ITEM 4A

Meeting of the Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2026

The audio file for this meeting can be found at: http://www.cvag.org

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair V. Manuel Perez, County of Riverside, at 4:09 p.m. at the Coachella Valley Water District Steven Robbins Administration Building Training Room, 75515 Hovley Lane East, in Palm Desert. Teleconferencing was also available from the City of Blythe and Spotlight 29 Tribal Administration Office in the City of Coachella.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT	AGENCY
Mayor Lynn Mallotto, *Past Chair*	City of Rancho Mirage
Mayor Scott Matas*	City of Desert Hot Springs
Mayor Frank Figueroa	City of Coachella
Mayor Naomi Soto	City of Palm Springs
Councilmember Glenn Miller	City of Indio
Tribal Chair Darrell Mike**	Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
Tribal Chair Joseph Mirelez	Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Mayor Toper Taylor	City of Indian Wells
Mayor Raymond Gregory	City of Cathedral City
Mayor Evan Trubee	City of Palm Desert
Mayor Linda Evans	City of La Quinta
Mayor Joseph DeConinck, *Vice Chair***	City of Blythe
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, *Chair*	County of Riverside 4th District*

**arrived at item 6A*
***Joined via Zoom*

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT	AGENCY
Tribal Councilmember Brenda Soulliere	Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians
Tribal Chair Jeff Grubbe	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Supervisor Jose Medina	County of Riverside 1st District
Supervisor Karen Spiegel	County of Riverside 2nd District
Supervisor Chuck Washington	County of Riverside 3rd District
Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez	County of Riverside 5th District

Mayor Toper Taylor led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. Executive Director Tom Kirk noted a minor issue with the budget link in a staff report for agenda item 6A and informed the Committee that the link had been corrected and the agenda re-sent.

Chair Perez announced that he would be abstaining from Item 4E on the Consent Calendar and recusing himself from Item 5A due to conflicts of interest related to campaign contributions.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Eduardo Garcia, Senior Government Affairs Manager for Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians, provided comment on agenda item 6D, stating the Tribe aligned with a good portion of the staff report recommendation, with exception to the proposed 100% approval by all jurisdictions of CVAG members stating it is inconsistent with the Joint Powers Agreement, which states amendments require at least a two-thirds vote.

3. **CHAIR / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Kirk reported that CVAG has reviewed the Twenty-Nine Palms agenda item with Legal Counsel, and that Deputy Executive Director Erica Felci will provide an update when that item is reached.

He also provided an update regarding the Finance Committee membership, noting that a placeholder has been included for the staff representative. The position will be filled by either Indian Wells City Manager Chris Freeland or Cabazon Band of Mission Indians Director of Tribal Affairs Paul Slama.

Mr. Kirk announced that CVAG recently received a Sustainability Award in the Active and Safe category at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) conference. He shared photos of members who attended the event to accept the award.

He concluded by reminding members that CVAG's General Assembly will take place on June 29 at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, with the Executive Committee meeting beginning at 4:30 p.m., a cocktail hour at 5:15 p.m., and the General Assembly meeting starting at 6 p.m.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MILLER AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. **Approve the minutes of the April 27, 2026 meeting of the Executive Committee**

B. **Adopt Policy No. 26-01, updating CVAG's previous Asset Capitalization Policy and related policies to identify major capital asset classes, increase capitalization thresholds, and establish useful lives among other updates**

C. **Direct staff to circulate Riverside County's Ordinance No. 1004 as a model ordinance for regulating kratom products, and authorize the Chair and/or Executive Director to support Assembly Bill 1088 as it pertains to statewide regulations**

D. **Address the Finance Committee membership by 1. extending the term of Rancho Mirage Councilmember Ted Weill through Fiscal Year 2026-27; 2. appoint Coachella Mayor Frank Figueroa to fill an immediate vacancy and serve a term**

through Fiscal Year 2027-29; 3. authorize the Executive Director to find a volunteer City/ County/ Tribal executive to serve a three-year term starting July 1, 2026; and 4. delegate authority to the Executive Director, in consultation with the Executive Committee Chair, to fill any mid-term vacancies with the member jurisdiction's Executive Committee member or other representative

E. Appoint Slovak, Baron, Empey, Murphy & Pinkney LLP as CVAG General Counsel and authorize the Administrative/ Personnel Committee to work with the Executive Director to secure legal services long term

F. Approve the revised Policies and Procedures: Conduct of CVAG Meetings to incorporate new teleconferencing requirements, an updated process for placing items on a committee agenda, and other clarifications

G. Accept the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Annual and Five-Year Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES, AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT FOR ITEMS 4A-4D AND 4F-4G

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, 1 ABSTENTION, AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT FOR ITEMS 4E

MAYOR MALLOTTO	**AYE**
MAYOR MATAS	**ABSENT**
MAYOR FIGUEROA	**AYE**
MAYOR SOTO	**AYE**
COUNCILMEMBER MILLER	**AYE**
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	**AYE**
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	**AYE**
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	**ABSENT**
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	**ABSENT**
MAYOR TAYLOR	**AYE**
MAYOR GREGORY	**AYE**
MAYOR TRUBEE	**AYE**
MAYOR EVANS	**AYE**
MAYOR DECONINCK	**AYE**
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	**ABSENT**
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	**ABSENT**
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	**ABSENT**
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	**AYE/ABSTAINED FOR 4E**
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	**ABSENT**

4.1 <u>ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR</u>

None

5. <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>

A. Appeal Hearing: Appeal by the Haagen Company on Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) assessment

Program Manager Peter Satin presented the staff report.

Hearing was opened at 4:28 p.m. for public comment. Brent McManigal from Fennemore, Legal Counsel representing the Haagen Company, provided comments on behalf of Indio Marketplace LLC, owner of the property, and the Hagen Company. He explained additional details of the project and supported staff's approach to addressing their appeal. No other public comment was received.

Hearing was closed at 4:32 p.m.

Brief member discussion ensued with Mr. Satin and Mr. McManigal answering questions regarding the information presented.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MILLER TO CONSIDER TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO DENY THE TRANSPORTATION UNIFORM MITIGATION FEE (TUMF) APPEAL BROUGHT FORTH BY THE HCL INDIO MARKETPLACE LLC, OWNED BY THE HAAGEN FAMILY, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS TO REFUND ANY TUMF COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THE INDIO GRAND MARKETPLACE PROJECT UPON FINALIZATION OF A DEMOLITION PERMIT FOR THE EXISTING STRUCTURE

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, 1 MEMBER ABSTAINED AND 7 MEMBERS ABSENT

MAYOR MALLOTTO	**AYE**
MAYOR MATAS	**ABSENT**
MAYOR FIGUEROA	**AYE**
MAYOR SOTO	**AYE**
COUNCILMEMBER MILLER	**AYE**
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	**AYE**
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	**AYE**
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	**ABSENT**
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	**ABSENT**
MAYOR TAYLOR	**AYE**
MAYOR GREGORY	**AYE**
MAYOR TRUBEE	**AYE**
MAYOR EVANS	**AYE**
MAYOR DECONINCK	**AYE**
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	**ABSENT**
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	**ABSENT**
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	**ABSENT**
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	**ABSTAINED**
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	**ABSENT**

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Preview of CVAG's Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27

Finance Director Claude Kilgore presented the staff report.

Member discussion ensued with Mr. Kilgore answering questions from the Committee on information presented. Staff noted that feedback on the budget would be accepted over the coming weeks before the budget was presented for adoption later in June.

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

B. Stipend Policy Update for Elected Committee Members

The staff report for this item was presented simultaneously during item 6A.

Member discussion ensued with Mr. Kilgore answering questions from the committee regarding the recommendations by the Finance Committee and the Administrative/ Personnel Committee.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR GREGORY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MALLOTTO TO CONCUR WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND AUTHORIZE POLICY NO. 26-02, AMENDING CVAG'S PREVIOUS STIPEND POLICY TO SET THE STIPEND AMOUNT FOR MEETING ATTENDANCE AT $125 FOR ALL STANDING COMMITTEES, INCLUDING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND ADDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE LIST OF COMMITTEES ELIGIBLE FOR STIPENDS

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 13 AYES, AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT

MAYOR MALLOTTO	**AYE**
MAYOR MATAS	**AYE**
MAYOR FIGUEROA	**AYE**
MAYOR SOTO	**AYE**
COUNCILMEMBER MILLER	**AYE**
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	**AYE**
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	**AYE**
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	**ABSENT**
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	**ABSENT**
MAYOR TAYLOR	**AYE**
MAYOR GREGORY	**AYE**
MAYOR TRUBEE	**AYE**
MAYOR EVANS	**AYE**
MAYOR DECONINCK	**AYE**
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	**ABSENT**
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	**ABSENT**
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	**ABSENT**
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	**AYE**
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	**ABSENT**

C. Coachella Valley Multimodal Corridor Plan

Assistant Director of Transportation Randy Bowman presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR FIGUEROA AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CR ASSOCIATES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $699,612 TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE COACHELLA VALLEY MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PLAN PROJECT

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 13 AYES, AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT

MAYOR MALLOTTO	**AYE**
MAYOR MATAS	**AYE**
MAYOR FIGUEROA	**AYE**
MAYOR SOTO	**AYE**
COUNCILMEMBER MILLER	**AYE**
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	**AYE**
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	**AYE**
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	**ABSENT**
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	**ABSENT**
MAYOR TAYLOR	**AYE**
MAYOR GREGORY	**AYE**
MAYOR TRUBEE	**AYE**
MAYOR EVANS	**AYE**
MAYOR DECONINCK	**AYE**
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	**ABSENT**
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	**ABSENT**
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	**ABSENT**
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	**AYE**
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	**ABSENT**

D. Request from Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians to Amend the CVAG Joint Powers Agreement

Ms. Felci presented the staff report.

Robust member discussion ensued with Ms. Felci answering several questions from the committee regarding the information presented, including whether a two-thirds majority vote or 100 percent vote was needed for approval of the request. Staff relayed that either approach was acceptable.

A modification was requested to the recommendation to change it to a two-thirds vote to be consistent with the JPA language on amendments. Mr. Kirk noted that revised language would be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting based on the feedback received.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR GREGORY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR SOTO TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RETURN WITH AN AMENDMENT TO THE THIRD AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT THAT REVISES SECTION 2.4.3 AND THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATION ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CONTINGENT ON THE AMENDMENT RECEIVING TWO-THIRDS APPROVAL OF CVAG'S MEMBERSHIP

MAYOR MALLOTTO	**AYE**

MAYOR MATAS	**AYE**
MAYOR FIGUEROA	**AYE**
MAYOR SOTO	**AYE**
COUNCILMEMBER MILLER	**AYE**
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	**AYE**
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	**AYE**
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	**ABSENT**
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	**ABSENT**
MAYOR TAYLOR	**AYE**
MAYOR GREGORY	**AYE**
MAYOR TRUBEE	**AYE**
MAYOR EVANS	**AYE**
MAYOR DECONINCK	**AYE**
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	**ABSENT**
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	**ABSENT**
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	**ABSENT**
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	**AYE**
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	**ABSENT**

7. INFORMATION

a) Executive Committee Attendance

b) Regional Transportation Project Status Report

c) CVAG annual meeting calendar

d) Regional Arterial Program Compliance Report

e) Quarterly investment report as of March 31, 2026

f) Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Video Series

g) Overview of the Coachella Valley Real Time Intelligence Center

h) Wind down of the Eastern Riverside County Interoperable Communications Authority

i) Development of a CV Link model ordinance

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

8. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS –

a) Recap of CVAG's Legislative Advocacy Efforts

Assistant Director of Energy & External Affairs Emmanuel Martinez provided an update on efforts.

b) Update from the League of California Cities

Jesse Ramirez, Regional Affairs Manager, Riverside County Division, joined the committee via Zoom and provided an update.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 29, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at Fantasy Springs Resort's Special Events Center, 84-245 Indio Springs Parkway, Indio, 92203.

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 29, 2026, at 6 p.m. at Fantasy Springs Resort's Special Events Center, 84-245 Indio Springs Parkway, Indio, 92203.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elysia Regalado, Deputy Clerk