

ITEM 7A

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**



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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 Lisa Middleton
Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Ortiz
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez
Tribal Member Brenda Soulliere
Mayor Dana Reed
Mayor Pro Tem Rita Lamb
Councilmember Kathleen Kelly
Mayor Linda Evans
Vice Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt
Councilmember Ted Weill
Mayor Scott Matas
Mayor Steven Hernandez

AGENCY

City of Palm Springs
City of Indio
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians (*Arrived in item 9*)
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
City of Indian Wells
City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert
City of La Quinta
City of Blythe
County of Riverside 5th District
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 V. Manuel Perez

AGENCY

Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
County of Riverside 1st District
County of Riverside 2nd District
County of Riverside 3rd District
County of Riverside 4th District

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Jeff Hewitt 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 reminded members of the separate Zoom link for the closed session and announced the recent elections of CVAG committees.

Chair Hernandez stated he met with Antonio Villaraigosa, Infrastructure Advisor to the State of California, and noted the influx of funding coming into the state.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. Approve the June 27, 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. Authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Implementation and Management Services Agreement with Desert Community Energy, contingent on the DCE Board’s approval, to extend the existing staffing arrangement until October 30, 2027**
- D. Approve Amendment Number Two to the agreement with Southern California Mountains Foundation for the regional Tire Amnesty Program for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 through October 31, 2023; and authorize the Executive Director and/or legal counsel to make clarifying changes before execution**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, 7 MEMBERS ABSENT AND 2 ABSTENTIONS ON 7A, AND WITH 12 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT ON ITEMS 7B-D.

MAYOR MIDDLETON	AYE / ABSTAINED ON ITEM 7A
MAYOR PRO TEM ORTIZ	AYE / ABSTAINED ON ITEM 7A
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR REED	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM LAMB	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE

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

7.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Design and Engineering Services for the Western Coachella Valley Flooding and Blowsand Projects – Phase One – Jonathan Hoy

Transportation Director Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report. Mr. Hoy also noted that CVAG had received a letter from the Sierra Club regarding project coordination as it pertains to the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

Member discussion ensued, recognizing the need for creative solutions being brought forward to address the flood-prone roadways. Members also acknowledged the regional efforts to secure outside funding.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MATAS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MIDDLETON TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO: 1) EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL (MBI) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,464,631.58 TO PROVIDE DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE WESTERN COACHELLA VALLEY FLOODING AND BLOWSAND PROJECTS – PHASE ONE; AND 2) EXECUTE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE PALM SPRINGS AND CATHEDRAL CITY TO OUTLINE THE LOCAL SHARE OF PROJECT COSTS, WITH CVAG’S SHARE NOT TO EXCEED \$3,348,473.69, AND ALLOWING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE MINOR MODIFICATIONS PRIOR TO EXECUTION

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

MAYOR MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM ORTIZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR REED	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM LAMB	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	AYE

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

B. Amendment No. 2 to the Reimbursement Agreement for the Avenue 48 between Van Buren Street and Dillon Road Widening Project – Eric Cowle

Transportation Engineer Eric Cowle presented the staff report. Brief member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM ORTIZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM LAMB TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CVAG, THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND THE CITY OF COACHELLA FOR THE AVENUE 48 BETWEEN VAN BUREN STREET AND DILLON ROAD WIDENING PROJECT, ADDING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,450,000, WITH CVAG'S SHARE OF \$2,587,500, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE AND EXTENDING THE TIME TRIGGER TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION TO AUGUST 31, 2023; AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES BEFORE EXECUTION.

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

MAYOR MIDDLETON	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM ORTIZ	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR REED	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM LAMB	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
VICE MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	AYE
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	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) **Feedback from Members on the Continued Use of Virtual Meetings**
- f) **Unaudited Investment Report through June 30, 2022**
- g) **Update on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program**
- h) **Update on Inland Regional Energy Network Agreements, Governance and Programs**
- i) **Overview of the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan**
- j) **Update on Colorado River Shortages and Potential Impacts to the Salton Sea**
- k) **Regional PM10 Street Sweeping Study**
- l) **Member jurisdictions' contributions to CV Housing First**
- m) **Update on the Navigation Center in the City of Palm Springs**
- n) **Update on the State's Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court**
- o) **Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Program Overview and Next Steps**

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

10. 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**

Adding to the written report, Erin Sasse with League of California Cities updated members on key bills of interest.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

Chair Hernandez noted that former Riverside County Larry Parrish, who served as CVAG's interim director in 2009, passed away over the summer and that the meeting would be adjourned in his memory.

Prior to the closed session, members sang “Happy Birthday to You” to acknowledge Mr. Kirk’s birthday.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.8, the Executive Committee adjourned to Closed Session at 4:59 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Property: Assessor Parcel Numbers 687-060-050, 687-062-066 and 680-340-002 (City of Cathedral City)

CVAG Negotiator: Tom Kirk, Executive Director

Negotiating Party: Welk Resort Group, Inc. and Welk Park North

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment for settlement related to CV Link

The Executive Committee ended the closed session and returned to regular session at 5:09 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

On behalf of the Chair and Legal Counsel, Assistant Executive Director Erica Felci stated there was no reportable action and adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Felci

CVAG Assistant Executive Director