

ITEM 7A

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 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
Tribal Chair Reid Milanovich
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
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 (*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
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Supervisor Chuck Washington
Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez

AGENCY

Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
County of Riverside 1st District
County of Riverside 2nd District
County of Riverside 3rd District
County of Riverside 5th District

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (IF ANY)**

None.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

6. **CHAIR / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Executive Director Tom Kirk noted that CVAG's Legal Counsel, Nick Norvell of BB&K, was available via Zoom during the meeting.

Mr. Kirk updated Committee members of CVAG's active ongoing efforts to secure additional funding for the ACCESS project on Indian Canyon, including staff's intent to go after a upcoming grants in the next month.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR SANDERS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

- A. **Approve the Minutes of the January 29, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting**
- B. **Approve the Amended and Restated Reimbursement Agreement with the County of Riverside and the City of Coachella for the Airport Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project (Orange Street to Desert Cactus Drive)**
- C. **Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Indio for the Avenue 50 Widening Project (Jefferson Street- Jackson Street), extending the time trigger to commence construction to December 31, 2025**
- D. **Approve Amendment No. 6 to the Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Indio and the County of Riverside for the Monroe Street/Interstate 10 Interchange Project, extending the time trigger to commence construction to December 31, 2025**
- E. **Authorize the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to execute a Public Pedestrian Underpass Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company, including authorizing one-time costs not to exceed \$164,000 and flagging costs of \$1,400 daily during construction**
- F. **Authorize the Executive Director to 1. approve a purchase agreement with Urban Solar to provide 5,424 solar lights at a unit price of \$93.45 per light for CV Link, in an amount not to exceed \$546,054.75 and 2. Authorize a 10 percent contingency for supplemental purchases as necessary during construction**
- G. **Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Memorandum of Understanding with Beacon Associates for behavioral health referrals, authorizing a not to exceed amount of \$40,000 through May 5, 2026**

- H. Authorize the Executive Director to add up to \$30,000 to an agreement with Leading Resources Incorporated for travel costs, for a total cost not to exceed \$230,000 for the Long-Term Governance and Electrical Services Strategic Plan
- I. Authorize the Chair and/or Executive Director take the necessary steps to advocate that the State of California maintain the funding commitments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Program, including \$19.4 million in awards to the Coachella Valley

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 13 AYES AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT

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| 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 | AYE |
| 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 |

7.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Recognition of the 2024 Used Oil Recycling Poster Contest Winners

Management Analyst Emily Langenbahn presented the staff report and introduced the winners of the poster contest: Antonion Coloma of La Quinta (1st place), Reuben Choresca of Palm Desert (2nd place), and Andrew Terentyev (3rd place). The winners received gift bags and will each receive a bicycle, courtesy of the City of Cathedral City. The winners also took photos with the Executive Committee.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. CVAG's Audit for Fiscal Year 2022/23 and Related Reports-

Finance Director Claude Kilgore presented the staff report and introduced Shannon Ayala with Davis Farr, who joined via Zoom, and provided the committee the audit results from fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023, REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING, THE AUDITOR’S COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE, AND THE SINGLE AUDIT ON FEDERAL AWARDS

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| COUNCILMEMBER FERMON | AYE |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE | ABSENT |
| TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ | ABSENT |
| TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE | AYE |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH | AYE |
| 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 |

C. REGIONAL COLLABORATION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci presented the staff report and introduced Supervisor Perez who gave a brief update on the Homelessness Symposium held on February 1, 2024, by Riverside County’s District 4. Supervisor Perez was joined by Greg Rodriguez, County of Riverside’s Deputy Director of Housing & Workforce Solutions, who also provided updates from the symposium.

Ms. Felci introduced Management Analyst Ivan Tenorio who addressed the committee and presented the CV Housing First quarterly report for the fourth quarter of 2023.

A brief member discussion ensued.

The CV Housing First program quarterly report was filed and received by the Executive Committee.

D. Established Qualified Professional Services Vendor List

Transportation Program Manager Randy Bowman presented the staff report.

A brief member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL TO ESTABLISH THE QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES VENDOR LIST THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO: 1. APPROVE ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED SUBMISSIONS FROM VENDORS THROUGHOUT THE TERM; AND 2. NEGOTIATE AN EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UP TO \$50,000 FROM THE QUALIFIED VENDOR LIST

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| COUNCILMEMBER FERMON | AYE |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE | ABSENT |
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| TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE | AYE |
| TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH | AYE |
| 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) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- c) CVAG Regional Arterial Program- Project Status Update
- d) Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program- Project Status Update
- e) Attendance Issues at CVAG's Standing Committee Meetings
- f) Deployment of CV Sync and Phase II construction
- g) Construction of the Palm Springs Navigation Center
- h) Update from the South Coast Air Quality Management District
- i) Update on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program
- j) Site tour of the future Indio Public Safety Campus

These items were included in the agenda packet for members' information.

10. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS –

a) Update on CVAG's state advocacy efforts

Program Manager Emmanuel Martinez presented the staff report.

A brief member discussion ensued. No action was taken as this was an informational update.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Monday, April 29, 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 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst