

ITEM 7A

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 7, 2021**



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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by CVAG Chair Glenn Miller, Councilmember, City of Indio at 4:30 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. 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
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
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez

AGENCY

City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella *(Arrived during Item 4)*
City of Desert Hot Springs
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
County of Riverside 5th District *(Arrived during Item 7A)*
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians *(Arrived during Item 4)*
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Supervisor Chuck Washington

AGENCY

County of Riverside 2nd
County of Riverside 1st District
County of Riverside 3rd District

OTHERS PRESENT

Pat Cooper
J. Ray Kennedy

AGENCY

County of Riverside
2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Chris Freeland
Isaiah Hagerman
Martin Magaña
Charlie McClendon
Jon McMillen
Bryan Montgomery
Luke Rainey
Greg Rodriguez
David Salgado
Erin Sasse
Paul Slama

City of Indian Wells
City of Rancho Mirage
CVAG consultant
City of Cathedral City
City of La Quinta
City of Indio
City of Desert Hot Springs
County of Riverside
Southern California Association of Governments
League of California Cities
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk
Jonathan Hoy
Katie Barrows
Claude Kilgore
Erica Felci
Eric Cowle
Peter Satin
Val Galeana
Joanna Stueckle
Trisha Stull
Beverly Newton
Michael Jenkins

CVAG Legal Counsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Scott Matas led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Tom Kirk gave an update on the construction of CV Link, which included information on the Bump and Grind access point and Promontory Point. Mr. Kirk also gave an update on potential funding from the Cycle 5 Active Transportation Program (ATP) as well as from federal earmarks. Mr. Kirk concluded by announcing the June 28 virtual General Assembly and encouraged all of CVAG's elected membership to attend.

Mr. Kirk also informed the Committee about the State's ongoing budget negotiations as it pertains to the potential for funding affordable housing in the Coachella Valley. Lift to Rise has been working with the Coachella Valley two Assembly to include a \$25 million allocation of these additional funds to the Coachella Valley, and the budget negotiations have included directing the funding to CVAG, which would then be responsible for making it available for the intended purposes, particularly the Housing Catalyst fund. Mr. Kirk told the Committee that, if approved in Sacramento, additional details and request for CVAG's authorizations would be presented for consideration at future meetings.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ:

- A. APPROVE THE APRIL 26, 2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
- B. REAPPOINT INDIO COUNCILMEMBER OSCAR ORTIZ TO SCAG'S ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND APPOINT INDIO MAYOR PRO TEM WAYMOND FERMON TO SCAG'S COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, NAMING CATHEDRAL CITY COUNCILMEMBER MARK CARNEVALE AS THE ALTERNATE MEMBER
- C. APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CVAG'S BY-LAWS TO UPDATE THE ROTATION OF THE CVAG CHAIRMANSHIP AND REFLECT CURRENT MEMBERSHIP
- D. APPOINT CATHEDRAL CITY MAYOR RAYMOND GREGORY AND TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS' TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR SHAWN ISAAC TO SERVE ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
- E. APPOINT INDIO CITY MANAGER BRYAN MONTGOMERY TO SERVE AS CVAG'S REPRESENTATIVE ON RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM, WHICH ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2022
- F. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AMENDMENT #2 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CVAG AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS SERVICES, EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT FOR GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC POLICY ADVISOR GREG RODRIGUEZ THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022, WITH AN OPTIONAL SECOND YEAR, FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$30,000 ANNUALLY
- G. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EBIZUNIVERSE, INC. TO COMPLETE WEBSITE REDESIGN FOR CVAG AND THE COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION (CVCC), AT A COST TO CVAG OF \$6,425 AND A COST TO CVCC OF \$4,825, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST NOT TO EXCEED \$11,250
- H. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE NO-COST MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO; INLAND COUNTIES LEGAL SERVICES INC.; INLAND EMPIRE HEALTH PLAN; JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF THE DESERT; AS WELL AS OTHER PROVIDERS WHO CAN EXPAND THE SERVICES TO ASSIST THE CV HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM
- I. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT #3 TO THE CVAG/CVCC AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN, INCREASING THE ANNUAL MAXIMUM AMOUNT TO \$850,000

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 15 AYES AND 3 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 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	AYE

5.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Presentation: California's Redistricting Process and the Redrawing of Legislative Districts

J. Ray Kennedy, 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission, presented an education session to the members regarding the process of redistricting in California. Mr. Kennedy encouraged public input, scheduled to begin the following week.

This was an informational item. No action was taken.

B. Executive Director Employment Contract – Michael Jenkins

Michael Jenkins presented the proposed updates to the Executive Director contract as was discussed by the Executive Committee in a previous Closed Session. The updates included an extended 5-year term to June 30, 2026; a salary increase from \$229,412 to \$290,000; a deferred compensation increase from \$2,936 to the maximum amount allowed annually by the IRS (\$26,000 in 2021); and cost of living adjustments (COLA) provided to CVAG staff as recommended by the Administrative/Personnel Committee and approved by the Executive Committee as part of the annual fiscal year budget. Mr. Jenkins indicated that all other provisions of the Executive Director contract would remain the same.

Brief member comments were made.

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED UPDATED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONTRACT, EXTENDING THE 5-YEAR CONTRACT TO JUNE 30, 2026; INCREASING THE SALARY FROM \$229,412 TO \$290,000; INCREASING THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION FROM \$2,936 TO THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BY THE IRS (\$26,000 in 2021); AND INCLUDING COST OF LIVING (COLA) ADJUSTMENTS PROVIDED TO STAFF AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND APPROVED AS PART OF THE FISCAL YEAR BUDGET BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 15 AYES AND 3 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 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	AYE

C. Proposed CVAG FY 2021/2022 Budget – Claude Kilgore

Claude Kilgore presented the proposed 2021/2022 fiscal year budget. Mr. Kilgore's overview of the budget included information on revenue, expenditures, staffing and the CalPERS unfunded liability. Mr. Kilgore indicated that action will be sought at the June 28, 2021 meeting of the Executive Committee. Member discussion ensued.

This was an informational item. No action was taken.

D. Selection of CVAG/CVCC/DCE Independent Auditor – Claude Kilgore

Mr. Kilgore presented the staff report. Brief member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT TO HIRE DAVIS FARR LLP TO SERVE AS CVAG'S INDEPENDENT AUDITOR.

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 15 AYES AND 3 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 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	AYE

8. INFORMATION

- a) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- b) CVAG Regional Arterial Program - Project Status Report
- c) Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program - Project Status Report
- d) Executive Committee Attendance Roster
- e) CV Housing First's Use of the Palm Springs Boxing Club
- f) Update on the Alan Seman Bus Pass Program
- g) Desert Cities Energy Partnership Final Report
- h) CVAG's Participation in the Institute for Local Government's BOOST Program
- i) Member Survey on CVAG Meetings in Post-COVID Environment
- j) Update on Congressional Earmarks
- k) CV Link Endowment for Management of Mitigation Sites for Casey's June Beetle

These items were placed in the agenda for member information.

9. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

Erin Sasse, League of California Cities, gave members an update on legislative issues.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 28, 2021, with closed session at 4 p.m. and regular session at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Stueckle

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Executive Assistant/Clerk