

ITEM 7A

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**



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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Matas, Mayor, City of Desert Hot Springs, at 4:32 p.m. at CVAG Conference Room, Suite 104, in Palm Desert, with videoconferencing provided from the City of Blythe.

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

Mayor Steven Hernandez, *Past Chair*
Mayor Grace Garner
Mayor Oscar Ortiz
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez
Tribal Chair Reid Milanovich
Mayor Donna Griffith
Mayor Rita Lamb
Mayor Kathleen Kelly
Mayor Linda Evans
Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Councilmember Ted Weill, *Vice Chair*
Mayor Scott Matas, *Chair*

AGENCY

City of Coachella
City of Palm Springs (*arrived at item 7*)
City of Indio
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians (*arrived at item 7*)
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Indian Wells
City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert
City of La Quinta
City of Blythe
County of Riverside 4th District (*arrived at item 7*)
City of Rancho Mirage
City of Desert Hot Springs

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Tribal Chair Darrell Mike
Tribal Member Brenda Soulliere
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Supervisor Chuck Washington
Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez

AGENCY

Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
County of Riverside 1st District
County of Riverside 3rd District
County of Riverside 5th District

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Ted Weill led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Management Analyst Elysia Regalado read a submitted public comment from Eric Cunningham, resident of Rancho Mirage, regarding Agenda Item 9p and the importance of regional efforts around emergency preparedness.

6. CHAIR / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KELLY AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

A. Approve the June 26, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

B. Approve CVAG Resolution 2023-004/ Policy 23-02, amending the Conflict of Interest Code for CVAG and submit the code for approval and filing to its Code Reviewing Body, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors

C. Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the second quarter of 2023

D. Authorize the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to accept \$34,393.59 in additional funding from the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program, including amending the scope of work to reflect services offered by the CV Housing Program

E. Appoint the Rancho Mirage Councilmember Ted Weill and City of Indio Environmental Programs Coordinator Sara Toyoda as CVAG's representatives on the Solid Waste Advisory Council/Countywide Local Taskforce, and City of Cathedral City Environmental Conservation Manager Deanna Pressgrove and City of Palm Springs Director of Sustainability Lindsey-Paige McCloy as taskforce alternates, for two-year terms

F. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-003 promoting California Clean Air Day to raise awareness of the importance of improving air quality to improve public health

G. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a one-year services contract with HF&H Consultants, LLC for a total not-to-exceed annual amount of \$56,995 for the Used Oil Recycling Program, with the option for two additional years, all contingent on receiving a CalRecycle grant

H. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Reimbursement Agreement with the County of Riverside and the City of Coachella for the Avenue 48 Between Van Buren Street and Dillon Road Widening Project, extending the time trigger to commence construction to August 31, 2024; and authorize the Executive Director and/or Legal Counsel to make clarifying changes before execution

I. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a professional service agreement with HR Green Pacific, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$978,460 to provide engineering services for the Coachella Valley Broadband Strategic Plan

J. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 5 with Advantec Consulting Engineers, Inc. for an additional amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000 for construction support services for the CV Sync – Phase II project

K. Authorize the Executive Director to commit regional transportation funding to maximize the competitiveness for the 2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant program and other federal funding opportunities, with the condition that actual expenditure of funds would be dependent on securing grant funding and funding contributions by local jurisdictions

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT.

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| MAYOR HERNANDEZ | AYE |
| MAYOR GARNER | AYE |
| MAYOR ORTIZ | ABSENT |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE | ABSENT |
| TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ | AYE |
| TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE | ABSENT |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH | AYE |
| MAYOR GRIFFITH | AYE |
| MAYOR LAMB | AYE |
| MAYOR KELLY | AYE |
| MAYOR EVANS | AYE |
| MAYOR DECONINCK | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ | ABSENT |
| COUNCILMEMBER WEILL | AYE |
| MAYOR MATAS | AYE |

7.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Regional Efforts to Secure Funding to Address the Impacts of Tropical Storm Hilary

Executive Director Tom Kirk provided the staff report along with a brief PowerPoint presentation of before and after pictures of the damage from the storm.

Bruce Barton, Director of the Riverside County Director of Emergency Management, provided the Executive Committee with information regarding estimated storm damages and the status of federal and state funding assistance possibilities.

Member discussion ensued along with Mr. Barton and Jason Uhley, General Manager for Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, addressing member questions regarding federal funding reimbursement and how the region can make sure it is prepared for possible future events.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KELLY AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND/OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY STEPS NECESSARY TO ADVOCATE FOR A FEDERAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND SECURE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE DEVASTATING IMPACTS OF TROPICAL STORM HILARY

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| MAYOR ORTIZ | ABSENT |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE | ABSENT |
| TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ | AYE |
| TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE | ABSENT |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH | AYE |
| MAYOR GRIFFITH | AYE |
| MAYOR LAMB | AYE |
| MAYOR KELLY | AYE |
| MAYOR EVANS | AYE |
| MAYOR DECONINCK | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ | ABSENT |
| COUNCILMEMBER WEILL | AYE |
| MAYOR MATAS | AYE |

B. Contract Amendment with Michael Baker International (MBI) for the Western Coachella Valley Flooding and Blowsand Projects – Phase One-

Transportation Director Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEILL AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND/OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO:

- 1) EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL (MBI) INCREASING THE FEE AN ADDITIONAL \$794,786 TO ESTABLISH A REVISED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED OF \$5,259,417.58 TO PROVIDE DESIGN, ENGINEERING, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE WESTERN COACHELLA VALLEY FLOODING AND BLOWSAND PROJECTS- PHASE ONE; AND**
- 2) EXECUTE NEW OR AMENDED REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE PALM SPRINGS, CATHEDRAL CITY AND DESERT HOT SPRINGS TO OUTLINE THE LOCAL SHARE OF PROJECT COSTS, WITH CVAG'S SHARE NOT TO EXCEED \$3,944,562.75,**

AND ALLOWING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE MINOR MODIFICATIONS PRIOR TO EXECUTION

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| MAYOR ORTIZ | ABSENT |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE | ABSENT |
| TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ | AYE |
| TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE | ABSENT |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH | AYE |
| MAYOR GRIFFITH | AYE |
| MAYOR LAMB | AYE |
| MAYOR KELLY | AYE |
| MAYOR EVANS | AYE |
| MAYOR DECONINCK | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ | ABSENT |
| COUNCILMEMBER WEILL | AYE |
| MAYOR MATAS | AYE |

C. Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee Focused on Improving Interstate 10

Chair Matas discussed the reasoning behind his request to create an ad hoc committee and the issues it wishes to address over time. The Transportation Committee had nominated the following members: City of Desert Hot Springs Mayor Scott Matas (Chair), County of Riverside Supervisor V Manuel Perez, City of Palm Desert Councilmember Jan Harnik, City of Palm Springs Councilmember Lisa Middleton, and City of Indian Wells Councilmember Dana Reed. Additionally, Chair Matas added that the committee would like to appoint Mayor Hernandez to serve as an alternate for Chair or County Supervisor's position on ad hoc Committee.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR KELLY TO CREATE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH CALTRANS ON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROVE THE MEMBERS NOMINATED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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| MAYOR ORTIZ | ABSENT |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE | ABSENT |
| TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ | AYE |
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| TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH | AYE |
| MAYOR GRIFFITH | AYE |

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| MAYOR LAMB | AYE |
| MAYOR KELLY | AYE |
| MAYOR EVANS | AYE |
| MAYOR DECONINCK | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ | ABSENT |
| COUNCILMEMBER WEILL | AYE |
| MAYOR MATAS | AYE |

D. Reimbursement Agreement for Avenue 50 Bridge Project over the La Quinta Evacuation Channel

Gustavo Gomez, Transportation Management Analyst, presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO APPROVE THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LA QUINTA FOR THE AVENUE 50 BRIDGE PROJECT FROM WASHINGTON STREET SPANNING THE EVACUATION CHANNEL, PROVIDING A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$3,849,750 IN REGIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT'S PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS & ESTIMATES, RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND CONSTRUCTION PHASES

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| MAYOR ORTIZ | ABSENT |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE | ABSENT |
| TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ | AYE |
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| MAYOR GRIFFITH | AYE |
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| MAYOR EVANS | AYE |
| MAYOR DECONINCK | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ | ABSENT |
| COUNCILMEMBER WEILL | AYE |
| MAYOR MATAS | AYE |

E. Designation of 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Funds

Transportation Director Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued with Mr. Hoy addressing questions regarding increased costs of the Monroe Street interchange project.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ TO

- 1. APPROVE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RCTC) STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO PROGRAM \$6,632,729 OF COACHELLA VALLEY'S 2024 STIP FUNDING TOWARD CV RAIL TIER 2 ENVIRONMENTAL PHASE; AND**
- 2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECOMMEND TO RCTC THAT IT DESIGNATE AN ESTIMATED \$6,678,587 IN AVAILABLE 2024 STIP FUNDING TO THE INTERSTATE 10/MONROE STREET INTERCHANGE PROJECT, CONTINGENT ON AN EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT'S ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST INCREASES, PROJECT SCHEDULE, AND LOCAL FUNDING**

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| SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON | ABSENT |
| SUPERVISOR PEREZ | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ | ABSENT |
| COUNCILMEMBER WEILL | AYE |
| MAYOR MATAS | AYE |

F. Regional Approach to Regulating Mylar Balloons in Public Spaces

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci presented the staff report and the separate committee recommendations.

Member discussion ensued regarding the recommendations issued by the Public Safety Committee and the Energy & Sustainability Committee including Mayor Kelly sharing with the committee the reasons the City of Palm Desert decided to adopt their ordinance

Multiple members of the committee expressed concerns about how the ordinance would be enforced or how the education portion of the ordinance would be funded.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KELLY AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR

MIRELEZ TO DIRECT STAFF TO SHARE THE TWO SEPARATE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THE ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO EACH MEMBER JURISDICTION AND ALLOW THEM TO DECIDE THE APPROACH TO TAKE WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION

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| SUPERVISOR PEREZ | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ | ABSENT |
| COUNCILMEMBER WEILL | AYE |
| MAYOR MATAS | AYE |

9. INFORMATION

- a) Executive Committee Attendance
- b) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- c) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report
- d) Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program – Project Status Report
- e) CVAG Quarterly Investment Report
- f) Letter from CVAG Chairman Scott Matas
- g) Funding from REAP 2.0 County Transportation Commission Partnership Program
- h) Active Transportation Program Cycle 7 Update
- i) Update on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program
- j) Efforts to fund regional shade and tree initiatives
- k) Demand Side Grid Support and Distributed Electricity Backup Assets Programs

- l) Update on the Inland Regional Energy Network
- m) Update on efforts to identify funding for electric vehicle planning and infrastructure
- n) Imperial Irrigation District Governance and Electricity Services Study Update
- o) Riverside County's Coordinated Response to Asylum Seekers
- p) National Preparedness Month
- q) Riverside County's Homeless Action Plan
- r) Rollout of the State's Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court
- s) Annual Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Individuals

These items were provided to the Committee for members' information.

10. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS –

- a) Update on CVAG's state advocacy efforts- Emmanuel Martinez

This item was provided to the Committee for members' information.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

Mayor Kelly from the City of Palm Desert informed the committee that SCAG will be hosting its Connect SoCal Workshop on November 6th after the Transportation Committee meeting in Suite 104 and attendance is recommended. Staff would follow up with additional information.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Matas adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst