

**ITEM 7A**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 2023**



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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Steven Hernandez, Mayor, City of Coachella, at 4:30 p.m. via a Zoom webinar, which was pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 and the findings made by CVAG, this meeting will only be conducted via video/teleconferencing.

**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 Pro Tem Jeffrey Bernstein  
Councilmember Waymond Fermon  
Tribal Member Brenda Soulliere  
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez  
Mayor Donna Griffith  
Mayor Rita Lamb  
Councilmember Kathleen Kelly  
Mayor Linda Evans  
Mayor Joseph DeConinck  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez  
Councilmember Ted Weill  
Mayor Scott Matas  
Mayor Steven Hernandez

**AGENCY**

City of Palm Springs  
City of Indio  
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians  
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians (*Arrived at Item 8B*)  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Palm Desert  
City of La Quinta  
City of Blythe  
County of Riverside 4<sup>th</sup> District (*Arrived at Item 5*)  
City of Rancho Mirage  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Coachella

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Tribal Chair Darrell Mike  
Tribal Chair Reid Milanovich  
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries  
Supervisor Karen Spiegel  
Supervisor Chuck Washington  
Supervisor Yxstian Guterrez

**AGENCY**

Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
County of Riverside 1<sup>st</sup> District  
County of Riverside 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
County of Riverside 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
County of Riverside 5<sup>th</sup> District

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Joseph DeConinck led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

None.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**6. CHAIR / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Executive Director Tom Kirk noted this was CVAG’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He announced that CVAG was moving this week into a new office location at Highway 111 and El Paseo in the City of Palm Desert. Mr. Kirk noted that this would likely be the final virtual meeting and in-person meetings will be resuming back at Parkview building.

Chair Hernandez welcomed the members who are new to the Executive Committee.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- A. Approve the December 5, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**
- B. Reaffirm that findings still exist, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, and authorize continuation of remote teleconference/virtual meetings of CVAG committees**
- C. Approve CVAG’s existing Investment Policy as CVAG Policy No. 23-01**
- D. Authorize the CVAG Chair and Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) in order to ensure fair distribution of current and future funding sources**
- E. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Imperial Irrigation District, extending the term until December 31, 2023 with an option to extend for an additional year, to assist its Coachella Valley Energy Commission and to help achieve a local collaborative governance and electrical service solution post-2033**
- F. Endorse a regional urban tree planting and shade initiative to increase shading, build climate resilience and reduce the impacts of increased heat**

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

<b>MAYOR PRO TEM BERNSTEIN</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER FERMON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR GRIFFITH</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR LAMB</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER KELLY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR EVANS</b>	<b>AYE</b>

MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUITERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE

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

None.

**8. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. CVAG's Audit for Fiscal Year 2021/22 and Related Reports – Claude Kilgore**

Claude Kilgore, Director of Finance and Administration, provided an overview and introduced Shannon Ayala of Davis Farr to present the audit and unmodified opinion.

Member discussion ensued, with members noting how a new financial system would bring continued improvements.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEILL TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022, REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING, AND THE AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE, AND THE SINGLE AUDIT ON FEDERAL AWARDS**

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

MAYOR PRO TEM BERNSTEIN	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
MAYOR LAMB	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUITERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE

**B. Update on the Looming Closure of Chuckawalla Valley State Prison – Erica Felci**

Councilmember Fermon recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest with his job.

Assistant Executive Director Erica Felci presented the staff report and update on the Public Safety Committee’s recommendation. Mayor DeConinck provided an update on the City of Blythe’s efforts. Supervisor Perez also noted that the County was working with the City on trying to stop the closure or mitigate the effects.

Member discussion ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR DECONINCK AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ASSIST THE CITY OF BLYTHE IN ITS REQUEST TO REEXAMINE AND RECONSIDER THE CLOSURE OF CHUCKAWALLA VALLEY STATE PRISON AND, IF THAT CLOSURE APPEARS TO MOVE FORWARD, THAT CVAG ADVOCATE FOR THE REPURPOSING OF THE FACILITY AND MEANINGFUL MITIGATION MEASURES**

**THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES, 6 MEMBERS ABSENT AND 1 MEMBER RECUSED.**

MAYOR PRO TEM BERNSTEIN	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	RECUSED
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
MAYOR LAMB	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUITERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE

**C. CV Housing First: 2022 Year in Review and 2023 Preview – Erica Felci and Ivan Tenorio**

Ms. Felci and Management Analyst Ivan Tenorio presented the staff report and outlined next steps for 2023.

Brief member discussion ensued. No vote was taken.

**D. Amendment to Advantec’s CV Sync – Phase II Contract to Provide for Construction Support Services – Eric Cowle**

Transportation Engineer Eric Cowle presented the staff report and an update on construction. Member discussion ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FERMON TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 4 WITH ADVANTEC CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,000,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE CV SYNC PHASE II PROJECT AND EXTENDING THE CONTRACT END DATE TO MARCH 31, 2025**

**THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 13 AYES AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

MAYOR PRO TEM BERNSTEIN	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
MAYOR LAMB	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
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SUPERVISOR GUITERREZ	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE

**9. INFORMATION**

- a) Executive Committee Attendance
- b) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report
- c) Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program – Project Status Report
- d) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- e) Update on California Association of Councils of Governments
- f) REAP 2.0 County Transportation Commission Partnership Program Funding Opportunities
- g) State’s third-party agreement for Middle Mile Broadband in the Coachella Valley
- h) Electric Vehicle Charging Station Guidance

- i) Update on Inland Regional Energy Network Agreements, Programs, and Governance
- j) Update on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program
- k) Update on Senate Bill 379 and Automated Solar Permitting
- l) California Public Utilities Commission NEM 3.0 and Net Billing Tariff Decision
- m) Heat Mitigation Opportunities
- n) Partnership with Inland Counties Legal Services
- o) Riverside County's Coordinated Response to Asylum Seekers
- p) Alan Seman Bus Pass Program 2022 Annual Report
- q) Update on the State's Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court
- r) Selection of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software to upgrade CVAG's financial systems

These items were placed in the agenda packet for members' information.

**10. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS –**

- a) Update on Federal and State Advocacy Efforts – Emmanuel Martinez**
- b) Update from the League of California Cities – Erin Sasse**

Program Manager Emmanuel Martinez presented the staff report. Erin Sasse from the League of California Cities also provided an update on key bills being tracked.

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

None.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. with additional meeting logistics to be announced.

**13. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst*