

ITEM 5A

**Energy & Environmental Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 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 Oscar Ortiz, City of Indio, at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom, pursuant to AB 361 and the guidelines for governing how public meetings are held virtually.

Seeing that members were still arriving, Chair Ortiz opened the meeting with member and director comments.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Rancho Mirage Mayor Charles Townsend noted that this was his last meeting as he was departing City Council and provided departing remarks. Members acknowledged his work in the community.

Executive Director Tom Kirk noted that the January meeting would be canceled in order to accommodate a tour by the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission. The next meeting would be February 9, 2023. Mr. Kirk also followed up on previous questions from members and stated staff would be providing information on electric vehicle infrastructure at an upcoming meeting.

- 2. ROLL CALL** – Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Vice President Vincent Gonzales III
Director JB Hamby
Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Ortiz, *Chair*
Mayor Linda Evans, *Vice Chair*
Vice President Nancy Wright
Councilmember Gina Nestande
Councilmember Dennis Woods
Mayor Charles Townsend

Agency

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Imperial Irrigation District
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
Mission Springs Water District
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage

Ex-Officios Present

Director Russ Martin

Riverside County – District 5

Members/ Ex-Officios Not Present

Vice Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Councilmember Nancy Ross
Councilmember Neftali Galarza
Board Member Anthony Bianco
Councilmember Russell Betts
Mayor Pro Tem Donna Griffith
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Board Member Patricia Oyar

City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
Coachella Valley Water District
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
Riverside County – District 4
Desert Water Agency

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Continuing on this item with a quorum present, Chair Ortiz congratulated members on the recent council elections. He also provided an update from the Southern California Association of Governments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve September 15, 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR HAMBY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Vice Chair Vincent Gonzales III	Aye
Vice Mayor Joey DeConinck	Absent
Councilmember Nancy Ross	Absent
Councilmember Netfali Galarza	Absent
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Absent
Councilmember Russell Betts	Absent
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	Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Absent

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Presentation: Imperial Irrigation District's Growth and Economic Development Proposal – Jamie Asbury, Energy Department Manager, Imperial Irrigation District

Jamie Asbury, IID's Energy Department Manager, provided an overview of the proposal being considered by IID for its ratepayers. Member discussion ensued, including discussion on community engagement and the potential challenges with an opt-out program.

There was no action taken on this informational item.

B. Contract for the Regional PM10 Street Sweeping Program – Emmanuel Martinez

Senior Programs Manager Emmanuel Martinez provided the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR TOWNSEND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CLEANSTREET FOR REGIONAL STREET SWEEPING SERVICES THROUGH 2025, WITH AN OPTION FOR TWO, ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS, FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$763,573.96

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Vice Chair Vincent Gonzales III	Aye
Vice Mayor Joey DeConinck	Absent
Councilmember Nancy Ross	Absent
Councilmember Netfali Galarza	Absent
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Absent
Councilmember Russell Betts	Absent
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	Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Absent

Chair Ortiz noted that Supervisor Perez sent his regrets about missing the meeting, but had a conflicting Salton Sea meeting with Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot.

C. Opportunities for Sustainable Urban Greening and Heat Mitigation Initiatives –
Kenyon Potter

Energy and Sustainability Director Kenyon Potter provided the staff report. Member discussion ensued with a focus on opportunities for shade tree programs. An update on water usage was requested for a future meeting.

There was no action taken on this informational item. Members expressed a consensus for CVAG seeking grants and funding opportunities, and staff indicated related items would be presented at future meetings.

D. Federal and State Legislative Advocacy in 2023 – Emmanuel Martinez

Mr. Martinez provided the staff report. Brief member discussion ensued. The Chair also requested that a future update on electric infrastructure include discussion of hydrogen.

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

A. Attendance Record

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

C. Used Oil Recycling Program Event Schedule for 2023

D. Waste Tire Amnesty Cycle 5 (TA5) Final Report

E. Recent News Coverage of the Salton Sea

F. SB 535 and California Climate Investments - Tribal Designation

G. Update on Inland Regional Energy Network Agreements, Programs, and Governance

H. Utility Box Art Wrap Programs

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The January meeting of the **Energy & Environmental Resources Committee** is expected to be canceled. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at noon via Zoom webinar.

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

10. ADJOURN – Prior to the end of the meeting, Chair Ortiz acknowledged departing Committee members: Mayor Townsend and Councilmember Woods. Chair Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Felci
Assistant Executive Director