

ITEM 5A

**Energy & Environmental Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 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

Councilmember Nancy Ross
Councilmember Neftali Galarza
Councilmember Russell Betts
Director JB Hamby
Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Ortiz, *Vice Chair*
Mayor Linda Evans, *Chair*
Vice President Nancy Wright
Councilmember Gina Nestande
Councilmember Dennis Woods
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

Agency

City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
City of Desert Hot Springs
Imperial Irrigation District
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
Mission Springs Water District
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
Riverside County – District 4

Ex-Officios Present

Director Russ Martin

Riverside County – District 5

Members/ Ex-Officios Not Present

Vice President Vincent Gonzales III
Vice Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Board Member Anthony Bianco
Mayor Pro Tem Donna Griffith
Mayor Charles Townsend
Board Member Patricia Oygarr

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Blythe
Coachella Valley Water District
City of Indian Wells
City of Rancho Mirage
Desert Water Agency

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Councilmember Gina Nestande requested the Committee address the infrastructure needed to address the State’s electric vehicle goals in 2035 as well as the drought.

Councilmember Russell Betts echoed having a future agenda item on electric vehicles, including the electricity sources used to charge them.

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez noted that October 5 is California Clean Air Day and detailed regional efforts celebrate it.

Executive Director Tom Kirk introduced CVAG's new Director of Energy and Sustainability Kenyon Potter.

Oscar Ortiz provided an update from SCAG, including efforts to address the drought, and recapped the recent Coachella Valley water educational seminar.

Mr. Kirk noted that the agenda had been updated since it was first published to attach a flyer to Item 7E.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve June 9, 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes

B. 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

Mr. Kirk noted that, in the future, staff anticipated a consolidation of the tire amnesty and used oil recycling programs.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROSS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NESTANDE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

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

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Presentation: Overview of the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan – Sarah Rees of South Coast Air Quality Management District

Senior Programs Manager Emmanuel Martinez introduced the air quality items on the agenda and Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer of Planning, Rule Development for South Coast Air Quality Management District, provided the overview.

Member discussion ensued. Ms. Rees responded to members' questions, including the role of the federal government to address the clean air standards.

No action was taken on this informational item.

B. Regional PM10 Street Sweeping Study – Emmanuel Martinez

Mr. Martinez provided the staff report. Member discussion ensued, including discussion of next steps.

No action was taken on this informational item.

D. Election of Energy & Environmental Resources Committee Officers – Tom Kirk

In the interest of time, Chair Evans requested Item 7D be taken up before Item 7C.

Mr. Kirk opened the floor for nominations. A motion was made to elect Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Ortiz as chair.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALARZA AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO ELECT MAYOR PRO TEM OSCAR ORTIZ AS CHAIR OF THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

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

The election continued and Chair Evans volunteered to serve as Vice Chair.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER NESTANDE AND SECONDED BY DIRECTOR HAMBY TO ELECT MAYOR LINDA EVANS ORTIZ AS VICE CHAIR OF THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

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

C. Update on Colorado River Shortages and Potential Impacts to the Salton Sea –
Patrick O’Dowd, Executive Director of the Salton Sea Authority

This item was taken after Item 6D.

Patrick O’Dowd, Executive Director of the Salton Sea Authority, provided an overview of the latest actions and negotiations to address the Salton Sea. Member discussion ensued, with members expressing frustration about the slow progress and discussing the potential for importing water.

Chair Evans opened the discussion up for public comment. Chuck Parker, of the Salton Sea Coalition, expressed concern about the latest developments, noted an upcoming report on the potential of ocean water importation, and provided insight on negotiations with Mexico.

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. Feedback from Members on the Continued Use of Virtual Meetings**
- C. Update on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program**
- D. Public Safety Concerns Related to Mylar Balloons**
- E. Update on Inland Regional Energy Network Agreements, Governance and Programs**

In response to a question, staff indicated they would provide additional details on the potential ramifications of the program changes at the next meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Energy & Environmental Resources Committee** will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at noon via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

10. ADJOURN – Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Felci
Assistant Executive Director