

ITEM 7A

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 25, 2022**



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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Christy Holstege, Councilmember, City of Palm Springs, 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 Waymond Fermon
Councilmember Christy Holstege
Mayor Steven Hernandez
Mayor Dana Reed
Mayor Ernesto Gutierrez
Councilmember Kathleen Kelly
Mayor Linda Evans
Vice Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Councilmember Ted Weill
Mayor Scott Matas
Chair Reid Milanovich
Tribal Chair Darrell Mike

AGENCY

City of Indio
City of Palm Springs
City of Coachella
City of Indian Wells
City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert
City of La Quinta
City of Blythe
County of Riverside 5th District
County of Riverside 4th District *(Arrived During Item 5)*
City of Rancho Mirage
City of Desert Hot Springs
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
(Arrived at Item 7A)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Tribal Member Brenda Soulliere
Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Supervisor Chuck Washington
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez

AGENCY

Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
County of Riverside 2nd District
County of Riverside 1st District
County of Riverside 3rd District
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

OTHERS PRESENT

Mayor Jan Harnik
Bill Higgins

AGENCY

City of Palm Desert
CALCOG Executive Director

Director JB Hamby
Greg Rodriguez
Charlie McClendon
Paul Slama
Paul Vallandigham
Margaret Park-Robinson
Martin Magana
James Brownyard
Jon McMillen
Anne Azzu
Luke Rainey
George Nicolas
Brad Anderson

Imperial Irrigation District
County of Riverside
City of Cathedral City
County of Riverside
County of Riverside
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Magana Project Management
DVBA
City of La Quinta
KOA
City of Desert Hot Springs
Individual
Individual

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk
Erica Felci
Claude Kilgore
Jonathan Hoy
Eric Cowle
Gustavo Gomez
Emmanuel Martinez
Jennifer Nelson
Allen McMillen
David Freedman
Peter Satin
Joanna Stueckle
Kathleen Brundige
Kevin Broadie
Mike Jenkins, Legal Counsel

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Steven Hernandez, City of Coachella, led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

5. CHAIR / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Holstege welcomed Tribal Chair Reid Milanovich, who said a few words to introduce himself to the Committee.

Executive Director Kirk provided an update on the Avenue 66 ribbon cutting, the North Indian Canyon Drive widening project in Desert Hot Springs, and the construction of CV Link.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Prior to the Committee's consideration of Item 6, Executive Director Kirk noted for the record that on Item 6C, the amount of the contract with The Ferguson Group should be a not-to-exceed amount of \$120,000 and the contract with Politico Group should be a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,000.

Items 6C and 6K were pulled for discussion.

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

- A. Approve the February 28, 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. This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.**
- D. Appoint CVAG Vice Chair as the primary delegate to the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority's Board of Directors, with the CVAG Director of Finance/ Administration serving as the alternate, for the current and future years**
- E. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Koff & Associates to perform a Performance Management Review Analysis at a not-to-exceed cost of \$27,540**
- F. Authorize the Executive Director to take the necessary actions and execute the required agreement with the County of Riverside to receive \$80,000 from the Coachella Valley Air Quality Enhancement Grant Program for the region's Smart Scalping and Landscape Certification Program**
- G. Support Senate Bill and authorize the Chair and/or Executive Director to sign letters of support and advocate for its approval**
- H. Authorize the Executive Director to take the necessary actions to execute a six-month contract extension with M&M Sweeping, Inc., for Regional PM 10 Street Sweeping Services**
- I. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with Inland Counties Legal Fund to accept a \$300,000, three-year grant from the State Bar of California for homelessness services**
- J. Accept the TUMF Annual and Five-Year Report for Fiscal Year 2020/2021**
- K. This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.**
- L. Authorize the CVAG Executive Director to take the necessary steps to accept \$1,063,044 of developer-obligated payments in the City of Palm Springs to offset construction costs related to CV Link**

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

MAYOR FERMON	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR REED	AYE
MAYOR GUTIERREZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLSTEGE	AYE

6.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- C. Authorize the Executive Director to extend the federal and state lobbying efforts by executing one-year contracts with The Ferguson Group for an annual not-to-exceed \$100,000 and with the Politico Group for an annual not-to-exceed \$50,000, with an option to extend an additional one-year term at the Executive Director's discretion

Answering a member's question, Mr. Kirk noted the amended amounts and clarified the not-to-exceed contract amounts were per year.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR REED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXTEND THE FEDERAL AND STATE LOBBYING EFFORTS BY EXECUTING ONE-YEAR CONTRACTS WITH THE FERGUSON GROUP FOR AN ANNUAL NOT-TO-EXCEED \$120,000 AND WITH THE POLITICO GROUP FOR AN ANNUAL NOT-TO-EXCEED \$60,000, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND AN ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERM AT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION CONTINGENT UPON A STAFF REPORT ON THE ACCESS OF FUNDING BEING PRESENTED TO THE ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE PRIOR TO EXTENDING

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

MAYOR FERMON	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR REED	AYE
MAYOR GUTIERREZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT

SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLSTEGE	AYE

- K. Adopt an 8.2-percent increase in the in the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee rates to adjust for inflation, and update the TUMF Handbook to reflect the revised fee upon its effective date of January 1, 2023

Member discussion occurred, with members noting the large jump in inflation.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HEWITT TO ADOPT AN 8.2-PERCENT INCREASE IN THE IN THE TRANSPORTATION UNIFORM MITIGATION FEE RATES TO ADJUST FOR INFLATION, AND UPDATE THE TUMF HANDBOOK TO REFLECT THE REVISED FEE UPON ITS EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2023

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

MAYOR FERMON	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR REED	AYE
MAYOR GUTIERREZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLSTEGE	AYE

7. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

- A. **Statewide Update from the California Association of Councils of Governments –**
Bill Higgins and Mayor Jan Harnik

Mr. Kirk and Palm Desert Mayor Jan Harnik, who represents CVAG at CALCOG, introduced CALCOG Executive Director Bill Higgins. Mr. Higgins provided a presentation on statewide efforts and legislation. Member discussion ensued.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. Grant Funding for Connecting CV Link to Parks in Cathedral City and Coachella – Gustavo Gomez

Gustavo Gomez presented the staff report. A brief discussion followed with committee members recognizing staff for the hard work to secure the grant.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR FERMON TO ADOPT CVAG RESOLUTION 2022-03 AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ACCEPT \$1,153,341 FOR THE COACHELLA VALLEY COMMUNITY CONNECTORS PROJECT

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 14 AYES, AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR FERMON	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR REED	AYE
MAYOR GUTIERREZ	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
MAYOR WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLSTEGE	AYE

C. Amendment No. 1 to the Reimbursement Agreement with City of Indio for the Avenue 44 Bridge Project – Eric Cowle

Eric Cowle presented the staff report. A brief discussion followed.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR REED AND SECONDED BY MAYOR FERMON TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CVAG AND THE CITY OF INDIO FOR THE AVENUE 44 BRIDGE PROJECT, INCREASING CVAG'S REGIONAL SHARE OF THE PROJECT BY \$1,561,740 FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED TOTAL OF \$3,216,000 FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 14 AYES, AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR FERMON	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE

MAYOR REED	AYE
MAYOR GUTIERREZ	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	AYE
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
MAYOR WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLSTEGE	AYE

D. Contract Amendment with Alta Planning & Design for CV Link – Jonathan Hoy

Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR REED AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 10 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ALTA PLANNING & DESIGN FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$551,352; AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES/REVISIONS BEFORE EXECUTION

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 14 AYES, AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR FERMON	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	AYE
MAYOR REED	AYE
MAYOR GUTIERREZ	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
MAYOR WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLSTEGE	AYE

8. 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) **Update on Middle-Mile Broadband Efforts**
- f) **Coordination with the Coachella Valley Energy Commission**
- g) **Inland Regional Energy Network Update**
- h) **Update on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program**
- i) **Update on the Revenue Stream Feasibility Study for Affordable Housing and Associated Transportation Needs**
- j) **CV Housing First: First Quarter Report for 2022**
- k) **Update on Ad Hoc Efforts to Explore Additional Homelessness Resources and Policies**
- l) **Monitoring Report for CVAG's CV Housing First Program**
- m) **CV Housing First's Behavioral Health Partnerships**
- n) **Riverside County's Homeless and Housing Strategic Action Plan**

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

9. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS – Emmanuel Martinez and Erin Sasse, League of California Cities

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

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

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Brad Anderson, resident of Rancho Mirage, voiced his concerns regarding the use of virtual meetings and placement of public comment on the agenda.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Holstege adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson

CVAG Executive Assistant/Clerk