

**ITEM 5A**

**Energy & Environmental Resources Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2022**



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 Linda Evans, City of La Quinta, at 12:02 p.m. via Zoom, pursuant to AB 361 and the guidelines for governing how public meetings are held virtually.
- 2. ROLL CALL** – Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**Members Present**

Vice Mayor Joseph DeConinck  
Councilmember Nancy Ross  
Councilmember Russell Betts  
Director JB Hamby  
Mayor Pro Tem Donna Griffith  
Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Ortiz  
Mayor Linda Evans  
Vice President Nancy Wright  
Councilmember Gina Nestande  
Councilmember Dennis Woods  
Mayor Charles Townsend  
Riverside County – District 4

**Agency**

City of Blythe  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
Imperial Irrigation District  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
Mission Springs Water District  
City of Palm Desert (*Arrived at Item 6A*)  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

**Ex-Officios Present**

Director Russ Martin

Riverside County District 5

**Members/ Ex-Officios Not Present**

Sec./Treasurer Vincent Gonzales III  
Councilmember Neftali Galarza  
Board Member Anthony Bianco  
Board Member Patricia Oygar

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
City of Coachella  
Coachella Valley Water District Councilmember  
Desert Water Agency

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**4. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Executive Director Tom Kirk addressed Item 5B and funding for the used oil program, and noted that a contract extension would be added before the item was presented to the Executive Committee for approval.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Approve May 12, 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes**

**B. Adopt Resolution 2022-04, authorizing CVAG to act as lead applicant for funding from CalRecycle for the Used Oil Recycling Program**

**IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR TOWNSEND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

<b>Vice Mayor Joey DeConinck</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Secretary/Treasurer Vincent Gonzales III</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilmember Nancy Ross</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Netfali Galarza</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Board Member Anthony Bianco</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilmember Russell Betts</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Director JB Hamby</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Donna Griffith</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Ortiz</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Linda Evans</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice President Nancy Wright</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Gina Nestande</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilmember Dennis Woods</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Charles Townsend</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Supervisor V. Manuel Perez</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**6. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Inland Regional Energy Network Agreements, Governance and Programs – David Freedman**

David Freedman presented the staff report and provided an update on the Inland Regional Energy Network. A robust discussion ensued, with staff responding to questions.

Committee members stated they wanted to make it clear that, should the Energy and Environmental Resources Committee Chair be unavailable, the Vice Chair should have the first opportunity to represent CVAG.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANCY ROSS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM GRIFFITH TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE THE PROGRAMS AND BUDGETS AGREEMENT, MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, AND GOVERNANCE & OPERATIONS CHARTER FOR THE INLAND REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK (I-REN) PROGRAM; AND 2.) DELEGATE THE CHAIR OF THE ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, OR WHEN ABSENT THE VICE CHAIR AND THEN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, AS THE CVAG VOTING REPRESENTATIVE ON THE I-REN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, 1 ABSTENTION AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

<b>Vice Mayor Joey DeConinck</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Secretary/Treasurer Vincent Gonzales III</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilmember Nancy Ross</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Netfali Galarza</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Board Member Anthony Bianco</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilmember Russell Betts</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Director JB Hamby</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Donna Griffith</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Ortiz</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Linda Evans</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice President Nancy Wright</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Gina Nestande</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Dennis Woods</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Charles Townsend</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Supervisor V. Manuel Perez</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**B. Presentation on Energy Infrastructure Financing Option – Bryan Montgomery, Indio City Manager**

City Manager Bryan Montgomery provided a detailed presentation on energy infrastructure needs in the Coachella Valley and responded to committee members comments and questions.

It was also noted that IID was circulating an ordinance to regulate Mylar balloons, and staff indicated the item would likely come back based on feedback from the Public Safety Committee.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

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

**A. Attendance**

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

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Energy & Environmental Resources Committee** will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at noon via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 6 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

It was mentioned that the September Energy and Environmental Committee meeting would conflict with the League of California's annual conference and it was suggested moving the meeting to September 15<sup>th</sup> once members are polled for availability.

**10. ADJOURN** – Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Nelson*  
*Executive Assistant/ Clerk*