

ITEM 5A

**Energy & Environmental Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2023**



The audio file for this meeting can be found at: <http://www.cvag.org/audio.htm>

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Oscar Ortiz, City of Indio, at 12:00 p.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, in the City of Palm Desert. Videoconferencing was available from the city of Blythe.

2. **ROLL CALL** – Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Vice Chair Candace Patencio Anderson
Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Councilmember Nancy Ross
Councilmember Stephanie Virgen
Director JB Hamby
Mayor Donna Griffith
Mayor Oscar Ortiz, *Chair*
Mayor Linda Evans, *Vice Chair*
Director Russ Martin
Councilmember Gina Nestande
Councilmember Ron deHarte
Councilmember Ted Weill

Agency

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
Imperial Irrigation District (*arrived at 6A*)
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
Mission Springs Water District
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage

Members/ Ex-Officios Not Present

Councilmember Russell Betts
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez
Board Member Anthony Bianco
Secretary Altrena Santillanes
Board Member Patricia Oygar

City of Desert Hot Springs
Riverside County – District 4
Riverside County – District 5
Coachella Valley Water District
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Desert Water Agency

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

4. **COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Executive Director Tom Kirk welcomed back the committee to in-person meetings. Mr. Kirk explained meeting logistics with regards to Zoom options and compliance with the Brown Act.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Approve February 9, 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes**

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR GRIFFITH AND SECONDED BY DIRECTOR MARTIN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, 1 ABSENTION AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Vice Chair Candace Patencio Anderson	Abstained
Mayor Joey DeConinck	Aye
Councilmember Nancy Ross	Aye
Councilmember Stephanie Virgen	Aye
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Absent
Councilmember Russell Betts	Absent
Director JB Hamby	Absent
Mayor Donna Griffith	Aye
Mayor Oscar Ortiz	Aye
Mayor Linda Evans	Aye
Director Russ Martin	Aye
Councilmember Gina Nestande	Aye
Councilmember Ron deHarte	Aye
Councilmember Ted Weill	Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Absent
Secretary Altrena Santillanes	Absent

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Regional Efforts to Expand Urban Tree Planting and Increase Shade

Management Analyst Peter Carlstrom provided an overview of the regional efforts to secure funding. He then introduced Sabrina Barber, Imperial Irrigation District's manager for Regulatory and Strategic Marketing, to provide a presentation on IID's tree planting program.

Member discussion ensued. No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. Imperial Irrigation District (IID) Governance and Electricity Services Study

Senior Programs Manager Emmanuel Martinez provided an overview of the electrical services study with regards to IID. IID Director JB Hamby also provided on the issues discussed in the study. Member discussion ensued, with staff noting the longer timeline for providing feedback.

No action was taken for this item.

C. Appointment of Regional Representation to SCAG Policy Committee

Conservation Program Manager Peter Satin provided the staff report and sought nominations from the Committee. One nomination was made.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHAIR ORTIZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO NOMINATE AND APPOINT COACHELLA COUNCILMEMBER STEPHANIE VIRGEN TO BE THE CVAG REPRESENTATIVE FOR SCAG'S ENERGY AND ENVIROMENT COMMITTEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Vice Chair Candace Patencio Anderson	Aye
Mayor Joey DeConinck	Aye
Councilmember Nancy Ross	Aye
Councilmember Stephanie Virgen	Aye
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Absent
Councilmember Russell Betts	Absent
Director JB Hamby	Aye
Mayor Donna Griffith	Aye
Mayor Oscar Ortiz	Aye
Mayor Linda Evans	Aye
Director Russ Martin	Aye
Councilmember Gina Nestande	Aye
Councilmember Ron deHarte	Aye
Councilmember Ted Weill	Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Absent
Secretary Altrena Santillanes	Absent

D. Update on Inland Regional Energy Network Actions and Program Rollout

Management Analyst Peter Carlstrom provided the staff report, including roll out of the CivicSpark fellowships to local communities. No action was taken on this informational item.

7. INFORMATION – The following items were provided in the agenda for information only:

A. Attendance Record

B. Update on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Ortiz asked Director Hamby from Imperial Irrigation District to give a brief update on the Colorado River negotiations situation.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Energy & Environmental Resources Committee** will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at noon with at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert, 92260.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert, 92260.

10. ADJOURN –

Chair Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elysia Regalado
Management Analyst