

ITEM 7A

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 5, 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. in the CVAG Conference Room, Suite 119, in Palm Desert. Two videoconferencing locations were provided in the City of Blythe and the County Administrative Building in the City of Riverside.

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 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
Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez

Councilmember Ted Weill
Mayor Scott Matas, Vice Chair
Mayor Steven Hernandez, Chair

AGENCY

City of Indio
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Indian Wells
City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert (*left at Item 13*)
City of La Quinta
City of Blythe (*via videoconferencing*)
County of Riverside 4th District (*arrived at Item 7.1*)
County of Riverside 5th District (*via videoconferencing, left at Item 8F*)
City of Rancho Mirage
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Coachella

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mayor Grace Garner
Tribal Chair Darrell Mike
Tribal Member Brenda Soulliere
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Supervisor Chuck Washington

AGENCY

City of Palm Springs
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
County of Riverside 1st District
County of Riverside 2nd District
County of Riverside 3rd District

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tribal Chair Reid Milanovich 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 announced CVAG will be hosting their annual General Assembly and 50th anniversary on Monday, June 26th at Desert Island’s The Penney and Parlour. Registration is now open. Mr. Kirk also announced that direct deposit is now available for committee member’s meeting stipends.

Mr. Kirk also reported that the Caltrans District 8 Director Catalino A. Pining III attended CVAG’s Transportation Committee meeting earlier this week and gave an update on projects currently in progress along Interstate 10. Caltrans is committed to working together to improve the management and look of the I-10 moving forward.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. Approve the April 24, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve the updates to CVAG’s Personnel Rules & Benefits Manual to take effect as of July 1, 2023, consistent with the approved implementation of the Classification and Total Compensation Study and including other clarifying updates**
- C. Rename CVAG’s Energy & Environmental Resources Committee to be CVAG’s Energy & Sustainability Committee, effective July 1**
- D. Authorize Chair to execute the Agreement with the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission for Administration of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, allowing the total to be paid each fiscal year to be determined by CVAG’s adopted budget specific to CVCC, which will be approved by CVCC and CVAG as part of the annual budget processes**

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

MAYOR GARNER	ABSENT
MAYOR ORTIZ	AYE
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	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE

7.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Recognition of the 2023 Used Oil Recycling Poster Contest Winner

Assistant Executive Director Erica Felci introduced the winner of the Used Oil Recycling Poster Contest, Antonio Coloma II, a 3rd grader from the City of La Quinta. Antonio received a bike as the prize. Chair Hernandez congratulated Mr. Colima and his family and invited him to take a picture with the Executive Committee.

No action was taken as this was an information item.

B. Preview of CVAG's Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Finance Director Claude Kilgore gave a budget process recap and detailed the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year budget. Mr. Kilgore thanked the members of the Administrative/ Personnel Committee and the Finance Committee for their time and input given to the finance department in putting together this budget.

No action was taken as the budget will be presented for approval later in June.

C. Results from the Feasibility Study to Identify a Sustainable Revenue Stream for Affordable Housing and Related Infrastructure

Conservation Program Manager Peter Satin introduced Joe Dieguez from Kosmont, who gave an update of the Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) project and housing and transportation revenue study.

Member discussion ensued regarding the focuses of the study and results.

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR KELLY TO RECEIVE AND AUTHORIZE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO MEMBER AGENCIES THE REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN IDENTIFYING A SUSTAINABLE REVENUE STREAM FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

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

MAYOR GARNER	ABSENT
MAYOR ORTIZ	AYE
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	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE

D. Landlord Incentive Program for Increasing Available Units

Assistant Executive Director Erica Felci presented the proposed plan to offer landlord incentives to help secure units for clients in the program.

Member discussion ensued. Staff addressed questions and promised to provide committees with an update on its effectiveness later this year.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR GRIFFITH TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO IMPLEMENT A LANDLORD INCENTIVE PROGRAM, WITH ONE-TIME PAYMENTS OF \$600 PER UNIT FOR EXISTING LANDLORDS AND \$1,000 FOR NEW LANDLORDS' FIRST UNIT, AS PART OF THE CV HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM AND EFFORT TO PERMANENTLY HOUSE CV 200 CLIENTS

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

MAYOR GARNER	ABSENT
MAYOR ORTIZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
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SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
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SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE

SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE

E. Completion of CV Sync Phase I

Transportation Engineer Eric Cowle announced that Phase I of CV Sync is now complete and gave a recap of the work. He also provided an update on Phase II.

Member discussion ensued with Mr. Cowle answering questions.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KELLY AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO EXECUTE AND FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE CV SYNC- PHASE I CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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

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

F. Next Steps for Addressing Climate Change, Emergencies and Sand Storms (ACCESS) on Indian Canyon Drive

Programs Manager Emmanuel Martinez presented on ACCESS project and efforts to secure funding to improve Indian Canyon Drive.

Member discussion ensued with comments of support for the project.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KELLY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR GRIFFITH TO ENDORSE THE ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE, EMERGENCIES AND SAND STORMS (ACCESS) EFFORT ALONG INDIAN CANYON DRIVE AND OTHER LOW-WATER CROSSINGS AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO COMMIT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

FUNDING TO MAXIMIZE THE COMPETITVENESS FOR THE 2023 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROGRAM (LTCAP), 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 GARNER	ABSENT
MAYOR ORTIZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
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MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	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) CVAG Schedule of Meetings for Fiscal Year 2023/24
- g) Distributed Energy Resources, Community Solar and Microgrids
- h) Colorado River Negotiations and the Potential Impacts of California
- i) Update on the Inland Regional Energy Network
- j) Net Energy Metering 3.0 and the Implementation of the Solar Billing Plan
- k) Update on Efforts to Regulate Mylar Balloons

- l) Availability of Southern California Edison's Green Rate
- m) School Resource Officers in the Coachella Valley
- n) Coachella Valley Crime Trends
- o) Annual Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Individuals
- p) Member jurisdictions' contributions to CV Housing First
- q) Attendance at CVAG's Standing Committee Meetings

10. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS –

- a) Update on Federal and State Advocacy Efforts
- b) Update from the League of California Cities

Erin Sasse from the League of California Cities provided an update on key legislation.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 26 at 4:30 p.m. at The Penney & Parlour at Desert Island, 71-777 Frank Sinatra Dr, Rancho Mirage, 92270.

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 26 at 6 p.m. at The Penney & Parlour at Desert Island, 71-777 Frank Sinatra Dr, Rancho Mirage, 92270.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.8, the Executive Committee adjourned to closed session at 5:42 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Property: 73-710 Fred Waring Dr., various suites, and 41-550 Eclectic Street, Suite designated as D200D and various suites, City of Palm Desert

CVAG Negotiator: Tom Kirk, Executive Director

Negotiating Parties: City of Palm Desert and Regional Access Project Foundation

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

The closed session concluded at 5:55p.m. Chair Hernandez stated that there was no reportable action.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst