

ITEM 7A

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2024**



1. CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Matas, Mayor of the City of Desert Hot Springs, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, in the City of Palm Desert. Zoom videoconferencing was available 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 Jeffrey Bernstein
Councilmember Waymond Fermon
Tribal Member Brenda Soulliere
Mayor Greg Sanders
Mayor Mark Carnevale
Councilmember Kathleen Kelly
Mayor Linda Evans
Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill, *Vice Chair*
Mayor Scott Matas, *Chair*

AGENCY

City of Coachella
City of Palm Springs
City of Indio (*arrived at Item 3*)
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
City of Indian Wells
City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert
City of La Quinta
City of Blythe (via Zoom)
County of Riverside 4th District
City of Rancho Mirage
City of Desert Hot Springs

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Tribal Chair Darrell Mike
Tribal Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez
Tribal Chair Reid Milanovich
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Supervisor Chuck Washington
Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez

AGENCY

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Brad Anderson, resident of the City of Rancho Mirage, commented on Agenda Items 8B and 8C, urging the committee be thorough in their fact finding on item 8B before taking actions regarding dust mitigation. He also stated that Item 8C is of interest to him and he would listen to the item today.

6. CHAIR / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

- A. Approve the Minutes of the September 25, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting**
- B. Approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2023 Joint Meeting of the Executive and Transportation Committees**
- C. Authorize the Executive Director to provide the Southern California Association of Governments with concurrence on the current Regional Council district boundaries**

THE MOTION FOR ITEMS 7A-B CARRIED WITH 8 AYES, 7 MEMBERS ABSENT, 4 ABSTENSIONS. THE MOTION FOR ITEM 7C CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR BERNSTEIN	ABSTAINED (A-B)/AYE (C)
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	ABSTAINED (A-B)/AYE (C)
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR SANDERS	ABSTAINED (A-B)/AYE (C)
MAYOR CARNEVALE	ABSTAINED (A-B)/AYE (C)
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

7.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Presentation: Preview of policies and issues emerging in California's 2024 Legislature

Jesse Ramirez, League of California Cities' new Regional Public Affairs Manager, introduced himself to the Executive Committee and previewed upcoming events and legislative efforts.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. Dust Storms and Poor Air Quality Likely Resulting from Tropical Storm Hilary-

Executive Director Tom Kirk presented the staff report and discussed what is being done to address the air quality concerns.

Emily Nelson, CVAG's air quality consultant, joined via Zoom and provided information regarding PM 10 readings and activity levels in the Coachella Valley.

Member discussion ensued regarding air quality matters and challenges.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

C. Update on Coachella Valley Energy Commission and Ongoing Analysis of Regional Alternative Governance

Program Manager Emmanuel Martinez presented the staff report and next steps with the Coachella Valley Energy Commission.

Member discussion ensued regarding cost sharing and funding.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADDRESS COACHELLA VALLEY REPRESENTATION ON IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT ELECTRICAL SERVICE MATTERS BY:

- 1. NEGOTIATING TERMS AND ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEADING RESOURCES INCORPORATED (LRI) FOR THE LONG-TERM GOVERNANCE AND ELECTRICAL SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$199,370; CONTINGENT UPON:**
- 2. NEGOTIATING AND ENTERING INTO COST-SHARING AGREEMENTS WITH STAKEHOLDER AGENCIES TO COVER THE PLAN COSTS, WITH NO COST TO CVAG**

3. CONCURRENCE FROM THE COACHELLA VALLEY ENERGY COMMISSION'S GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR BERNSTEIN	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR SANDERS	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

D. Partnership with Governor's Office of Planning and Research for the Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO PARTNER WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH AND INTEGRATED CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCY PROGRAM AND ACCEPT \$100,000 FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT PROGRAM (EPA EJG2G) PROGRAM FOR THE COMMUNITY BASEDE CLIMATE RESILIENCE: CALIFORNIA EXTREME HEAT ADAPTION PLANNING PROJECT

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

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR BERNSTEIN	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
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TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR SANDERS	AYE

MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

E. Regional Opportunities for the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Ms. Felci presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued, with direction that staff engage additional partners.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY STEPS FOR CVAG TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUBMISSION OF THE EPA CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT APPLICATION, INCLUDING EXECUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARTNERING AGENCIES, AND INCORPORATE FEEDBACK ON CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION CONCEPTS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA'S PRIORITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

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

MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR BERNSTEIN	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
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MAYOR SANDERS	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE

9. INFORMATION

a) Executive Committee Attendance

- b) Rollout of California's Solar Access Act
- c) Upcoming Used Oil and Oil Filter Recycling Events
- d) Update on Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 7 Funding Opportunities

This item was included in the agenda packet for members' information.

10. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS –

- a) Update on CVAG's state advocacy efforts

This item was included in the agenda packet for members' information.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Brad Anderson, resident of the City of Rancho Mirage, expressed his concerns on the time limit for public comment stating it doesn't give people adequate time to be heard.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Matas adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst