper. As reporter, covered variety of assignments, including the Patty Hearst kidnapping and the Jonestown massacre.

Education

- Harvard University: B.A. in government, with honors (1973)
- Phillips Academy, Andover (1968)

Non-Profit Directorships

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| ▪ Board of Directors, Harvard Alumni Association | 2014 - 2021 |
| ▪ Board of Directors, Sacramento Tree Foundation | 1998 - 2021 |
| ▪ Board of Directors, Families First, Sacramento | 1992 - 1996 |
| ▪ Board of Directors, Sacramento Science Center | 1990 - 1992 |
| ▪ Board of Directors, Sacramento Zoological Society | 1990 - 1996 |
| ▪ Co-founder and Board chair, Festival de la Familia | 1990 - 1992 |
| ▪ Board of Trustees, Sacramento Country Day School | 1989 - 1992 |

Selected Published Works

- *The Leadership Equation: Building Trust and Generating Spark to Create High-Performing Organizations*, a book published by Greenleaf Books in 2014.
- *Leading at Light Speed*, a book published by Inkwater Press, Portland, 2010.
- *Straight Talk: Turning Communication Upside Down for Strategic Results*, a book published by Davies Black, Palo Alto, 1998.
- "The Leadership ToolBox," a collection of more than 100 management tools sold via www.leadingresources.com

Professional Affiliations

- Institute of Management Consultants (CMC certified)
- Organizational Development Network
- Society for Human Resources Management

RESUME
Jim Tracy
Senior Consultant

Summary

Jim Tracy is a senior consultant at LRI. Jim is an expert in public utility strategy and financing serving as Treasurer for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) for a decade and then as SMUD's Chief Financial Officer for another decade.

Professional History

Independent contractor

2018 - Present

- Occasional consulting jobs with public power organizations.
- Marin Clean Energy, Long Island Power Authority

Chief Financial Officer, Chief Risk Officer, Treasurer
Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Sacramento, CA

1989 - 2018

Provided input to the utility's strategic plans and policies. As CFO was responsible for Treasury, Accounting, Budget, Resource Planning, Enterprise Risk Management, Capital allocation and Rates. Was responsible for analyzing the financial impact of SMUD's attempted annexation of YOLO county cities that desired to become part of SMUD's service area. Helped develop the structure for contracting services to CCA's. Led the cost/risk evaluation of many major generation projects SMUD was considering adding to their system including pumped hydro, thermal and renewable power plants. Led the change in how low-income assistance was structured to better focus subsidies on those customers needing help the most.

Utility Specialist

RW Beck and Associates, Seattle, WA

1981 - 1989

Reviewed rate filings to the CPUC and FERC for municipal clients in California, providing analysis and testimony to support their interests in the filings. Provided valuations of utility plant and equipment to support the purchase price of that equipment. Developed the model to value and support the New Zealand government's sale of their electric generation assets to private companies. Modeled utility generation assets and contracts to provide estimated cost of power under various market conditions and system expansions. Provided analytical support and

testimony for the Port of Oakland's filing to switch from a retail to a wholesale customer of PG&E.

Commission Staff

1978 - 1981

Missouri Public Service Commission

Primary duty was reviewing public utility rate filings and provide testimony with recommendations to the Commission. Also provided analysis to implement provisions of PURPA.

Education

- University of Missouri, Columbia, MO: Bachelor of Arts, Finance and Accounting (1975)
- University of Missouri, Columbia, MO: Masters of Arts, Economics (1980)

RESUME
Karin C. Bloomer
Partner

Summary

Karin Bloomer has focused her career on improving the efficiency of organizational processes and maximizing the value of organizations' services. Karin's expertise is in strategic planning, performance measurement and management, organizational assessment, process analysis, workload analysis, facilitation, and training. She has assisted a wide variety of organizations in determining their operational and strategic effectiveness and utilizing performance measures and data to improve mission-critical services and programs.

Professional History

Partner

Leading Resources Inc., Sacramento, CA
Specializing in strategic planning, facilitation, workload analysis,
organizational analysis, business process improvement

2010-present

Independent Consultant

Specializing in strategic planning, facilitation, business process
improvement

2009-2010

Partner and Western Region Director

MGT of America, Inc., Sacramento, CA
Managing partner of a national management consulting firm's
Sacramento practice. The firm specializes in working with the public
sector to improve government operations.

2005-2009

Senior Associate

MGT of America, Inc., Sacramento, CA

2004-2005

Senior Consultant

MGT of America, Inc., Sacramento, CA

2001-2003

Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Public Health

California Legislative Analyst's Office, Sacramento, CA

1998-2000

Education

- Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, M.P.P. (1998)
- Wesleyan University, B.A. in English (1992)

RESUME
Kate E. Connell
Executive Assistant

Summary

Kate Connell is an Associate Consultant/Executive Assistant with LRI. Kate provides support to LRI's senior consultants through logistical coordination for engagements, proposal preparation, survey administration, data analysis, and report development.

Professional History

Associate Consultant/Executive Assistant
Leading Resources Inc., Sacramento, CA

March 2023 - Present

Graduate Teaching Assistant
University of California, Davis, Davis, CA

2020 - 2022

Instructed course laboratory sections of Earth Science, Introduction to Earth Materials, Igneous Petrology. Directed students through use of microscopy, identification of rocks and minerals.

Science Assistant
National Science Foundation, Alexandria, VA

2018 - 2020

Collaborated with 15-20 Program Officers across Geoscience divisions, 80-100 Principal Investigators, and the broader multi-national scientific community on a 6-month cycle to bolster the merit review process and the funding of research of fundamental sciences. Managed dozens of grant proposals per review cycle using reviewer databases in Access and supplementary spreadsheets. Strengthened management of all phases of the merit review process for proposals related to funding by analyzing proposals for compliance, budgets, scientific content and requesting input from 500-600 reviewers. Prepared reports and department highlights of funding/projects success. Wrote Review Analyses of proposals to summarize ad hoc and panel evaluations of intellectual merit and broader impacts.

Training Officer
National Science Foundation, Alexandria, VA

June - August 2018

Designed original program to engage non-science supervisors and administrative staff (65% of the workforce) in scientific impacts of NSF. Informed 26 Leadership Development Program participants with Detail opportunities and research collections on topics including conflict

resolution, gender bias, and emotional intelligence via SharePoint collaboration portal. Assisted colleagues in training programs including the Merit Review series, Leadership Development, People & Problem-Solving Skills, Facilitation, & New Employee Orientation.

Project Coordinator/Office Manager

Flags of Origin, Atlanta, GA

Oversaw day-to-day operations. Managed business accounts payable and receivable. Maintained project budgets exceeding \$2.5 million. Procured design elements for clients (furniture fabrication). Aligned project timelines with logistics of incoming materials.

2015 - 2016

Key Account Sales Manager

Global Specialty Foods, Inc

Managed South & Florida region of Whole Foods Market sales accounts individually (26 stores). Led presentations to Whole Foods Market buyers. Coordinated, implemented promotions for key accounts on national & regional level. Targeted, audited & evaluated store product placements for placement & retail price. Controlled pricing & proposal models. Procured new products for key account reviews. Finalized all new product presentations for sales team. Managed product force outs & oversaw implementation.

2009 - 2013

Education

- Georgia State University, MS Managerial Science; concentration: Project Management and Operations
- Georgia State University, MS Geoscience; concentration: Geology
- Georgia State University, BBA Managerial Sciences

January 18, 2024

To the Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Attention: Allen McMillen
procurement@cvag.org

On my behalf of my colleagues, I am pleased to present this fee proposal to accompany our proposal for facilitating the development of a long-term governance and strategic plan for the Coachella Valley Energy Commission.

I. Consulting Rates

The table below shows the team and their hourly rates:

LRI Consultant:	Expertise:	Hourly rate:
Eric Douglas, senior partner	Board development, strategic planning, facilitation, project management	\$375
Karin Bloomer, partner	Board development, strategic planning, facilitation, project management	\$325
Jim Tracy, senior consultant	Strategic planning, risk analysis, financial analysis	\$295
Kate Connell, associate consultant	Administration, scheduling, project management	\$195

II. Proposed Scope of Work and Estimated Cost

Below is a table that shows our estimate of hours for each phase and the estimated cost of each phase.

Phase:	Estimated hours:	Estimated cost:
1. Conduct interviews and develop stakeholder interests/needs analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review LAFCO study and other documents ▪ Develop interview questions ▪ Conduct interviews (assume 25) 	102	\$33,820

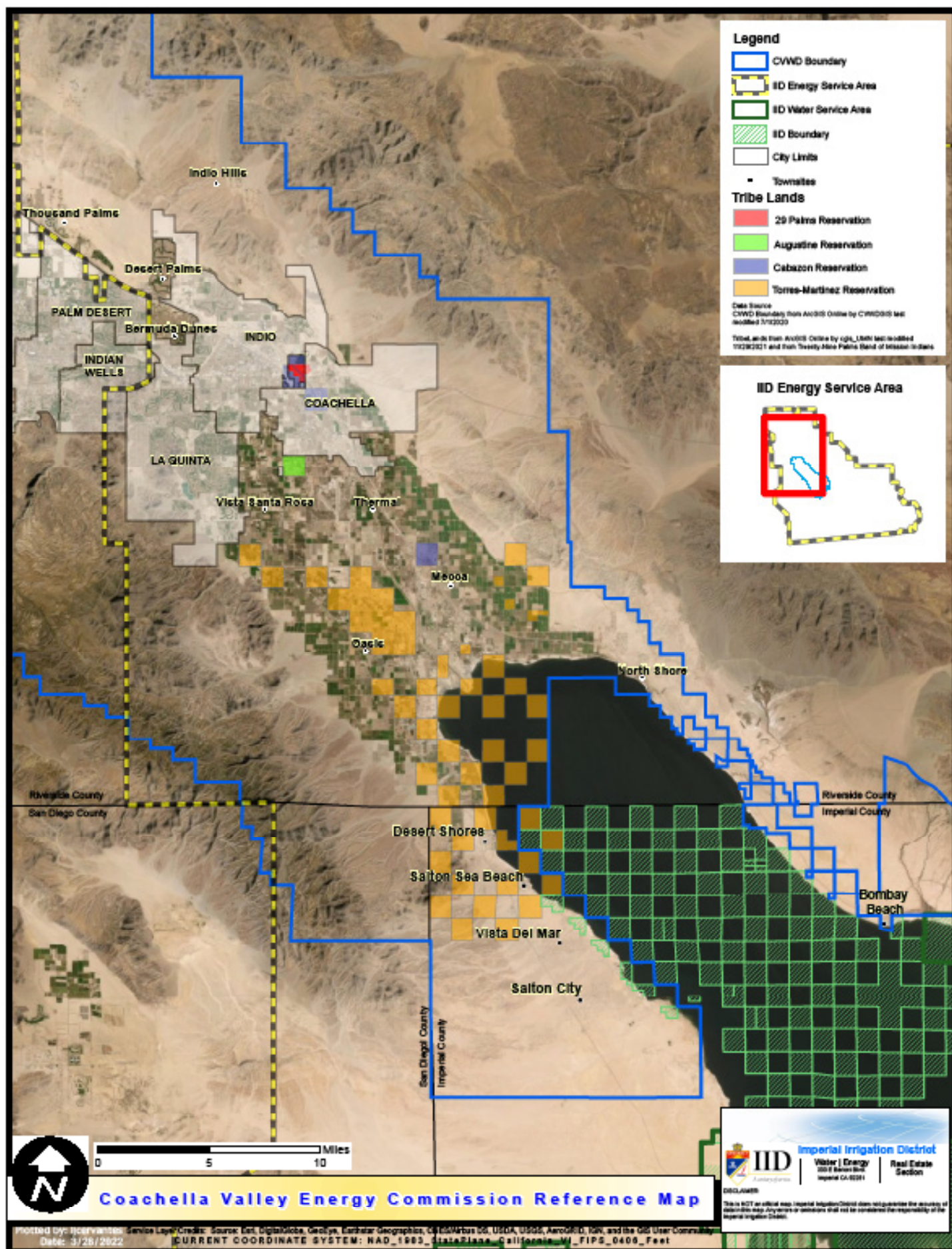
Phase:	Estimated hours:	Estimated cost:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare summary of findings ▪ Prepare initial needs analysis and cost/risk analysis 		
2. Facilitate planning meetings and develop draft strategic plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare agendas and materials ▪ Facilitate planning meetings (assume 20) ▪ Prepare synopses ▪ Refine needs analysis and cost/risk analysis, perform additional analyses as needed ▪ Draft strategic plans 	438	\$140,610
3. Facilitate additional stakeholder outreach and refine the plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare for and facilitate additional stakeholder meetings (assume 5) ▪ Prepare summaries of input ▪ Refine draft plans ▪ Draft transition plan 	76	\$24,940
TOTALS:	616	\$199,370

Based on the proposed scope of work, the estimated cost would be \$199,370. LRI will bill on an hourly basis for actual work performed. All expenses, including travel outside of the Sacramento area, hotel, and meals, will be billed at cost and are not included in this estimate.



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JB Hamby, Chairman
Imperial Irrigation District



Linda Evans, Vice-Chair
City of La Quinta



Joseph Mirelez, Vice-Chair
Tribal Nations



Steven Hernandez
City of Coachella



Waymond Fermon
City of Indio



John Ramont
Cove Communities Services Commission



LaVon Jaksch
Imperial County



Karin Eugenio
Imperial Irrigation District



Gloria Fernandez
Riverside County



Philip Bettencourt
At-Large, Cities



Blaine Carian
At-Large, Counties



Anthony Madrigal
At-Large, Tribal Nations



Emmanuel Martinez
Coordinator



Susie Carrillo
Secretary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The Coachella Valley Energy Commission (CVEC) has made significant progress in fulfilling its purpose in FY 22-23. As stated in its adopted Bylaws, the purpose of the CVEC is to provide "direct, immediate, and diverse local representation by Coachella Valley energy stakeholders for the unique energy needs of the greater Coachella Valley portion of the IID energy service area and to develop a long-term strategic plan for continued energy service to the Coachella Valley following the 2023 expiration of the 99-year lease provision." Through continuous engagement with its diverse member representation, the CVEC has aligned strongly with its purpose. To build on CVEC's FY 2021-22 accomplishments, which focused on the basics of providing energy, FY 22-23 focused on developing a plan for meeting the long-term electric service and governance needs of the Coachella Valley.

In its first year, the CVEC focused much of its attention on understanding basic energy concepts, namely IID's role as a vertically integrated utility, and identifying fundamental principles that should be a part of the preferred governance structure for the Coachella Valley. The CVEC also spent considerable time reviewing and understanding contractual relationships and provisions related to the 1934 Agreement of Compromise. Pertinent committees were established to analyze further critical issues related to governance, growth and economic development, and reliability to provide increased depth and understanding of these core areas of stakeholder interest. The committee structure helped to develop increased understanding and knowledge of energy issues for CVEC committee members to help make informed decisions and consider critical principles when considering service and governance options in the Coachella Valley.

In FY 22-23, the CVEC spent considerably more time than the prior year on narrowing its focus related to governance and representation. The most prominent issue before the CVEC in FY 22-23 was related to the joint Riverside and Imperial Counties Local Agency Formation Commission "Alternative Governance Structures and Alternative Electricity Service Provision Study" (Study). The Study was an item for discussion on every CVEC agenda for meetings held between October 2022 through August 2023, for a total of nine meetings. The scope of the study was to evaluate potential alternative electrical governance structures for stakeholders' consideration and to address representation on electrical matters for the Coachella Valley. The study aimed to identify governance structures that could be the best fit for Coachella Valley ratepayers and stakeholders.

Additionally, throughout FY 22-23, the CVEC received continuous updates from IID's Energy Department on an array of operational and planning issues. Building on the first year, educational efforts on matters related to the operations of IID's energy service delivery continued throughout the second year of CVEC's efforts. Overall, in its second year, the CVEC focused on:

- Riverside and Imperial Counties LAFCO study
- Updates from IID's La Quinta Energy Department
- Energy infrastructure needs for the Coachella Valley
- Financing mechanisms for energy infrastructure
- Economic growth and development
- Integrated Resource Planning



- Western Energy Imbalance Market
- Mecca/North infrastructure resiliency
- Summer readiness programs
- Summer readiness programs
- Cyber security
- Five-year Capital Improvement Plan
- Tree planting initiatives
- Committee membership expansion
- Pole replacement and vegetation management

The CVEC continued to build on its near and long-term goals. In FY 21-22, the CVEC established goals that included:

Near-term goals:

- Refining governance options
- Updates regarding North Shore/Mecca infrastructure
- Understanding and implementing financing mechanisms for growth and economic development
- Localize rates or fees, to achieve higher levels of service

- Support completion of joint-LAFCO study
- Emergency outage planning
- Develop components of a strategic plan for governance and energy service

Long-term goals:

- Study preferred governance alternatives
- Analyze costs of preferred governance
- Begin technical evaluation of preferred governance
- Identify legislation for governance implementation

Although more work remains, CVEC has made progress in addressing its near and long-term goals. Ultimately, through deliberation of the CVEC, unifying the CVEC around a single governance structure remains a key decision and work to refine governance options will continue. Nonetheless, there has been considerable discussion regarding this issue. To assist, the Riverside and Imperial counties LAFCOs have actively engaged with the CVEC and its individual members to receive feedback and input to help narrow the scope and identify the preferred governance structure.

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

Addressing representation for IID's Coachella Valley ratepayers was the impetus for the creation of the CVEC. Despite attempts to legislate this issue, most recently through AB 1021 by Assembly member Mayes, CVEC has focused on continuing education to help reach an informed solution for Coachella Valley representation on IID electrical service matters. Although CVEC will continue to focus on governance as its main priority, it has also received continued education related to IID's energy system, operation and issues that may impact service delivery. Through comprehensive understanding of IID's energy delivery system, CVEC will be better positioned to make informed and strategic decisions related to governance and representation for Coachella Valley ratepayers.

For example, the CVEC received updates regarding broad operational issues such as the IID's efforts related to the Western Imbalance Market and its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), as well as more localized issues related to the Mecca/North Shore resiliency efforts.

In FY 2022-23, IID continued to explore entering the Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) in order to optimize resources and help meet energy demands. WEIM, which was established in 2014, is operated by the California Independent Systems Operator and is a real-time five-minute energy market that finds low-cost energy to serve real-time consumer demand across nine states in the western United States. In addition to economic benefits, WEIM helps to integrate renewable energy across participating entities, which helps to optimize their use. In 2022, IID retained a consultant to assess the opportunities and challenges of IID entering the WEIM. The consultant retained is tasked to assess the IID energy system, identify gaps and develop actionable next steps to join the WEIM. IID will continue to work with CAISO and work on a full-implementation of joining the WEIM, which is

anticipated to take approximately three-years to complete at a cost of approximately \$7.6 million.

Additionally, CVEC received updates regarding IID's IRP, which helps to forecast energy needs and associated infrastructure for the IID system. With the rapid economic growth taking place in the Coachella Valley, the IRP is a critical planning document to address energy needs in the Coachella Valley and Imperial County. Specifically, the IRP is a strategic planning document that addresses obligations of load serving entities, including resources, policies, physical and operational constraints and propose a mix of resources to meet load. The IRP is also a compliance document to meet state and federal legal and regulatory requirements. As such, this document is critical to all IID's service area. Given the load growth and projected increase in demand for electricity, the IRP helps identify increased energy needs and associated infrastructure to meet such demands. This document must be updated every five years and will be filed with the California Energy Commission in 2024.



The North Shore and Mecca communities have experienced outages attributed to micro-burst storms and other related extreme weather events that have disrupted energy service to the area. To address hardening of the infrastructure to decrease energy service disruptions, the IID pursued \$1.2 million in funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant program for the \$2.4 million K Line hardening project. The funding was included in the approved 2023 omnibus spending bill, which was shortlisted as one of 53 out of 788 projects that were evaluated. The K Line is top priority and IID staff is continuing to work with FEMA for its final determination regarding awarding of funds. Relatedly, IID is working on the S Line, which is a major import line from the southern part of the CAISO system. Upgrading this line is a priority for IID and CAISO, and procurement process has begun by IID. Given this line's relevance to the state of California, this line is critical to maintain service for other load serving entities. The R Line is a critical line that provides redundancy and reliability to prevent system outages. The project is included in the scope of a generation project and IID is in the process of moving forward with this project.



CVEC also engaged on summer reliability efforts, to better understand the IID's systems needs to ensure that energy is supplied during the hot summer months. For example, IID provided information regarding its fleet assessment to replace generation units. Some of the generation units identified include the Yucca Plant, which is a 75-megawatt generation facility. As part of this process, IID will assess siting requirements to strategically place generation units to support the IID electrical system as a whole. However, IID's summer readiness program allocated resources to cover summer energy needs. In 2023, \$332.7 million was covered under the Fuel and Purchased Power budget to ensure resources were available to purchase energy to meet summer demands. Per IID's risk policy, IID is required to procure capacity resources of 115% for its current year.

Given the extreme weather events that led to outages as well as generation requirements, CVEC also received educational information related to major causes of outages. For example, from June 1 through September 28, 2022, there were 197 incidents that occurred which led to outages. Although the majority of them are unknown, a large majority of them are related to animal contact, such as birds, theft, high winds, vegetation contact and balloons. Other causes are related to electrical equipment failure. CVEC also learned that the average interruption of those 197 incidents was



under two hours, but the majority were under 55 minutes. It is also important to note that some of the outages were not visible to the customer but did occur and were immediately rectified by IID.

To ensure system protection, IID adheres to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and Western Electricity Coordination Council's Critical Infrastructure Protection Standards and audited every three years to ensure compliance.

Ensuring adequate infrastructure is in place to meet current and future needs is a priority for IID and CVEC. To understand how the assessment of infrastructure needs is completed, as well as corresponding funding, CVEC received updates regarding IID's five-year capital improvement plan. Although the projects identified in the CIP support the overall electrical system, there are projects, such as the K Line Hardening, which are a priority to the Coachella Valley. The adopted CIP includes 21 Coachella Valley specific projects that increase load capacity in the area.

CVEC narrowed its focus during FY 22-23 by studying governance options and templates being

implemented in the City of Indio. In parallel with the Joint LAFCOs Study, CVEC received updates regarding efforts by the the City of Indio and IID to establish the Indio Electric Financing Authority (IEFA), a Joint Powers Authority, for the purpose of funding electrical infrastructure and improving reliability and redundancy of the electrical system within the boundaries of the City. Under this innovative partnership, the city will generally be responsible for financing and IID will be responsible for design, engineering, and construction of substations and distribution facilities necessary for the rapid growth and development in the city.

Initial projects identified by the IEFA include Avenue 42, Dr. Carreon, Northgate, and Avenue 40 projects. However, the IID's City of Indio Expansion Plan (2022-2031) identified the need for nine additional substations. On June 20, 2023, the IID voted to approve the JPA with the City of Indio. Subsequently, on September 18, 2023, the City of Indio approved Resolution No. 10393, to approve a reimbursement agreement between the City and the IEFA in the amount of \$3 million, to procure long lead items. Also, on the same day, the IEFA approved the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$70 million for capital projects. To provide the revenue to service the bonds, on July 19, 2023, the IEFA approved a surcharge of \$0.0055

per kilowatt hour used by each class customer in the city and is expected to take effect in Fall 2023.

CVEC will benefit from the implementation of the JPA between IID and the City of Indio. Although this addresses the physical infrastructure needs of the city, the broader governance decisions by the CVEC may be informed by the results of the partnership between the City and IID. Ultimately, a key component of governance and representation for the Coachella Valley is to ensure that electricity is being delivered reliably and that the rapid growth of the Coachella Valley and its associated energy needs are adequately met. To help address these needs and ensure broader representation on said matter, in June 2023, CVEC expanded its membership to include an additional representative from Riverside County and a representative from the Coachella Valley Water District. Including members from these agencies will help provide a broader perspective on issues impacting the Coachella Valley, as well as additional expertise to help provide tailored solutions to utility-related matters.

To keep CVEC apprised of IID activities in the Coachella Valley, regular updates were provided by IID's La Quinta Energy Division. A continuing theme in these updates relates to the continued growth and corresponding demand for energy. For example, at the June 2023 meeting, it was reported to CVEC that at that time, there were 1,001 approved projects ready to move forward, as well as 2,000 projects in the queue. Some of those projects included new restaurants, Tesla Charging stations on Jackson and Avenue 44, the Citrus Plaza in Indio, the Bravo

Collection and Dune Palms Bridge in La Quinta, as well as other growth-related projects.

In addition, IID provided updates on how it coordinates with the cities during large festivals, such as Coachella and Stagecoach, to ensure projects are on schedule and service is not interrupted. Receiving status updates on projects in the Coachella Valley has been of interest to CVEC, helping to provide insight into the interagency coordination and associated load growth and demand on IID's energy system. Furthermore, CVEC learns about the complexity of utility coordination and distribution upgrades needed to meet these demands.

To help meet interim energy needs, CVEC was provided updates regarding IID's Emergency Portable Diesel generators. Given the microburst storms that have caused considerable damage to energy infrastructure, IID is exploring a proof of concept to purchase two 2.5 MVA generators, which are about the size of a shipping container. These emergency generators will help decrease energy demand on the system during emergencies. The total cost is approximately \$4.3 million for two units, two transformers and associated hardware. This equipment can help power approximately 1,200 homes in the Winter or approximately 600-1,000 homes per megawatt. Until sufficient funding is secured for hardening the K-Line, which is approximately \$33 million, this is an interim measure that can help provide energy safety and reliability for eastern Coachella Valley communities that have been impacted by severe weather events.





In addition to improving the climate resilience of energy infrastructure, CVEC was updated on, and supported, regional efforts to improve the environment by planting trees. In 2023, IID and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments submitted a grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture's Urban and Community Forestry Program. The grant program is a \$1 billion multi-year competitive grant program established under the Inflation Reduction Act. IID and CVAG's joint application proposed an expansion of the IID's

Tree for All program with an education and awareness campaign in partnership with local school districts. The grant request was for \$10 million and would have provided more than 15,000 trees for the Coachella and Imperial Valley over the five-year grant period. Although the funding was not awarded, IID, CVAG, and other agencies will continue to seek partnership opportunities to secure resources that help mitigate extreme heat, increase energy efficiency, and improve the climate resiliency of the region.



LOOKING FORWARD



As the LAFCO study comes to be finalized, CVEC will be focusing on refining governance options and deliberating and implementing recommendations for the next steps included in the study. Additionally, educational efforts will continue, as well as updates related to critical energy-related decisions, such as joining the Western Imbalance Market and efforts to fund infrastructure by the City of Indio and IID via the City's EIFA.

By way of background, AB 1021 was vetoed by the Governor in 2021 and other related legislation, such as AB 854, died in the 2019 legislative process. However, the 2021 Budget Act included \$500,000 from the General Fund to finance a study that will provide governance options that offer opportunities to give energy customers in the Coachella Valley a voice post 2033. As such, one of the top activities that CVEC has engaged in relates to the joint LAFCO study.

The study began in August 2022, and in March 2023, the Riverside and Imperial County LAFCOs published their draft study per state funding requirement. On October 13, 2022, the Imperial County LAFCO and the Riverside County LAFCOs first introduced their consultants, Dopudja and

Wells, to CVEC to provide an overview of the study. Members of the CVEC were individually consulted and engaged for the purpose of developing the study and having a stakeholder-driven input process. Also, CVEC received continuous updates from the Riverside and Imperial County LAFCOs.

In anticipation of the final study by the joint LAFCOs, CVEC has held discussions on the next steps for finalizing a recommendation for a preferred governance option.

These discussions have been held in tandem with updates from the LAFCO's regarding the study. For example, in July 2023, CVEC discussed that its long-term goal is to develop a sustainable governance model that is mutually beneficial to Coachella Valley stakeholders and the IID. To help achieve this, CVEC has discussed retaining consulting services that can help further develop governance options and related processes to achieve a final mutually agreeable governance framework.

The Governance Committee has met with Leading Resources, Incorporated on two occasions to discuss their services and ability to carry out the next phase of work, which would build on the LAFCO study and its recommendations. Ultimately, the goal of the



and its recommendations. Ultimately, the goal of the post-LAFCO study is to narrow the viable options for providing energy services, including the costs and benefits, and develop a strategic plan around those options.

As part of the narrowing of options, it is proposed that CVEC require additional financial and strategic analysis. Because the LAFCO study was limited in its scope related to financial analysis, the next phase of the work will have to include a more robust financial understanding of the impacts of each of the governance options considered. Through this cost/risk analysis, CVEC can better evaluate governance options, which can help CVEC better understand business models. Ultimately, this will help CVEC determine the most effective governance option for the Coachella Valley post-2033. LRI has completed similar work on board governance, strategic planning, and organization development.

For its third year, FY 2023-2024, CVEC will focus on:

- Reviewing the LAFCO final study recommendation
- Partner with CVAG to develop cost-sharing agreements as well as continuing coordination for CVEC.
- In-depth analysis of governance options and associated implementation work
- Decisions related to narrow identification of preferred governance alternative
- Monitoring opportunities and challenges related to the Indio Electric Financing Authority



- Identify legal and legislative requirements for enacting a preferred governance alternative
- Community and stakeholder engagement

CVEC has made significant progress in bringing key stakeholders from the Coachella Valley together to discuss critical energy issues. CVEC has received information related to growth and increased demand for energy infrastructure, climate resiliency and hardening, real market energy trading proposals, infrastructure maintenance, and operations, as well as other efforts, such as grants and key causes of outages. In conjunction with these efforts, the CVEC has actively engaged with the Riverside and Imperial County LAFCOs on their study. The final study will mark a key milestone and help provide recommendations for direction and action by CVEC to arrive at viable long-term governance options for the Coachella Valley. Through collaboration and independent facilitation on key governance issues, CVEC will get closer to achieving its long-term objective of delivering a Governance Plan by July 2025.





For more information, please visit IID.com/CVEC

ITEM 8D

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Executive Committee
January 29, 2024**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Partnership with Governor's Office of Planning and Research for the Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program

Contact: Jacob Alvarez, Program Manager (jalvarez@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to partner with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program and accept \$100,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Government to Government Program (EPA EJG2G) program for the Community Based Climate Resilience: California Extreme Heat Adaptation Planning project

Energy & Sustainability Committee: Concurred (Meeting of January 11th)

Background: The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) runs the Integrated Climate Adaptation Program (ICARP), which is tasked with coordinated local, regional and statewide efforts to approaches to addressing climate change through mitigation and adaptation. Part of ICARP's role is to distribute state funding. But last year, OPR staff approached staff from the City of Coachella and CVAG about a partnership to apply for federal funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office's Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program. As announced at the November 2023 meeting of the Energy & Sustainability Committee, OPR has been awarded nearly \$1 million in funding.

The "Community Based Climate Resilience: California Extreme Heat Adaptation Planning" project is a partnership with CVAG, the City of Coachella, California's Office of Community Partners and Strategic Communications (OCPSC) and two community-based organizations, Training Occupational Educational Communities and Building Resilient Communities. It is a three-year project that aims to integrate community perspectives and local planning expertise into adaptation resources and planning guidance in California, in collaboration with project funded partners and local government. The State has said one of its overarching goals is to center local insights in the development of adaptation resources and priorities, and to identify opportunities for how these resources could be used in other locations facing similar challenges.

Through a phased collaborative process, OPR and its partners will develop extreme heat adaptation resources. The first phase will define extreme heat risks and vulnerabilities that resonate with community partners and identify gaps and opportunities for adaptation strategies that build towards holistic planning and policy guidance for extreme heat. The project will produce an extreme heat adaptation planning guide, identify priorities for communication of these risks and actions, and develop case study examples. The project also includes outreach and engagement to evaluate the utility of these planning guides for decision making in communities and local governments.

This work will help inform Action Track A: Build Public Awareness and Notification in California's [Extreme Heat Action Plan](#). OPR anticipates that the lessons learned from this process and public engagement will be used to inform a scalable framework that can be replicated in other communities or regions facing similar challenges across California, or other heat-impacted communities nationwide. In applying for funds, the State noted that the project was grounded in the high-level EPA principles of connecting science and evidence-based decision making around extreme heat with the local expertise of community-based organizations and local governments.

This project seeks to serve as a model for partnership building and community-engaged action around pressing environmental challenges that embed solutions ingrained in environmental justice and equity.

OPR staff is finalizing what work will be conducted in the Coachella Valley. It is anticipated that CVAG and Coachella staff will help lead development of the Extreme Heat Adaptation Planning Guide and support evaluation and promotion of these products and their relevance to other organizations within the region and statewide. Because this project is anticipated to begin as soon as March 2024, CVAG staff is recommending the Executive Director be authorized to take the steps necessary to partner with OPR on this project, which will likely include a memorandum of understanding between agencies.

Fiscal Analysis: California Office of Planning & Research – ICARP is receiving \$999,994 for its three-year Community Based Climate Resilience: California Extreme Heat Adaptation Planning project. The project provides \$100,000 for CVAG, \$439,994 for the State, \$200,000 for each community-based organization and \$60,000 for the City of Coachella.

The State has additional funding sources that may be used to increase the project's total budget as well.

Staff time associated with this grant would be reimbursable. CVAG's funding would be programmed beginning with this fiscal year.

ITEM 8E

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Executive Committee
January 29, 2024**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: **Regional Opportunities for the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant**

Contact: Jacob Alvarez, Program Manager (jalvarez@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to take any necessary steps for CVAG to participate in the submission of the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application, including executing an agreement between partnering agencies, and provide feedback on climate pollution reduction concepts that are included in the Metropolitan Statistical Area's Priority Climate Action Plan

Energy & Sustainability Committee: Concurred (Meeting of January 11th)

Background: CVAG is collaborating with Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) and San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG) on a joint Regional Energy Network (REN) for the Inland Empire, known as Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN). I-REN is governed by an Executive Committee, with CVAG's votes represented by the Energy & Sustainability Committee Chair, or Vice Chair as needed.

A special I-REN Executive Committee meeting was held on November 21, 2023. The focus was an emerging funding opportunity from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program (CPRG) is designed to develop Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAP) and then fund the projects identified in these plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. Authorized under Section 60114 of the Inflation Reduction Act, this two-phase program provides \$250 million for noncompetitive planning grants, and approximately \$4.6 billion for competitive implementation grants.

To be eligible for implementation grant funding, a project must be in a PCAP. The EPA allocated funding to 117 entities nationally to prepare these studies and identify GHG emissions reduction strategies. This funding was provided to states as well as regional governments representing Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), which are designated by the U.S. Census and represent countywide or multi-county areas with a significant level of economic interaction. The Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario MSA was one of the selected entities, and a PCAP is now being led by SBCOG with assistance from CVAG, WRCOG, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and other stakeholders.

The regional PCAP will be completed and submitted to the EPA by March 1, 2024 – and the implementation grant applications are due by April 1, 2024. EPA encourages grant applications that focus on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction measures that will significantly reduce cumulative GHG emissions by 2030 and beyond, and that will accelerate decarbonization across one or more major sectors responsible for GHG emissions. EPA will score grant applications based on multiple evaluation

criteria, with an emphasis on the magnitude of near-term GHG emissions reductions that will be achieved by the proposed measures. Additionally, EPA will prioritize applications which demonstrate regional collaboration.

The grant opportunity, and development of the PCAP, was the focus of a special I-REN Executive Committee meeting on November 21, 2023, when WRCOG staff sought feedback on whether to move forward with an application. The I-REN Executive Committee requested that WRCOG staff investigate project opportunities that are within I-REN's current scope and evaluate what other agencies will apply for this grant. Staff from I-REN partners have been meeting since to finalize the scope of an application. Should the I-REN application move forward, SBCOG is positioned to serve as the "Lead Agency" in a grant application due to leading the PCAP efforts. WRCOG's Executive Committee in December also provided staff authorization to assist with the application process.

This is an incredibly tight deadline for completion for both a plan and a detailed grant submission. It has prompted a flurry of activity among various agencies' staff to not only gather project ideas but also enough analysis to make a compelling argument to the EPA. Despite the meetings and ongoing coordination, CVAG staff would note that there is not yet consensus on what project application – or applications – may be coming from the region. In addition to I-REN, SCAQMD and SCAG staff have been exploring opportunities to take the lead on the application. SCAQMD since early December has been holding virtual discussions around a project application that addresses goods movement across the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario MSA and the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim MSA.

CVAG staff's approach has been to include as many projects as possible in the PCAP to create options to consider for this funding cycle and for future funding cycles. As noted in a staff report provided to CVAG's Executive and Transportation Committees at their joint meeting on December 4, 2023, CVAG staff has reached out to jurisdictions' staff to provide any feedback on project types that should be included in the PCAP.

Below is a list of climate pollution reduction strategies that CVAG staff has submitted for the PCAP:

- Building Upon the California's Energy Commission's Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program by prompting energy efficiency in residential buildings. This would include low-income weatherization programs and partnering with community services agencies, utilities, nonprofits, and other entities to incentivize energy-efficiency projects, including HVAC, lighting, water heating equipment, insulation and weatherization for low-income residents.
- Expansion of I-REN programs in both governmental and school facilities to allow for a range of energy efficiency upgrades.
- Regionalizing a car sharing program, such as the California Vanpool Authority's van share or City of Coachella's Tesla rideshare.
- Promoting micro-mobility through infrastructure like CV Link, including electric bikes and broad access to neighborhood electric vehicles.
- Upgrades and expansion of the CV Sync signal synchronization program to additional corridors.
- Regionalizing a landscape conversion program such as the Coachella Valley Water District's turf rebate program.
- Implementing various reduction strategies for the agricultural industry, including solar agriculture water pumps, diesel engine conversions and on-farm renewable energy generation.

Additionally, CVAG is submitting to the SBCOG any implementation strategies that are put forward by its member jurisdictions and can be shovel ready for implementation. If some strategies are local and project oriented to a particular city, CVAG staff asked that they be scaled up so that any jurisdiction can benefit from a similar project. Some of these projects have included creating electric charging parking lots, a

heat island mitigation plan and a tree planting initiative similar to the one that CVAG's committees have previously endorsed.


Given CVAG's meeting schedule, staff is asking for additional project feedback from its committee members so the ideas can be finalized for a PCAP. Additionally, staff is seeking authorization for the Executive Director to take any necessary steps for CVAG to participate in the submission of the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application. This could include executing an agreement between partnering agencies and potentially leading a grant application submission on behalf of the region.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no additional cost to CVAG for these items. Staff time dedicated to I-REN and the costs of the services of consultants are covered through the I-REN budget.

The potential benefits for the region will depend on the scope of a grant application and how much is awarded. The EPA anticipates awarding individual grants between \$2 million and \$500 million, and has designed funding tiers to allow comparably sized projects to compete against one another. Should SBCOG move forward with an application for the I-REN partnership, staff anticipates the request would be for about \$200 million.

ITEM 9a**2023/2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

CVAG JURISDICTION	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV(Dec)*	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY(JUN)	JUN
Blythe	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-		-			
Cathedral City	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-		-			
Coachella	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-		-			
Desert Hot Springs	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-		-			
Indian Wells	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-		-			
Indio	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-		-			
La Quinta	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-		-			
Palm Desert	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-		-			
Palm Springs	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-		-			
Rancho Mirage	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-		-			
Riverside County	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-		-			
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	-	-	✓	-		-	-		-			
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians	-	-		-		-	-		-			
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	-	-	✓	-		-	-		-			
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians	-	-		-		-	-		-			

Absent 
 No Meeting -
 Present ✓

*This is a joint meeting with the Transportation Committee.

ITEM 9b

Coachella Valley Association of Governments Executive Committee January 29, 2024



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Rollout of California's Solar Access Act

Contact: Emily Langenbahn, Management Analyst (elangenbahn@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: In September 2022, Gov. Gavin Newsom approved Senate Bill (SB) 379 to expedite and streamline the permitting process for residential solar energy and battery storage systems. This bill, also known as the Solar Access Act, requires every city and county to implement an online, automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues real-time permits for residential solar energy systems that are no larger than 40 kW.

Cities and counties currently have three paths to comply with SB 379:

- They can adopt SolarAPP+, a software system made by the Department of Energy and the nation's leading building safety organizations. SolarAPP+ issues permits instantly to most residential rooftop solar projects that meet state codes, and it is free for cities to use. According to the Solar Rights Alliance, more than 20 California cities and counties have already successfully implemented it.
- They can adopt Symbium, a free software system which automatically checks for code compliance and issues permits instantly for residential rooftop solar and battery storage systems.
- Cities and counties with online permitting already in place can enhance their existing system to match the capability of SolarAPP+ or Symbium.

All of CVAG's member cities except for the City of Indian Wells, which has a population under 5,000, must adhere to SB 379 requirements. The State's compliance schedule dictates that cities with a population between 5,000 and 50,000 must satisfy these requirements by September 30, 2024. That include the Cities of Blythe, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, La Quinta, Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage. Cities with a population greater than 50,000 – including the Cities of Cathedral City, Indio and Palm Desert – were supposed to meet these requirements by September 30, 2023. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) has indicated that these three cities are currently out of compliance with SB 379. CVAG staff is working with these three cities and NREL to determine which steps are left to complete and support meeting compliance.

In early 2023, CVAG began efforts to alert its member cities of available funding to comply with SB 379. There is still grant funding available for pilot programs and to cover any costs associated with implementing a solar permitting process to comply with SB 379. However, funding is first-come, first-serve. Currently, the Cities of Blythe, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, and Desert Hot Springs have applied for this funding. The City of Indio is currently the only city to have initiated its pilot program.

CVAG will continue to monitor and assist with any funding opportunities available for its member cities in order to comply with SB 379.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for this update.

ITEM 9c

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Executive Committee
January 29, 2024**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Upcoming Used Oil and Oil Filter Recycling Events

Contact: Emily Langenbahn, Management Analyst (elangenbahn@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is mandated to regulate and manage used oil within the state and administer the Used Oil Recycling Event Grant program. This program provides funds for local jurisdictions to collect and recycle used oil that may otherwise be hazardedly discarded. CalRecycle offers the Used Oil Payment Program to address this, and CVAG has secured this funding and provided used oil recycling events since 2003. CVAG is currently funded for events through Fiscal Year 2023-24.

CVAG offers seven used oil recycling events per cycle at various AutoZone locations throughout the Coachella Valley, spanning from the City of Desert Hot Springs to the City of Blythe. HF&H Consultants (HF&H) is contracted to coordinate these services, including events and marketing for the upcoming Spring 2024 events. The official flyer for each event is attached to this staff report.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for this informational update. Costs associated with the program are covered under the CalRecycle grant.

Attachments: 2024 Used Oil Recycling event flyer – English
2024 Used Oil Recycling event flyer – Spanish

USED OIL & OIL FILTER RECYCLING EVENTS



The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) invites you to recycle your used motor oil and filters. Bring your used oil filters to the event and receive a new replacement filter (of up to \$12) for FREE. Limit two free filters per household. Bring your used oil for recycling (up to five gallons per vehicle). Participants will also receive a shop rag and funnel for FREE (while supplies last).

All Events From 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Saturday
March 2, 2024**
AutoZone
50-700 Harrison St.
Coachella, CA

**Sunday
March 3, 2024**
AutoZone
1717 E. Vista Chino Dr.
Palm Springs, CA

**Saturday
March 23, 2024**
AutoZone
34860 Monterey Ave.
Palm Desert, CA

**Sunday
March 24, 2024**
AutoZone
12660 Palm Dr.
Desert Hot Springs, CA

**Saturday
April 6, 2024**
AutoZone
78792 Highway 111
La Quinta, CA

**Sunday
April 7, 2024**
AutoZone
812 East Hobson Way
Blythe, CA

**Saturday
May 4, 2024**
AutoZone
50-700 Harrison St.
Coachella, CA

**Sunday
May 5, 2024**
AutoZone
32375 Date Palm Dr.
Cathedral City, CA



Visit www.CVAG.org for the full 2024 used oil event schedule.
Call CVAG at (760) 346-1127 for additional questions.



EVENTOS PARA RECICLAR FILTROS Y ACEITE



La Asociación Gubernamental del Valle de Coachella (CVAG) lo invita a reciclar el aceite usado de motor y los filtros. Traiga su filtro de aceite usado al evento y reciba un repuesto (de \$12 o menos) GRATIS. Hay un límite de dos filtros gratis por hogar. Traiga el aceite usado para reciclar (hasta 5 galones por carro). Los participantes también recibirán un trapo y un embudo GRATIS (hasta agotar las existencias).

Todos los eventos 8:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m.

Sábado
2 de marzo, 2024
AutoZone
50-700 Harrison St.
Coachella, CA

Domingo
3 de marzo, 2024
AutoZone
1717 E. Vista Chino Dr.
Palm Springs, CA

Sábado
23 de marzo, 2024
AutoZone
34860 Monterey Ave.
Palm Desert, CA

Domingo
24 de marzo, 2024
AutoZone
12660 Palm Dr.
Desert Hot Springs, CA

Sábado
6 de abril, 2024
AutoZone
78792 Highway 111
La Quinta, CA

Domingo
7 de abril, 2024
AutoZone
812 East Hobson Way
Blythe, CA

Sábado
4 de mayo, 2024
AutoZone
50-700 Harrison St.
Coachella, CA

Domingo
5 de mayo, 2024
AutoZone
32375 Date Palm Dr.
Cathedral City, CA



Visite www.CVAG.org para ver el calendario completo de eventos de aceite usado 2024.
Si tiene preguntas sobre los eventos, por favor llámé a CVAG al (760) 346-1127



ITEM 9d

Coachella Valley Association of Governments Executive Committee January 29, 2024



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Update on Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 7 Funding Opportunities

Contact: Randy Bowman, Transportation Program Manager (rbowman@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: The California Transportation Commission (CTC) in March 2024 is expected to release a call for project applications for Cycle 7 of the Active Transportation Program (ATP). Applications will be due in June 2024. The CTC is projecting \$555 million will be available in the ATP for the next four years, pending negotiations of the State's budget deficit. Competition for funds is expected to be high, and every scoring point will count. Since 2014, CVAG and its members have received \$108.4 million in ATP funding.

In Round 6, CVAG successfully secured \$36.5 million for the Arts and Music Line in the Cities of La Quinta, Indio and Coachella. The application was strengthened by the project's tie to the CV Link, as it is one of the planned community connectors. CTC staff have shared with CVAG staff their concerns that the Coachella Valley's recent ATP applications could be leaving points on the table because they do not reference CV Link. The State has made a significant investment in CV Link, so projects that build on, or compliment, CV Link may appeal to evaluators.

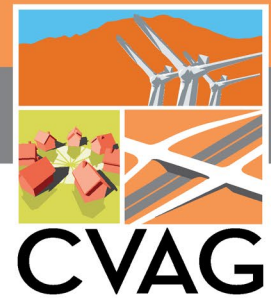
CVAG staff in recent weeks has been conducting outreach to help its member jurisdictions, including the attached memo that went to public works directors, city engineers, and community development directors. CVAG staff also held a Public Works Roundtable meeting on January 9, 2024 to discuss ATP and other topics.

RCTC and CVAG staffs are collaborating on an ATP workshop when CTC staff is in Riverside on January 29. Staff from CVAG, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells and Indio have confirmed their attendance. On January 30, CTC staff will conduct site visits in the Coachella Valley with representatives of CVAG, Coachella and Indio.

CVAG staff has begun preparing a Cycle 7 application to fund a valley-wide active transportation education and awareness program, which will feature CV Link. CVAG will be seeking feedback on program ideas from CTC staff at the January workshop and site visit. To be successful, the program grant application will need strong support from CVAG members and key stakeholders. Outreach activities will begin in the coming weeks.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no additional cost to CVAG for this update. Additional costs related to matching funds for the Cycle 7 application will be brought forward at a future meeting.

Attachment: ATP Cycle 7 memo to cities, December 22, 2023



MEMORANDUM

TO: CVAG Member Public Works, Engineering and Community Development Directors
FROM: Jonathan Hoy, P.E., Transportation Director
DATE: December 22, 2023
RE: ATP Cycle 7 local agency applications

This memo is intended to remind you of the biennial Active Transportation Program (“ATP”) grant funding and share what CVAG has heard from the CTC in various workshops and meetings. The California Transportation Commission (“CTC”) is preparing to release a call for project applications in March, 2024 for ATP Cycle 7. Applications will be due in June.

If you are considering submitting an ATP application, we encourage you to read this memo and participate in upcoming scheduled events with CTC staff. In addition, CVAG has arranged a meeting with Public Works Directors to discuss ATP on January 9, 2024. We will provide project updates and other topics of interest to your staff. We strongly encourage you to have your staff attend the meeting.

Past Coachella Valley ATP success

To date, CVAG and its members have received \$108.4 million in ATP funding. For a listing of the ATP awards, refer to the attached table.

Available Funding

The CTC is projecting \$555 million will be available in the ATP for the next four years. Competition for funds is expected to be high, and every scoring point will count.

Leveraging CV Link in ATP Applications

In Round 6, CVAG successfully applied for \$36.5 million for the Arts and Music Line. The application was strengthened by its tie to the CV Link as one of the planned Community Connectors envisioned to provide connectivity to the CV Link through a multi-agency collaboration between CVAG, La Quinta, Indio, Coachella, and the County.

CTC staff expressed concern that many of the Valley’s ATP applications leave points on the table because they do not reference CV Link. The state has made a significant investment in CV Link, so projects that build off of, or compliment CV Link are looked on favorably.

The CV Link Master Plan is available online at <https://cvag.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/CV-Link-Draft-Master-Plan-Aug-2014-Appendices.pdf>.

Anticipated ATP Cycle 7 Program

Through the series of ongoing workshops, CTC staff have engaged with participants and discussed potential updates to the ATP Cycle 7. Major changes include a new online grant submittal system to make the process easier and more streamlined for applicants. CTC staff have also discussed refining quick-build guidelines and adding a benefit-cost tool. In addition, expect the CTC to clarify requirements for the California Conservation Corps, leveraging non-eligible funding sources, and the state-only funding notification process. CTC staff will present draft guidelines to the CTC for review at their January meeting.

CTC staff have indicated that Cycle 7 application types will be similar to those as for Cycle 6:

- Infrastructure (Small, Medium, and Large categories)
- Non-Infrastructure
- Combination Infrastructure & Non-Infrastructure
- Quick-Build
- Plans

ATP Program Outreach

The CTC has been hosting workshops and outreach to agencies since mid-August. You can view recordings of past workshop and download meeting materials at the CTC ATP website <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>. The workshops have been an important communication opportunity between agencies and CTC staff on potential changes to the ATP application process.

The CTC is hosting two more virtual workshops before the program is announced. On January 10, CTC staff will discuss and receive feedback on the ATP application form. The February 6 workshop will focus on the application scoring rubric. We strongly encourage you to participate in the workshops and engage with CTC staff.

CTC January workshop and site visits

On January 29, RCTC will be hosting an ATP workshop with CTC staff. The workshop is a great opportunity to network directly with CTC staff before March, when the ATP call for projects is released and CTC will no longer be able to discuss potential grant applications. To date, the following agencies have expressed their intention to attend the workshop: CVAG, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, and Indio.

Following the ATP workshop, CTC staff will be conducting a site visit with Coachella Valley agencies on January 30. Site visits are a rare opportunity to engage with CTC staff, show them your ATP project sites and receive valuable insights. The following local agencies have requested site tours: CVAG, Coachella, and Indio. CVAG is working with RCTC on coordinating the site visits.

Cycle 7 Key Dates

Below are upcoming key dates for ATP Cycle 7:

January 25, 2024	CTC reviews proposed Guidelines
March 22, 2024	CTC releases Call for Projects
March 29, 2024	CTC releases Scoring Rubric
June 17, 2024	Deadline to submit applications
December 6, 2024	CTC approves projects for funding

Time is short - CTC staff will not be able to provide advice on your ATP proposals once the Call for Projects is released in March. CVAG is also available for consultation and support with your application. Please contact me, Randy Bowman, or Gustavo Gomez at your soonest possible convenience. We can be reached at (760) 346-1127, or email us at:

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Randy Bowman: rbowman@cvag.org

Gustava Gomez: ggomez@cvag.org

Attachment

CVAG Member Agency Awarded ATP Funding (Cycle 1 - 6)			
ATP Cycle	Agency	Project	Amount
*	County DPH	City of Indio SRTS	\$ 500,000
*	Coachella	ATP Improvements	\$ 1,764,000
1	Indio	Andrew Jackson Elementary Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 2,581,000
1	CVAG	CV Link	\$ 10,900,000
1	County	Grapefruit Blvd./4th St. Pedestrian/Roadway Safety Improvements	\$ 2,300,000
2	County	Mecca Sidewalk & Roadway Safety Improvements	\$ 851,000
2	County	Thousand Palms Sidewalk Safety Improvements	\$ 775,000
3	La Quinta	La Quinta Village Complete Streets - A Road Diet	\$ 7,313,000
3	Desert Hot Springs	Palm Drive Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvement Project	\$ 772,000
3A	Indio	Herbert Hoover Elementary Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 2,983,000
3	CVAG	CV Link	\$ 10,792,000
4	Palm Desert	San Pablo Ave. Improvements from Fred Waring to Magnesia Falls	\$ 3,222,000
5	Cathedral City	Downtown Cathedral City Connectors: Gap Closure & Complete Streets Improvement	\$ 4,383,000
5	Desert Hot Springs	Palm Drive Improvements	\$ 3,700,000
6	CVAG	Arts and Music Line	\$ 36,483,000
6	County	Desert Edge Community Plan	\$ 300,000
6	Desert Hot Springs	Hacienda Avenue East SRTS Phase II Improvement Project	\$ 8,422,000
6	Desert Hot Springs	Palm Drive Improvements I 10 to Camino Aventura	\$ 8,975,000
6	Palm Desert	Palm Desert Bicycle/Low Speed Electric Vehicle Route	\$ 1,301,000
		Total Awarded ATP Funding	\$ 106,053,000

Source: CTC Active Transportation Program Status Reports (<https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>)

* Cycle not designated

ITEM 10a

Coachella Valley Association of Governments Executive Committee January 29, 2024



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Legislative Items: State Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25

Contact: Emmanuel Martinez, Program Manager- External Affairs (emartinez@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: CVAG staff regularly provides the Executive Committee with an update on its state advocacy efforts. At the January meeting, the Committee will receive a presentation from the League of California Cities' Riverside County Division Manager. CVAG staff is therefore focusing its report on the State budget, changes in leadership and committee positions, and the determination of which bills survive and which ones will die as policy committee deadlines quickly approach.

On January 3, the California State Legislature reconvened to resume the second year of the two-year legislative session. The following week, on January 10, Gov. Gavin Newsom unveiled his proposed [\\$291.5 billion state budget](#) for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Unlike the recent surplus budget years, the proposed budget reflects a \$37.86 billion shortfall, which is less than the \$68 billion shortfall projected by the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) in their [Fiscal Outlook](#) report released in early December of last year. To address the budget deficit, the Governor proposes using \$18 billion in reserves, revenues, and borrowing; \$11.9 billion in reductions and fund shifts; and \$7.2 billion in deferrals and delays.

Multi-year funding for transportation infrastructure, climate programs and housing programs will largely remain intact. However, deferral and reversions could significantly impact available funding for regional transportation and planning agencies. For example, as it relates to the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program (REAP 2.0), the Governor is proposing a reversion of \$300 million from \$600 million included in the program in the 2021-22 state budget. The Department of Housing and Community Development has indicated that they will not approve REAP 2.0 reimbursements past 50 percent of existing awards until the final budget is approved and adopted. Furthermore, as it relates to the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program, the Governor has proposed a \$200 million reversion from the \$225 million allocated to the program in the 2023-24 state budget. CVAG has received two REAP 2.0 projects, and staff is working with Riverside County Transportation Commission staff to understand the potential implications.

The Governor's Budget maintains the \$13.6 billion of the \$13.8 billion that the 2022 Budget Act included for transportation programs and projects. Nonetheless, the Governor has proposed budget changes to the Transit and Intercity Rail program (TIRCP) and the Active Transportation Program (ATP). Specifically, the budget proposes a delay of \$1 billion of formula funds from 2024-25 to 2025-26, leaving \$1 billion for 2024-25. The budget also proposes to shift \$261.4 million of the funding for 2024-25 from the General Fund to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction

Fund (GGRF). As it relates to ATP, the Budget proposes \$200 million General Fund reduction. To ensure that previously awarded ATP projects are not impacted, the reduction would be likely be backfilled by future ATP funding – making it even more difficult to secure state investments in future bike and pedestrian projects.

As it relates to climate related investments, the Governor's Budget maintains \$48.3 billion of the \$54 billion allocated over a five-year period in the 2021 and 2022 Budget Acts. However, the Governor proposes \$89.8 million in reductions to community resilience programs that are funded by the general fund. The impacted programs include Regional Climate Resilience, Regional Climate Collaboratives and Climate Adaptation and Resilience Planning Grants. For example, the Governor is proposing a net reduction of \$40.1 million for Extreme Heat and Community Resilience, which will revert to the General Fund, and a shift of \$70 million General Fund to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). The Urban Greening program is being proposed for a shift of \$23.8 million General Fund to the GGRF, which maintains \$75 million over four years of the program. Related to Zero-Emission Vehicles, the Governor's Budget maintains nearly all the \$10 billion that was committed in the 2021 and 2022 Budget Acts for investments in the state's Zero-Emission Vehicles (ZEV) agenda, but extends the funding horizon from five to seven years.

CVAG staff and its advocacy team, Politico Group, are also monitoring funding for the Salton Sea. The Budget includes \$65.2 million General Fund for the Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) to continue progress towards meeting the requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board Order which requires the state to construct 29,800 acres of habitat and dust suppression projects at the exposed lakebed at the Salton Sea by 2028. Specifically, the funding included in the Governor's Budget will support technical assistance and project management operations and maintenance, monitoring environmental compliance, conducting restoration project planning, and improving public outreach and communication.

Now that the Governor has met the statutory requirements of releasing his proposed budget, the legislature will begin discussions and negotiations. Budget hearings start on January 22, and last until the Governor releases a revised budget proposal in May. The budget bill must be passed by June 15, 2024.

In addition to the budget discussions, the Legislature in the coming weeks will consider the fate of two-year bills that are still in their house of origin. These bills must secure approval in the first house by the end of January. Any measure that does not proceed to the second house will be dead for the session. The deadline for new measures to be introduced in 2024 is Friday, February 16. CVAG staff and the Politico Group will monitor this deadline to the Committee apprised of new legislative proposals of interest as they emerge.

The new Legislative year also brings some changes in committee appointments. On December 27, Speaker Robert Rivas made committee appointments for the remainder of the 2023-24 legislative session. Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia is Chair of the Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee and a member of both the Communications and Conveyance Committee and the Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee. Assemblymember Greg Wallis is a member of the Governmental Organization Committee, of the Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee and of the Utilities and Energy Committee.

CVAG staff will continue to monitor the budget and bills introduced by the upcoming deadline, to determine if any proposed changes would have an effect on CVAG or its member agencies. Also, staff will continue to work with Assemblymember Garcia's office related to AB 1567, the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat

Mitigation, Clean Energy, and Workforce Development Act of 2024. CVAG staff has learned that this will be the top priority for Assemblymember Garcia, who has announced his decision to not seek re-election this year. CVAG staff will also engage with Senator Ben Allen who is carrying a companion bond bill, to determine which vehicle will move forward this year, if at all.

Fiscal Analysis: There are no additional costs to CVAG for this report. Legislative efforts are covered under an existing contract with the Politico Group.