

ITEM 6A

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 26, 2021**



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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by the CVAG Executive Assistant/Clerk on behalf of Chair Glenn Miller, Councilmember, City of Indio, at 4:00 p.m. via a Zoom webinar, which was pursuant to Gov. Newsom’s executive order governing how meetings are held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Comment for Closed Session Items Only:

CVAG did not receive any written or verbal public comments relating to the closed session items.

B. Closed Session

Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54957.6, the Executive Committee adjourned to Closed Session.

Conference with Labor Negotiator

Agency’s designated representative: Chair Glenn Miller and Vice Chair Christy Holstege
Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

3. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION & ROLL CALL – 4:45 p.m.

Report on Action from Closed Session

Michael Jenkins, CVAG Legal Counsel, indicated that there was no reportable action taken during the closed session and that a contract amendment would be placed on the Executive Committee’s June agenda.

ROLL CALL

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Mayor Raymond Gregory

AGENCY

City of Blythe (*Arrived after Pledge of Allegiance*)
City of Cathedral City

Mayor Steven Hernandez
Mayor Scott Matas
Mayor Richard Balocco
Councilmember Glenn Miller
Mayor Linda Evans
Mayor Kathleen Kelly
Mayor Christy Holstege
Mayor Ted Weill
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt
Tribal Chair Jeff Grubbe
Tribal Member Brenda Soulliere

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Christopher Alberts
Chris Freeland
Taylor Libolt-Varner
Anthony Madrigal
Martin Magaña
Charlie McClendon
Deborah McGarry
Jon McMillen
Bill Pattison
Araceli Palafox
Councilmember Jan Pye
Luke Rainey
Erin Sasse
Mark Scott
Brittney Sowell
Paul Vallandigham

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk
Katie Barrows
Claude Kilgore
Jon Hoy
Erica Felci
Eric Cowle
Tom Cox
Peter Satin
Val Galeana
Joanna Stueckle
Michael Jenkins

City of Coachella
City of Desert Hot Springs (*Left after 7C*)
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside 4th District (*Left after 7E*)
County of Riverside 5th District
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

AGENCY

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

AGENCY

City of Indian Wells
Lift to Rise
Twenty-nine Palms Band of Mission Indians

City of Cathedral City
Southern California Gas
City of La Quinta
City of Coachella
Lift to Rise
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Desert Hot Springs
League of California Cities
City of Indio
SunLine Transit Agency

CVAG Legal Counsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Glenn Miller led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

5. CHAIR / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Kirk announced Jonathan Hoy as the Transportation Director, highlighted the CV Link groundbreaking, and discussed the potential for federal earmarks from Congressman Raul Ruiz's office.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KELLY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO:

- A. APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 22, 2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
- B. RENAME CVAG'S PER DIEM POLICY TO BE A STIPEND POLICY (NO. 21-03), AND SET THE STIPEND AMOUNT FOR MEETING ATTENDANCE AT \$125 FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND AT \$100 FOR ALL OTHER COMMITTEES' ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**
- C. AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AMENDMENT #1 TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH RIVERSIDE COUNTY HEAP FUNDING TO ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL \$97,000 FOR THE CV HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM**
- D. ACCEPT THE ANNUAL AND FIVE-YEAR TRANSPORTATION UNIFORM MITIGATION FEE REPORT IN FULFILLMENT OF THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE MITIGATION FEE ACT**
- E. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH RENOVA ENERGY, EXTENDING ITS ADOPT A LINK PARTNERSHIP FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS TO COVER THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF THE FIRST SEGMENT OF CV LINK**
- F. AUTHORIZE THE CVAG CHAIR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 289, THE STATE'S BETTER BATTERY RECYCLING AND FIRE RISK REDUCTION OF 2021**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 13 AYES, 1 ABSTENTION AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT ON ITEM 5E; AND 14 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT ON ITEMS 5A-5D, and 5F.

VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR BALOCCO	AYE/ ABSTAIN – ITEM 5E

COUNCILMEMBER MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR HOLSTEGE	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL MEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT

5.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. CVAG Membership for Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians – Tom Kirk

Mr. Kirk presented the staff report. Chair Miller asked staff to distribute the addendum to the jurisdictions.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO APPROVE ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO THE THIRD AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF THE CVAG JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT, WHICH ESTABLISHES THE TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS AS A FORMAL MEMBER AND DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DISTRIBUTE TO MEMBER JURISDICTIONS FOR APPROVAL

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 14 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.

VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR BALOCCO	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR HOLSTEGE	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL MEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT

B. Flooding and Blowsand Projects in Western Coachella Valley – Jonathan Hoy

Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MATAS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR GREGORY TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADVANCE IMPROVEMENTS ON NORTH INDIAN CANYON ROAD, VARNER ROAD AND DATE PALM DRIVE (SOUTH OF VARNER ROAD) AS IDENTIFIED IN THE “FLOOD AND BLOWSAND RISK ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE WESTERN COACHELLA VALLEY” AS IDENTIFIED AS PROJECT NUMBERS INCN7, VRNR2, AND DPLM5

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 14 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.

VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR BALOCCO	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR HOLSTEGE	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL MEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT

C. Cash Flow Analysis for Regional Transportation Projects – Jonathan Hoy

Mr. Hoy presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued, including the identification of project readiness. Mr. Kirk discussed the possibility of earmarks, and how additional federal infrastructure funding would be factored into cash flow projections.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KELLY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO ADDRESS CASH FLOW CONCERNS BY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO:

- 1) PREPARE A VALUE-ENGINEERING STUDY AND UPDATE PROJECT EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES FOR PROJECTS WITHIN CVAG’S TRANSPORTATION PROJECT PRIORITIZATION STUDY (TPPS); AND**
- 2) REVIEW CVAG’S COST-SHARING POLICY AND RETURN WITH ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS ON RETURNING TO THE ORIGINAL 50/50 FORMULA SPLIT FOR PROJECTS’ CONSTRUCTION PHASE, WHILE MAINTAINING A 75/25 SPLIT FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION PHASES**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 14 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.

VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR BALOCCO	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR HOLSTEGE	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL MEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT

D. Update on Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Funding – Erica Felci

Erica Felci presented the staff report. Brief member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HOLSTEGE AND SECONDED BY MAYOR KELLY TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ACCEPT REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING FUNDING, INCLUDING NEGOTIATING AND EXECUTING THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND LIFT TO RISE, FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$558,000

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 13 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	ABSENT
MAYOR BALOCCO	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR HOLSTEGE	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL MEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT

E. CV Housing First: 2021 Progress and Continued Support from Desert Healthcare District/Foundation – Tom Kirk

Mr. Kirk presented the staff report. Tom Cox provided additional insight on the CV Housing First program. Member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HOLSTEGE AND SECONDED BY MAYOR BALOCCO TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT/FOUNDATION TO ACCEPT \$500,000 FOR THE CV HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM OPERATIONS

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 13 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	ABSENT
MAYOR BALOCCO	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR KELLY	AYE
MAYOR HOLSTEGE	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL MEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT

8. INFORMATION

- a) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- b) CVAG Regional Arterial Program - Project Status Report
- c) CVAG Regional Arterial Program - Contract Status Report
- d) Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program - Project Status Report
- e) Executive Committee Attendance Roster
- f) Update on ATP Cycle 5 Awards
- g) Funding Capacity of California's Highway Bridge Program
- h) Coordination with SunLine Transit Agency

- i) Update on Congressional Earmarks
- j) Update on PACE Program
- k) State Auditor's Report on Continuum of Care (COC) Agencies
- l) Update from Monitoring of CV Housing First

These items are placed in the agenda for member information.

9. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

Erin Sasse, League of California Cities, discussed efforts to secure funding through the state budget, particularly as it relates to funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Sasse also discussed the status of several bills, indicating that legislative information would be sent to CVAG staff for the purpose of distribution to Executive Committee members.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Stueckle
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Executive Assistant/Clerk