

ITEM 7A

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 28, 2025**



1. CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Ted Weill, Mayor, City of Rancho Mirage at 4:34 p.m. at CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, CA 92260. Videoconferencing was available from the City of Blythe.

2. ROLL CALL

A roll call of the Executive Committee was taken, and it was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Scott Matas, *Past Chair*
Mayor Steven Hernandez
Mayor Ron deHarte
Mayor Glenn Miller
Mayor Bruce Whitman
Mayor Jan Harnik
Mayor Linda Evans
Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, *Vice Chair*
Mayor Ted Weill, *Chair*

AGENCY

City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Coachella
City of Palm Springs
City of Indio
City of Indian Wells
City of Palm Desert
City of La Quinta
City of Blythe
County of Riverside 4th District
City of Rancho Mirage

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mayor Nancy Ross
Tribal Member Brenda Soulliere
Tribal Chair Reid Milanovich
Tribal Chair Darrell Mike
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez
Supervisor Jose Medina
Supervisor Chuck Washington
Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez

AGENCY

City of Cathedral City
Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
County of Riverside 1st District
County of Riverside 3rd District
County of Riverside 5th District

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Weill led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (IF ANY)

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

6. CHAIR/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Tom Kirk provided updates on CV Sync, which was recognized for regional excellence at the CalCOG conference held in Sacramento in March. Mr. Kirk also announced CV Sync has partnered with Goldenvoice for this year's Coachella and Stagecoach events.

Mr. Kirk announced CVAG was requesting congressional earmarks for the Interstate 10 bypass project on Varner Road, as well as Indian Canyon ACCESS project.

Mr. Kirk provided an update on the upcoming call for projects through Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) under the newly established scoring guidelines. CVAG anticipates three applications for these projects to include: Arts & Music Line, Interstate 10 at Monroe Interchange, and a priority transit project.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Item G was pulled for discussion by Mayor Jan Harnik.

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MILLER TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 7A-F and 7H-I

- A. Approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting**
- B. Authorize the Executive Director, in consultation with the CVAG Chair, to execute the necessary contracts to host an in-person dinner event for the 2025 CVAG General Assembly**
- C. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Veralink Corporation, adding an additional \$20,000 a year for managed information technology services**
- D. Appoint Desert Hot Springs Interim City Manager Doria Wilms to the Finance Committee for a term that extends through June 30, 2027**
- E. Authorize the Executive Director to add an additional \$28,221 to the authorized expenditures for the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) financial system to expand the number of user licenses and to incorporate Oracle America's bill capture program into system rollout**
- F. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a construction contract with Granite Construction Company for a not-to-exceed amount of \$544,444, including a 10 percent contingency, for the CV Link Community Connector project in the City of Coachella**
- G. *Item was pulled***
- H. Adopt a 2.03 percent increase in Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) rates**

to take effect January 1, 2026, and update the TUMF Handbook to reflect the revised fee upon its effective date

- I. Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the first quarter of 2025

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 9 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR WHITMAN	AYE
MAYOR ROSS	ABSENT
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
MAYOR WEILL	AYE

7.1. ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- G. Appoint Cathedral City Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory and La Quinta Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick to the ad hoc committee that works with Caltrans on Interstate 10 improvements

Item 7G from the Consent Calendar was pulled by Mayor Harnik for discussion.

Mayor Harnik reports nominated Palm Springs Councilmember David Ready to also be appointed to the ad hoc committee. Brief member discussion and Mayor Harnik noted she spoke to Councilmember Ready and he is willing to serve.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HARNIK AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO APPOINT CATHEDRAL CITY MAYOR PRO TEM RAYMOND GREGORY, LA QUINTA COUNCILMEMBER KATHLEEN FITZPATRICK AND PALM SPRINGS COUNCILMEMBER DAVID READY TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE THAT WORKS WITH CALTRANS ON INTERSTATE 10 IMPROVEMENTS

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 9 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT

TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR WHITMAN	AYE
MAYOR ROSS	ABSENT
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
MAYOR WEILL	AYE

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Update on Proposed Amendments to South Coast Air Quality Management District's Rules 1111 & 1121 Phasing Out Gas Water Heaters & Furnaces and \$21M Go Zero Pilot Program Supports Residents & Small Businesses Transitioning to Zero-Nox Appliances

Program Manager Jacob Alvarez presented the staff report and introduced South Coast Air Quality Management Air Quality Specialist's Peter Campbell and Jen Vinh, who provided more information on the proposed amendments.

Robust member discussion with members expressing their deep concerns regarding the proposed amendments. This included questions about the financial and technical feasibility of the proposed changes. SCAQMD staff answered a number of questions from members.

Members also reviewed a letter that was drafted based on feedback from the Energy & Sustainability Committee, and directed staff to revise the letter to express stronger language that reflected the discussion. Committee members also echoed a request from Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, and SCAQMD Board member, to receive more detailed research and information about the nitrogen oxide (Nox) emissions and the health benefits of these policies, and directed staff to coordinate with the Supervisor and the Chairs of both committees to finalize the letters.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR DEHARTE TO AUTHORIZE THE CVAG CHAIR AND ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY CHAIR TO ISSUE LETTERS OF CONCERN REGARDING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES 1111 AND 1121, WITH STRONGER LANGUAGE INCLUDED AND REITERRATING REQUESTS FOR DATA AND MORE INFORMATION

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 9 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR WHITMAN	AYE
MAYOR ROSS	ABSENT
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
MAYOR WEILL	AYE

B. Improvements along Avenue 50 from Oates Lane to State Route 86

Transportation Program Manager Julie Mignogna presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MILLER TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF COACHELLA TO PROVIDE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES (PS&E) AND RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) ACQUISITION OF PHASE 2 OF THE AGREEMENT FOR A NEW AVENUE 50 BRIDGE OVER THE WHITEWATER RIVER AND A NEW INTERCHANGE AT AVENUE 50 AND STATE ROUTE 86, INCLUSIVE OF ADDING A SEGMENT OF AVENUE 50 BETWEEN OATES LANE AND CABAZON DRIVE, EXTENDING THE TIME TRIGGER TO JULY 2029 AND INCREASING THE REGIONAL SHARE COST BY \$5,375,000

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 9 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR WHITMAN	AYE
MAYOR ROSS	ABSENT
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE

SUPERVISOR MEDINA	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
MAYOR WEILL	AYE

C. CV Link Extension to the Salton Sea – Julie Mignogna

Ms. Mignogna presented the staff report. Brief member discussion ensued with Ms. Mignogna answering questions about coordination with project partners.

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO:

- 1. EXECUTE A SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DOKKEN ENGINEERING, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,227,502, TO CONDUCT A PROJECT STUDY REPORT-PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT (PSR-PDS) PROJECT INITIATION DOCUMENT FOR THE CV LINK MECCA/NORTH SHORE EXTENSION PROJECTL AND**
- 2. EXECUTE A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FOR A 50-50 COST SHARE, WITH CVAG’S SHARE NOT TO EXCEED \$613,751**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, 1 ABSTENTION, AND 9 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR WHITMAN	ABSTAINED
MAYOR ROSS	ABSENT
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
MAYOR WEILL	AYE

D. Final Stages of CV Link Construction

Director of Transportation Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report, detailing the final stages of construction and next steps of the project.

Brief member discussion ensued with Mayor Hernandez pointing out the impressive amount of grant dollars received overall for this project.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MATAS AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO WRAP THE FINAL STAGES OF CV LINK CONSTRUCTION, AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO:

- 1. EXECUTE ADDITIONAL CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE CV LINK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS WITH AMES AND GRANITE FOR A COMBINED, NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$15,000,000;**
- 2. EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 15 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ALTA PLANNING & DESIGN FOR AN ADDITIONAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$198,000 AND EXTENDING THE TERM UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND**
- 3. EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ANSER ADVISORY FOR AN ADDITIONAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$2,276,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND EXTEND THE TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, 1 ABSTENTION, AND 9 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR WHITMAN	ABSTAINED
MAYOR ROSS	ABSENT
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
MAYOR WEILL	AYE

E. Contract Amendment for CV Sync Phase II Construction Management

Assistant Transportation Director Mark Lancaster presented the staff report. Brief member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MATAS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HARNIK TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH TKE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$2,100,000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2026 FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATED TO CV SYNC PHASE II

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 9 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR WHITMAN	AYE
MAYOR ROSS	ABSENT
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
MAYOR WEILL	AYE

F. Next Steps for the Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS) Update

Assistant Transportation Director Randy Bowman presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HARNIK AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,482,275 TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE 2016 TRANSPORTATION PROJECT PRIORITIZATION STUDY (TPPS) AND COMPANION DOCUMENTS

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 9 MEMBERS ABSENT.

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MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	ABSENT
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SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
MAYOR WEILL	AYE

9. INFORMATION

- a) Executive Committee Attendance
- b) Regional Transportation Project Status Report
- c) Additional funding for the Interstate 10/Monroe Street interchange Project
- d) Conflict of Interest Guidance
- e) One Year Update from the Palm Springs Navigation Center
- f) Annual contributions to the CV Housing First Program
- g) Landlord Incentive Program for Increasing Available Units
- h) I-REN Energy Fellowship Program
- i) I-REN Business Plan Update

10. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS –

- a) Update from the League of California Cities- Jesse Ramirez, Regional Affairs Manager, Riverside County Division

Mr. Ramirez joined the meeting via Zoom and provide an update regarding the annual Cal Cities conference in Sacramento last week.

- b) Recap of CVAG's Legislative Advocacy Efforts

Program Manager Emmanuel Martinez provided a brief recap of the staff report.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Weill adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst