

## **ITEM 4A**

### **Energy & Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes November 13, 2025**



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 12:07 p.m. at the Coachella Valley Water District Steve Robbins Administration Building Training Room, 75515 East Hovely Lane, in the City of Palm Desert. Zoom videoconferencing was available from the City of Blythe and Imperial Irrigation District’s office in El Centro.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

#### **Members Present**

Mayor Joseph DeConinck  
Councilmember Dirk Voss  
Mayor Pro Tem Dana Reed  
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz, *Chair*  
Mayor Linda Evans, *Vice Chair*  
Director Amber Duff  
Councilmember Gina Nestande  
Mayor Pro Tem Lynn Mallotto  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

#### **Agency**

City of Blythe (*via Zoom*)  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
Mission Springs Water District  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Rancho Mirage  
Riverside County – District 4

#### **Members/ Ex-Officios Not Present**

Mayor Nancy Ross  
Councilmember Stephanie Virgen  
Director Anthony Bianco  
Director JB Hamby  
Mayor Ron deHarte  
Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez  
Tribal Chair Joseph Mirelez

City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Imperial Irrigation District  
City of Palm Springs  
Riverside County – District 5  
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Nestande led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Donald Ziegler, resident of Palm Desert, provided public comment on item 7A and expressed his concern regarding the planning and management process of the Regional Climate Action Plan project and highlighted the crucial factors that need to be addressed in the work plan.

### **5. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Supervisor Perez asked Senior Legislative Analyst Grace Garner to provide an update on the dust summit held in the Coachella Valley on November 6. The summit included participation from South Coast Air Quality District, Riverside County Department of Public Health, University of California Riverside (UCR), CVAG, and other local leaders, and focused on addressing air quality issues in the region.

Executive Director Tom Kirk suggested an agenda modification in order to move Item 7C ahead of Item 7A in order to ensure a quorum and to accommodate individuals who indicated they would need to leave the meeting early.

Chair Ortiz informed the Committee that the City of Indio has issued a request for proposals for adobe and straw house homes in order to study the affordability of these construction types, as well as their long-term energy-saving potential. The City is awaiting responses to the proposal.

## **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **A. Approve the minutes from the September 11, 2025, meeting**

**IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR DUFF AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.**

<b>Mayor DeConinck</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Ross</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilmember Virgen</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Bianco</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilmember Voss</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Director Hamby</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Reed</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Ortiz</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Evans</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Director Duff</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Nestande</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor deHarte</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Mallotto</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Supervisor Perez</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Tribal Chairman Mirelez</b>	<b>Absent</b>

### **6.1 ITEMS HELD OVER FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

None

## **7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

The Committee took Item C out of order as recommended by staff.

### **C. Contract Amendment for the Regional PM10 Street Sweeping Program**

Transportation Program Manager Julie Mignogna presented the staff report and detailed the contract amendment as well as proposed funding increase among jurisdictions.

Member discussion ensued with Ms. Mignogna answering questions from the Committee regarding costs and frequency of service in each jurisdiction.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM REED AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VOSS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO:**

- 1. EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH SWEEPING CORPORATION OF AMERICA FOR REGIONAL STREET SWEEPING SERVICES, ADDING AN ADDITIONAL \$279,311 A YEAR AND EXTENDING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027;**
- 2. TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO SECURE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING FUNDING FROM SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**
- 3. EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO THE AB 2766 VEHICLE REGISTRATION REVENUE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EACH JURISDICTION, INCREASING THE FUNDING CONTRIBUTION FROM 75 TO 100 PERCENT AND EXTENDING THE TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.**

<b>Mayor DeConinck</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Ross</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilmember Virgen</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Bianco</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilmember Voss</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Director Hamby</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Reed</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Ortiz</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Evans</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Director Duff</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Nestande</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor deHarte</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Mallotto</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Supervisor Perez</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Tribal Chairman Mirelez</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**A. Climate Pollution Reduction Act Program – Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan**

Program Manager Jacob Alvarez provided a brief introduction to the staff report and then introduced Rich Walter of ICF, who then presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the action plan.

Brief member discussion ensued with Mr. Walter answering questions from the Committee regarding information presented and the deadline for submitting the plan.

No action was taken as this item was an informational item only.

**B. Inland Regional Energy Network’s Business Plan**

Program Manager Jacob Alvarez presented the staff report.

Brief committee discussion followed, during which Mr. Alvarez responded to questions regarding outreach events and related sponsorships.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VOSS TO AUTHORIZE THE ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, AND CVAG'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE THE 2028 I-REN APPLICATION AND BUSINESS PLAN TO CONTINUE EXISTING PROGRAMS AND CONTINUE THE ADVOCACY FOR EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT RESIDENTIAL HOMES AS WELL AS SMALL AND MEDIUM COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.**

Mayor DeConinck	Aye
Mayor Ross	Absent
Councilmember Virgen	Absent
Director Bianco	Absent
Councilmember Voss	Aye
Director Hamby	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Reed	Aye
Councilmember Ortiz	Aye
Mayor Evans	Aye
Director Duff	Aye
Councilmember Nestande	Aye
Mayor deHarte	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Mallotto	Aye
Supervisor Perez	Aye
Tribal Chairman Mirelez	Absent

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

- A. Attendance Record**
- B. Native Planting Palette Resources for the Coachella Valley**
- C. Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty Grant- TA7 Annual Report**
- D. Coordination of Clean Energy Programs for Residential, Commercial and Industrial Sectors**

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

None

## 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Energy & Sustainability Committee** will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at noon at the Coachella Valley Water District, Steve Robbins Administration Building Training Room, 75515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, 92260.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at the Coachella Valley Water District, Steve Robbins Administration Building Training Room, 75515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, 92260.

**11. ADJOURN** – Chair Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elysia Regalado, Deputy Clerk*