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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AGENDA

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022
12:00 p.m.**

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**THIS MEETING IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE.
ACTION MAY RESULT ON ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

**UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ALL ACTION ITEMS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL APPROVAL.**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Linda Evans, City of La Quinta, Chair

2. ROLL CALL – Jennifer Nelson

A. Member Roster

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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Anyone wishing to address the Energy & Environmental Resources Committee on items appearing on this agenda may do so at this time. Please limit comments to 3 minutes. At the discretion of the chair, additional public comment time and/or opportunities during the meeting may be granted.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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C. Adopt Resolution 2022-02 in support of Net Energy Metering and direct staff to distribute the resolution to Governor Newsom, the region's legislative delegation and members of the California Public Utilities Commission

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6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

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B. Update on South Coast Air Quality Management District's Funding Programs– Emmanuel Martinez

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Recommendation: Information

C. Update on Imperial Irrigation District's Energy Efficiency Programs –

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Emmanuel Martinez

Recommendation: Information

D. Inland Regional Energy Network Governance – David Freedman

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Recommendation: Provide direction on composition of CVAG representation on Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) Executive Committee

7. INFORMATION

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B. 2022 Used Oil Recycling Events

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8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Any member of the public wishing to address the Committee on items not appearing on this agenda may do so at this time. Please limit comments to 2 minutes. At the discretion of the chair, additional public comment time and/or opportunities during the meeting may be granted.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Energy & Environmental Resources Committee** will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at noon via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

10. ADJOURN

Item 2A

**Energy & Environmental Resources Committee
Member Roster
2021 – 2022**



VOTING MEMBERS	
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Chairman Jeff Grubbe
City of Blythe	Vice Mayor Joseph DeConinck <i>Alternate: Councilmember Joseph Halby III</i>
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Nancy Ross <i>Alternate: Mayor Pro Rita Lamb</i>
City of Coachella	Councilmember Neftali Galarza <i>Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez</i>
Coachella Valley Water District	Board Member Anthony Bianco
City of Desert Hot Springs	Mayor Pro Tem Russell Betts <i>Alternate: Councilmember Gary Gardner</i>
Imperial Irrigation District	Director Alex Cardenas
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Pro Tem Donna Griffith <i>Alternate: Councilmember Richard Balocco</i>
City of Indio	Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Ortiz, Vice Chair <i>Alternate: Councilmember Elaine Holmes</i>
City of La Quinta	Mayor Linda Evans, Chair
Mission Springs Water District	President Nancy Wright <i>Alternate: Vice President Randy Duncan</i>
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Gina Nestande
City of Palm Springs	Councilmember Dennis Woods <i>Alternate: Mayor Lisa Middleton</i>
City of Rancho Mirage	Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend <i>Alternate: Councilmember Richard W. Kite</i>
Riverside County – District 4	Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians	Unassigned
Ex-Officio / Non-Voting Members	
Desert Water Agency	Board Member Patricia Oyar
Riverside County – District 5	Supervisor Jeff Hewitt <i>Alternate: Director Russ Martin, Mission Springs Water District</i>

ITEM 5A

Energy and Environmental Resources Committee Meeting Minutes November 18, 2021



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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Linda Evans, City of La Quinta, at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom, pursuant to AB 361 and the guidelines for governing how public meetings are held virtually.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Chairman Jeff Grubbe
Vice Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Councilmember Nancy Ross
Mayor Pro Tem Russell Betts
Director Alex Cardenas
Councilmember Donna Griffith
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz, *Vice Chair*
Mayor Linda Evans, *Chair*
President Nancy Wright
Councilmember Gina Nestande
Councilmember Dennis Woods

Agency

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Desert Hot Springs
Imperial Irrigation District, *arrived during Item 6A*
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
Mission Springs Water District
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs

Ex-Officio Members Present

Mission Springs Director Russ Martin Riverside County – District 5

Others Present

Tom Kirk	CVAG
Peter Satin	CVAG
Joanna Stueckle	CVAG
Emmanuel Martinez	CVAG
Elizabeth Paige	CVAG
Kathleen Brundige	CVAG
Erica Felci	CVAG
Katie Barrows	DCE/ CVAG
Jacob Alvarez	City of Coachella
Leah Goodman	OhmConnect
Pat Cooper	Riverside County – District 4
Deborah McGarry	SoCal Gas
Casey Daily	WRCOG
David Freedman	Palm Springs resident
Brad Anderson	
Sybil Brown	
Two other individuals	

Members/ Ex-Officios Not Present

Councilmember Neftali Galarza	City of Coachella
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Coachella Valley Water District
City of Rancho Mirage	Mayo Pro Tem Charles Townsend
Riverside County – District 4	Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Brad Anderson expressed opposition to Item 6B and said his concerns mirrored that of CVAG's role in launching Desert Community Energy.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Executive Director Tom Kirk highlighted news that the Governor had named CVAG's CV Sync project for broadband funding and added that details were still being finalized for how much funding was coming or where it would be used.

Councilmember Oscar Ortiz provided an update on the recent Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Energy & Environment Committee activities.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve September 9, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes

B. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Contract with HF&H Consultants, LLC for the Used Oil Recycling Program, extending the contract to June 30, 2022 for an additional not-to-exceed amount of \$26,885

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NESTANDE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Chairman Jeff Grubbe	Aye
Vice Mayor Joey DeConinck	Aye
Councilmember Nancy Ross	Aye
Councilmember Neftali Galarza	Absent
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Russell Betts	Aye
Director Alex Cardenas	Absent
Councilmember Donna Griffith	Aye
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz	Aye
Mayor Linda Evans	Aye
President Nancy Wright	Aye
Councilmember Gina Nestande	Aye
Councilmember Dennis Woods	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend	Absent
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Absent

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. OhmConnect Partnership –

Emmanuel Martinez presented the staff report and introduced Leah Goodman of OhmConnect, who provided details on the program.

Member discussion ensued, with Ms. Goodman and staff answering questions about the possible partnership and outreach to communities served by SCE. IID Director Alex Cardenas noted that he would work with CVAG staff to explore similar opportunities to residents in served by IID.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFITH TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO PARTNER WITH OHMCONNECT ON ITS FREE SMART THERMOSTAT PROGRAM, INCLUDING ENCOURAGING SMART ENERGY USE AND PROVIDING A WAY FOR CUSTOMERS TO SAVE ON THEIR UTILITY BILLS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Chairman Jeff Grubbe	Aye
Vice Mayor Joey DeConinck	Aye
Councilmember Nancy Ross	Aye
Councilmember Neftali Galarza	Absent
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Russell Betts	Aye
Director Alex Cardenas	Aye
Councilmember Donna Griffith	Aye
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz	Aye
Mayor Linda Evans	Aye
President Nancy Wright	Aye
Councilmember Gina Nestande	Aye
Councilmember Dennis Woods	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend	Absent
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Absent

B. Update on the launch of the Inland Empire Regional Energy Network

Mr. Kirk opened the item by announcing the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) had approved the I-REN business plan earlier in the morning. Casey Dailey of Western Riverside Council of Governments provided details of the program and its 2022 launch.

Member discussion ensued with Mr. Dailey and Mr. Kirk addressing questions. CVAG staff noted that decisions on governance and program development would be brought to the Energy & Environmental Resources Committee at future meetings for approval.

There was no action on this item as it was for informational purposes.

C. Update to the Urban Greening Guide

Katie Barrows provided the staff report and overview of the draft Urban Greening Guide.

Member discussion ensued. It was staff's recommendation the document be reviewed and feedback provided as it is finalized. Members provided input on various aspects such as planting locations and the best trees to use at parking lots and/or sidewalks.

There was no action taken as staff was going to incorporate the feedback into the final document.

7. INFORMATION – The following item was provided in the agenda for information only:

A. Attendance Record

B. Air quality funds for regional street sweeping program

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Energy & Environmental Resources Committee** will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at noon via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

10. ADJOURN – Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Felci

ITEM 5B

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Energy & Environmental Resources Committee
February 10, 2022**



Staff Report

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding to Implement Waste Diversion Programs

Contact: Erica Felci, Assistant Executive Director (efelci@cvaq.org)

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside County Department of Waste Resources, providing up to \$25,000 annually for activities that implement waste diversion legislation and organics recycling programs

Background: In 1993, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors authorized annual funding to CVAG as reimbursement for costs associated with implementation of Assembly Bill 939 (AB 939) waste diversion programs to augment County waste reduction efforts. Future reimbursements amounts were evaluated annually. In 2002, due to a decrease in AB 939 activities, funding levels were adjusted to fund the CVAG Solid Waste and Recycling Technical Working Group and its efforts to coordinate directly with member cities.

In 2020, CVAG's formal Brown Act Solid Waste and Recycling Technical Working Group was transitioned into an informal working group now known as the Recycling Roundtable. As such, annual funding for AB 939 was not provided in 2020. To resume annual funding, the RCDWR and CVAG developed a memorandum of understanding that memorializes allowable activities as related to AB 939. In addition, it provides for tasks that relate to Senate Bill 1383, which set regulations going into effect in 2022 related to organics recycling. While cities are currently leading their own efforts, having a broader MOU would allow CVAG to explore regional outreach and waste reduction activities, organics capacity planning, and edible food recovery/donation opportunities with its jurisdictions.

This MOU was approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on October 5, 2021. Staff recommends approval of the MOU.

Fiscal Analysis: Funding to be received by CVAG will be calculated annually using \$0.51 per occupied housing for 25 percent of unincorporated Riverside County, which is not to exceed \$25,000 annually.

The funding in the MOU would support areas within unincorporated Riverside County that fall within the CVAG boundaries. CVAG will need to submit an annual report to the RCDWR describing tasks and results.

Attachment: RCDWR MOU

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WASTE
RESOURCES AND THE COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF
GOVERNMENTS REGARDING WASTE DIVERSION LEGISLATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION**

In 1991, Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (RCDWR) began providing funding to Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) as a partner to assist in the implementation of Assembly Bill 939 (AB939) recycling and waste diversion plans in the Coachella Valley. As a joint powers authority, CVAG coordinates energy and environmental policy conversations with desert valley jurisdictions that include Blythe, Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palms Springs, Rancho Mirage and Unincorporated Riverside County.

1 Funding

Beginning July 1, 2021, RCDWR shall provide funding to the CVAG on an annual basis. The Department of Finance report as of January 1 of each year shall be used in determining the number of occupied housing. Funding shall be calculated annually using \$0.51 per occupied housing for 25% of unincorporated Riverside County, not to exceed \$25,000 annually. Funding will be submitted to CVAG after submittal of required reports and acceptance of them.

2 Tasks

CVAG shall use the funds in a coordinated Countywide system approach that augments and complements the County's Integrated Waste Management Plan, including implementation of AB939, AB341, AB1826, SB1383 and similar recycling and waste diversion regulations that are passed. CVAG staff shall serve as a liaison with cities, private industry, and Riverside County. The funds shall be used to promote recycling, collecting data diversion information, and conducting related studies as necessary. Tasks include, but are not limited to the following:

2.1 Legislative Implementation

- Senate Bill 1383 (Short-Lived Climate Pollutants) and Assembly Bills 341 and 1826
 - Organics capacity planning
 - Edible food recovery/donation
 - Develop uniform messaging throughout the region/county regarding legislative requirements focused on commercial, multi-family and residential accounts
- Future legislation implementation tasks

2.2 Technical Assistance

- Business waste reduction and training programs
- Legislative review and analysis
- Surveys and studies of solid waste issues
- Provide notification of area training and workshops availability
- Provide technical support on solid waste and recycling issues upon request
- Provide AB939 Annual Report assistance upon request
- Provide support for local tire collection events

3 Reports

CVAG shall submit an annual report to the RCDWR describing the tasks and results from the prior calendar year. The report shall be submitted by April 1 each year.

4 Notices and Correspondence

All written notices and correspondence contemplated within the MOU shall be provided to the parties hereto at the following addresses:

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Director of Environmental Resources
73710 Fred Waring Drive, Ste 200
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Hans Kernkamp, General Manager-Chief Engineer
Riverside County Department of Waste Resources
14310 Frederick Street
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

CVAG and RCDWR may designate any other addresses by giving written notice to the other party.

5 Modification and Termination

This MOU may only be modified by the written agreement of the parties, duly signed by their authorized representatives. This MOU may be terminated in writing at will by any party. Except as otherwise provided herein, upon termination of this MOU, neither party shall have any obligations to the other.

6 Transferability

This MOU is not transferable except with the written consent of the parties.

7 Effective Date

This MOU takes effect beginning on the day after the last party signs.

8 Authority to Execute

The persons executing this MOU warrant and represent that they have the authority to execute this MOU on behalf of the party for which they are executing this MOU.

9 Alternative Dispute Resolution

The parties agree that before either party commences any legal or equitable action, action for declaratory relief, suit, proceeding or arbitration, the parties shall submit the dispute to mediation through a mutually acceptable professional mediator in Riverside County. Each party shall bear its own expenses and costs associated with the mediation. The cost of mediation shall be shared equally by the parties.

10 Conflict of Interest

No member, official or employee of RCDWR or CVAG, shall have any personal interest, direct or indirect, in this MOU nor shall any such member, official or employee participate in any decision relating to this MOU which affects his or her personal interest or the interests of any corporation, partnership or association in which he or she is directly or indirectly interested.

11 Interpretation, Governing Law, Severability and Venue

This MOU and any dispute arising hereunder shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California. This MOU shall be construed as a whole according to its fair language and common meaning to achieve the objectives and purposes of the Parties hereto, and the rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in interpreting this MOU. All parties having been represented by counsel in the negotiation and preparation hereof.

Any legal action related to the performance or interpretation of this MOU shall be filed only in the Superior Court of the State of California located in Riverside, California, and the parties waive any provision of law providing for a change of venue to another location.

12 No Third-Party Beneficiaries

This MOU is made and entered into for the sole protection and benefit of the parties hereto and shall not create any rights in any third parties. No other person or entity shall have any right of action based upon the provisions of this MOU.

13 Indemnification

CVAG shall indemnify and hold RCDWR, its officers, directors, Board of Supervisors, agents and employees free and harmless from and against any and all claims, loss, injury, damage, liability, or expense (including without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees), to any person, entity or property, which relates to or arises from the negligence or willful misconduct of RCDWR, its officers, directors, Board of Supervisors, agents and/or employees, in the execution or implementation of this MOU.

RCDWR shall indemnify and hold CVAG, its officers, directors, commissioners, agents and employees free and harmless from and against any and all claims, loss, injury, damage, liability, or expense (including without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees), to any person, entity or property, which relates to or arises from the negligence or willful misconduct of CVAG, its officers, directors, Board of Supervisors, agents and/or employees, in the execution or implementation of this MOU.

The parties shall promptly notify each other of any claims or demands which arise and for which indemnification is sought. The terms of this Section shall survive the termination of this MOU.

14 Section Headings

The Section headings herein are for the convenience of the parties only and shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions or language of this MOU.

15 Compliance with Laws and Regulations

By executing this MOU, RCDWR and CVAG agree to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances.

16 Waiver

Failure by a party to insist upon the strict performance of any of the provisions of this MOU by the other party, or the failure by a party to exercise its rights upon the default of the other party, shall not constitute a waiver of such party's right to insist and demand strict compliance by the other party with the terms of this MOU thereafter.

17 Severability

Each paragraph and provision of this MOU is severable from each provision, and in the event any provision in this MOU is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

18 Entire Memorandum of Understanding

This MOU is intended by the parties hereto as a final expression of their understanding with respect to the subject matter hereof and as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms and conditions thereof and supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings, oral or written, in connection therewith. Any amendments to or clarification of this MOU shall be in writing and acknowledged by all Parties to the Agreement.

[Signatures on Following Page]

DATE: _____

RIVERSIDE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF WASTE RESOURCES

By: _____
HANS KERKAMP
GENERAL MANAGER-CHIEF ENGINEER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

GREGORY P. PRIAMOS
COUNTY COUNSEL

BY:  _____
AMRIT P. DHILLON
DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL

DATE: _____

COACHELLA VALLEY
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

By: _____
TOM KIRK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOANNA STUECKLE,
CLERK

BY: _____

DATE: _____

ITEM 5C

Coachella Valley Association of Governments Energy & Environmental Resources Committee

February 10, 2022



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Resolution in Support of Rooftop Solar and Net Energy Metering

Contact: David Freedman, Program Manager (dfreedman@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 2022-02 in support of Net Energy Metering and direct staff to distribute the resolution to Governor Newsom, the region's legislative delegation and members of the California Public Utilities Commission

Background: Customers who install small solar, wind, biogas, and fuel cell generation facilities to serve all or a portion of onsite electricity needs are eligible for the Net Energy Metering (NEM) program adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). NEM allows customers who generate their own energy to serve their energy needs directly onsite and to receive a financial credit on their electric bills for any surplus energy fed back to their utility. NEM is designed to support the installation of customer-sited renewable energy generation, consistent with state law calling for the continued sustainable growth of such generation. This program applies to customers served by the state's three investor-owned utilities (IOUs): Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric. Publicly owned utilities, such as Imperial Irrigation District, have their own NEM programs and are not subject to the CPUC's NEM rules.

The CPUC adopted the current NEM program in Decision 16-01-044 on January 28, 2016. A previous NEM program is in effect for customers who were enrolled prior to the effective date of the 2016 decision. Through the NEM program, customers receive bill credits for excess generation that is exported to the grid, offsetting energy costs. NEM customers also pay the same charges for public services as non-NEM customers.

The CPUC launched a formal proceeding to update the current NEM structure in 2020. The new rulemaking is referred to as NEM 3.0 because this is the third iteration of the NEM program. Many different proposals have been submitted to the CPUC for consideration, including a joint proposal from the IOUs (otherwise known as the IOU Proposal). Opponents of the IOU Proposal claim that it would hinder the state's highly successful rooftop solar market, which is a key strategy in the state reaching its strong clean energy, greenhouse gas reduction, and other environmental goals.

NEM 3.0 is currently progressing through the necessary steps at the CPUC as part of the rulemaking proceeding. On December 13, 2021, the CPUC issued a proposed decision that is very similar to the IOU Proposal. While it would be premature to advocate for one particular proposal of the many submitted, a number of local cities – including the City of Desert Hot Springs and Palm Springs – have started to weigh in on the issue. CVAG staff recommends that CVAG also take a broad position and is presenting Resolution 2022-02 to mirror the positions adopted locally. The resolution is general in nature but includes the following key goals and themes:

- Protecting and expanding rooftop solar via a strong succeeding NEM tariff;
- Expanding clean energy access by making it easier and more affordable for people to adopt rooftop solar and energy storage to meet California's ambitious clean energy targets; and

- Deploying solar in all communities and households, particularly those struggling to pay for electricity.

These goals and themes are consistent with goals and objectives previously adopted by CVAG's Energy & Environmental Resources Committee, including promoting opportunities that benefit energy consumers, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing renewable energy usage, and advancing climate action and resilience. The draft resolution includes support for the items as stated above, and urges the CPUC to:

- Strengthen NEM to expand access to all households, particularly of low and moderate income;
- Expand access to other clean energy technologies that pair with solar, such as battery storage;
- Ensure that the solar installations continue to grow to meet climate goals set by the state and by CVAG's member jurisdictions; and
- Exclude provisions in the IOU Proposal such as imposing high monthly fixed fees and reducing or eliminating credits for sharing electricity with the power grid.

While the IOU Proposal and the solar and environmental advocates' plan are largely in opposition, a consensus is emerging that a fair and effective rooftop solar policy must provide benefits and opportunities for low-income and disadvantaged communities that have previously been left out. One of the participants in the NEM 3.0 proceeding seeking to protect access to customer-sited clean energy among low-income customers is GRID Alternatives, which has installed solar panels on housing for low-income residents in Blythe, Coachella, Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, Indio, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, and unincorporated east valley communities, while providing workforce education and training in connection with these installations. Several advocates have also been building support through letters and columns printed in The Desert Sun. Additionally, a similar resolution will be presented for adoption to the Desert Community Energy Board of Directors when it meets in February.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for adopting this resolution.

Attachment: Resolution 2022-02

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS IN SUPPORT OF NET ENERGY METERING

WHEREAS, Net Energy Metering (NEM) is designed to support the installation of customer-sited renewable energy generation; and

WHEREAS, NEM allows customers to receive bill credits for power generated by their solar system and shared with the power grid and ultimately save money on their utility bills; and

WHEREAS, NEM is what has allowed solar to become increasingly accessible to low- and moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has launched a formal proceeding to update the current NEM structure to be introduced in 2022 as NEM 3.0, and a number of parties have submitted their proposal for what they believe NEM 3.0 should look like; and

WHEREAS, the California Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs), Pacific Gas and Electric, San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison, have submitted a joint proposal (the "IOU Proposal") that calls for drastic changes to NEM that would make customer-sited renewable energy more expensive, increase the amount of time it takes for customers to pay off their systems, and ground to a halt the installation of distributed solar in California; and

WHEREAS, the IOU Proposal would make it impossible for customer-sited renewables to continue to grow sustainably as mandated by law as a result of high monthly fixed fees for all solar installations, and slashing credits customers receive for sharing their excess electricity with the power grid; and

WHEREAS, proposals submitted to CPUC by GRID Alternatives, Protect Our Communities Foundation, Vote Solar, California Solar & Storage Association, Solar Energy Industries Association, and others not only would encourage new solar adoption but also include additional subsidies for low-income customers; and

WHEREAS, California cannot meet its clean energy targets in time with utility-scale solar alone and needs to triple the amount of rooftop solar, as reported by the California Energy Commission's 2021 SB 100 Joint Agency Report Summary; and

WHEREAS, protecting rooftop solar and expanding access to rooftop solar in communities of concern will help California as well as our own region to move toward 100 percent clean energy, lessen the impacts of the climate crisis, and reduce climate injustices from polluting energy; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2021, the CPUC issued a Proposed Decision that is very similar to the IOU Proposal. Notable elements of it include the following:

- Credit value of excess energy saved and exported to the grid is slashed by nearly 80%
- Inadequate market transition credits
- Eligibility term reduced for existing (NEM 1.0 and NEM 2.0) solar customers
- Dramatic increases in payback periods for rooftop solar systems; and

WHEREAS, we are in a climate crisis and need to make the transition to clean energy more accessible.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Coachella Valley of Association of Governments supports protecting and expanding rooftop solar via a strong succeeding NEM tariff and expanding clean energy access by making it easier, not harder, for people to adopt rooftop solar and energy storage in order to meet California's ambitious clean energy targets and deploy solar in all communities and households, particularly those struggling to pay for electricity;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Coachella Valley of Association of Governments urges the CPUC to reject the Net Energy Metering 3.0 Proposed Decision issued on December 13, 2021, and instead to:

1. strengthen NEM to expand access to all households, particularly of low and moderate income;
2. expand access to other clean energy technologies that pair with solar, such as battery storage;
3. ensure that the solar installations continue to grow to meet the State's and CVAG member jurisdictions' climate goals; and
4. exclude provisions in the IOU Proposal such as imposing high monthly fixed fees and reducing or eliminating credits for sharing electricity with the power grid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Gavin Newsom, State Senator Melissa Melendez, Assemblymembers Eduardo Garcia and Chad Mayes, and the members of the California Public Utilities Commission.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 28th day of February 2022.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Christy Gilbert Holstege, Esq.
CVAG Chair

ATTEST:

Tom Kirk
CVAG Executive Director

ITEM 6A

Coachella Valley Association of Governments Energy & Environmental Resources Committee February 10, 2021



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding between CVAG and IID

Contact: Emmanuel Martinez, Senior Programs Manager (emartinez@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Imperial Irrigation District to assist its Coachella Valley Energy Commission and to help achieve a local collaborative governance and electrical service solution post-2033

Background: The eastern Coachella Valley Cities served by the Imperial Irrigation District (IID)) have expressed priority interest in addressing governance and electrical service issues posed by the 1934 Agreement of Compromise between the IID and the Coachella Valley Water District which expires in 2033. As it currently stands, the Coachella Valley cities served by IID do not have any decision-making authority on electrical related matters, other than an advisory role as established through the Energy Consumers Advisory Committee. In order to better address service concerns and have increased local input on electrical matters, representatives of the eastern Coachella Valley communities have expressed an interest in establishing a stronger governance and decision-making role on electricity related issues post-2033.

In June 2021, CVAG's Energy and Environment committee authorized the Executive Director to establish and convene the East Valley Electricity Task Force as an ad hoc group to address issues related to the continued service of the IID in the Coachella Valley. At the same time, the IID Board of Directors was creating IID's Coachella Valley Energy Commission (CVEC) to explore issues related to energy delivery after the Agreement of Compromise expires. Initially, the CVAG task force was to review the CVEC bylaws and related governance. The CVAG Executive Director coordinated with stakeholder in order to address any concerns. At the same time, IID moved forward with initial meetings of the CVEC. The Commission is tasked with providing immediate and diverse local representation by Coachella Valley stakeholders for the unique energy needs of the greater Coachella Valley portion of the IID's energy service area. Its focus will include the development of a long-term strategic plan for continued energy service to the Coachella Valley following the 2033 expiration of the 99-year lease between IID and the Coachella Valley Water District.

To help facilitate Coachella Valley engagement, Section 5.06 of the IID approved CVEC bylaws includes the appointment of a coordinator by the IID in collaboration with CVAG. The role of the coordinator is to assist in carrying out and overseeing the actions, activities and affairs of the Commission. To formalize the appointment and establish the working relationship on the CVEC between IID and CVAG – as outlined in Section 5.06 of the bylaws – CVAG staff is recommending approval of an MOU outlining the roles and responsibilities of each entity has been drafted. The MOU will allow CVAG to provide some staff support to the CVEC and its activities, which would be largely carried out by the Senior Programs Manager serving in a coordinator role. The term of the MOU ends on December 31, 2022, but may be extended by mutual consent of the IID and CVAG. Also, it specifically outlines the responsibilities of the parities, which are to carry out the CVEC bylaws. As outlined in the draft MOU, the activities of the coordinator include being a liaison between CVAG and

the CVEC; attending monthly CVEC meetings and provide CVAG updates or reports; assisting with CVEC agenda planning and setting; attending IID Board of Directors meetings and relaying updates to CVAG; and providing updates on CVEC related matters to CVAG's Energy and Environmental Resources and Executive Committees, as needed.

The MOU allows CVAG to cover some of the staff time to related to CVEC activities. This MOU may be terminated at any time and for any reason upon written notice to the other party. Since its creation, the CVEC has been holding monthly meetings which occur on the second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. at the IID's offices in La Quinta. There are 12 members that comprise the CVEC and three subcommittees have been established: governance, growth and economic development and reliability, to further investigate relevant issues. If the MOU is approved, CVAG will continue to participate in CVEC meetings as well as any related activities that relate to energy service in CVAG's member jurisdictions.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for this MOU. With approval of the MOU, CVAG would be able to be reimbursed for staff costs associated with the CVEC and related matters. The MOU includes a compensation provision which would allow CVAG to be reimbursed \$75 per hour up to a maximum of 40 hours per month for the coordinator's time allocated to the CVEC's activities. However, additional hours may be allocated to fulfill the duties of the MOU if it is mutually agreed upon by the Executive Director and IID's general manager.

**Memorandum of Understanding Between
the Imperial Irrigation District and the Coachella Valley Association
of Governments Regarding the Coachella Valley Energy Commission Coordinator**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into and effective this ____ day of February 2022 (“Effective Date”) by and between the Imperial Irrigation District, a California special district (“IID”) and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, a California joint powers authority (“CVAG”). IID and CVAG are each referred to herein as a “Party” and Collectively as the “Parties.”

RECITALS

1. IID serves the retail electric needs of a portion of the greater Coachella Valley under the Agreement of Compromise between IID and the Coachella Valley Water District dated 1934. The 99-year lease provisions set forth in the Agreement of Compromise expire in 2033.
2. Questions regarding IID’s continued energy service to the Coachella Valley after 2033, representation of and by Coachella Valley energy stakeholders, and the protection of IID’s Imperial Valley water rights led to formation of the Coachella Valley Energy Commission in order to resolve said questions and concerns by providing a temporary transition toward a locally developed and permanent solution for continued energy service and governance forged between Coachella Valley energy stakeholders and IID.
3. The Coachella Valley Energy Commission was formed for the purpose of providing direct, immediate, and diverse local representation by Coachella Valley energy stakeholders for the unique energy needs of the greater Coachella Valley portion of the IID energy service area and to develop a long-term strategic plan for continued energy service to the Coachella Valley following the 2033 expiration of the 99-year lease provision of the Agreement of Compromise.
4. As stipulated in Section 5.06 of the Coachella Valley Energy Commission bylaws, IID shall appoint, in collaboration with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, a Coordinator (the “Coordinator”) for the Commission and its members.
5. CVAG is the regional planning agency coordinating government services in the Coachella Valley. By providing solutions to the common issues of the local governments and tribes that are its members, CVAG promotes a better quality of life and balanced growth for residents of Central and Eastern Riverside County.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. *Term.* This MOU shall remain in full force and effect beginning on the Effective Date and ending on December 31, 2022 ("Term"). This term may be extended by mutual written agreement executed by the Parties.
2. *Responsibilities of CVAG.* Pursuant to Section 5.06 of the Coachella Valley Energy Commission bylaws, the parties hereby jointly appoint Emmanuel Martinez as Coordinator to support the Coachella Valley Energy Commission for the term of this MOU or the expiration of his employment with CVAG, whichever comes first. The Coordinator shall be responsible for carrying out and overseeing activities, actions and affairs of the Coachella Valley Energy Commission as stipulated by its bylaws and this MOU.

Activities of Coordinator shall include, but may not be limited to:

- Liaison between CVAG and the CVEC
 - Attend monthly CVEC meetings and provide CVAG updates or reports, as needed
 - Assist with CVEC agenda planning and setting, as needed
 - Monitor IID Board of Directors meetings and attend to provide CVAG updates, as needed
 - Provide updates on CVEC related matters to CVAG's Energy and Environmental Resources and Executive Committees, as needed
3. *Responsibilities of IID.* IID will be responsible for providing information reasonably necessary for the Coordinator to accomplish the duties identified herein.
 4. *Responsibilities of CVAG and IID.* The parties will work together to support requests made by the Coachella Valley Energy Commission board and agree to create an open line of communication to ensure all necessary issues that may arise, as related to the role of the Coordinator position, are adequately addressed.
 5. *Collaboration.* The parties' designated staff will meet as reasonably necessary to collaborate exchange ideas and information in an expeditious manner to inform IID or CVAG of necessary changes.
 6. *Compensation.* The Coordinator is a CVAG employee and his duties as described herein are part of his employment duties with CVAG. IID will reimburse CVAG the cost associated with the portion of the Coordinator's duties directed to managing IID's responsibilities under this MOU at the rate of \$75 per hour up to a maximum of 40 hours per month. Additional hours may be allocated to fulfill the duties of this MOU by the Coordinator if mutually agreed upon by the CVAG Executive Director and the IID General Manager. Coordinator's hourly rate is subject to adjustment based on future modifications to Coordinator's compensation. CVAG will invoice IID for the portion of Coordinator's duties managing IID's responsibilities under this MOU not more frequently than monthly. Invoices will show the number of hours attributable to IID's portion of Coordinator's work in a

format acceptable to IID. The Parties otherwise agree to each bear the cost of their respective staffs' time devoted to performing each Party's responsibilities identified herein.

7. General Provisions

- a) *Authority.* Each signatory of this MOU represents that s/he is authorized to execute this MOU on behalf of the party for which/he signs. Each party represents that it has legal authority to enter into this MOU and to perform all obligations under this MOU.
- b) *Amendment.* This MOU may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by each party of this MOU.
- c) *Headings.* The paragraph headings used in this MOU are intended for convenience only and shall not be used in interpreting this MOU or in determining any of the rights or obligations of the parties to this MOU.
- d) *Construction and Interpretation.* This MOU has been arrived at through mutual discussions between the Parties and each Party has had a full and fair opportunity to revise the terms of this MOU. As a result, the normal rule of construction that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not apply in the construction of this MOU.
- e) *Integration.* This MOU is intended by the Parties to be the final expression of their agreement with respect to the subject matter of this MOU between the Parties, and supersedes any prior understandings between the Parties, whether oral or written.
- f) *Partial Invalidity.* If, after the date of execution of this MOU, any provision of this MOU is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the Term of this MOU, such provision shall be fully severable and the remaining portions of this MOU shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in force and effect to the fullest extent permissible by law. However, in lieu thereof, there shall be added a provision as similar in terms to such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision as may be possible and be legal, valid and enforceable.
- g) *Waiver.* No waiver of any provision of this MOU shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any other provision, whether or no similar, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver. No waiver shall be binding unless executed in writing.
- h) *Successors and Assigns.* This MOU shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of successors of the respective Parties to this MOU. No Party may assign its interest in or obligations under this MOU.

- i) *Compliance with Law.* In performing their respective obligations under this MOU, the parties shall comply with and conform to all applicable laws, rules, regulations and ordinances.
- j) *Third Parties Beneficiaries.* This MOU shall not create any right or interest in any non-Party or in any member of the public as a non-party beneficiary.
- k) *Counterparts.* This MOU may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.
- l) *Notices.* All notices, request, demands or other communications required or permitted under this MOU shall be in writing unless provided otherwise in this MOU and shall be deemed to have been duly given and received on:
 - (i) the date of service if served by electronic mail or facsimile transmission on the Party to whom notice is to be given at the address(es) provided below, (ii) on the first day after mailing , if mailed by Federal express, U.S Express Mail, or other similar overnight courier service, postage prepaid, and addressed as provided below, or(iii) on the third day after mailing if mailed to the Party to whom notice is to be given by first class mail, registered or certified, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

To IID: Imperial Irrigation District
Attn: General Manager
P.O Box 937
333 E. *Baroni* Blvd.
Imperial, CA 92251

To CVAG: Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Attn: Executive Director
Tom Kirk
73-710 Fred Waring #200
Palm Desert, CA 92260

- m) *Termination.* Either party may terminate this MOU at any time for any reason or no reason upon written notice to the other Party. The notice shall provide date of termination.
- n) *Default.* Prior to the initiation of any legal action for a default of this MOU, the Parties shall meet to discuss resolution of the alleged default before initiating litigation. Each Party shall bear its own attorneys' fees and cost incurred in connection with meeting to resolve the alleged default, unless the Parties agree in writing otherwise.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the dates set forth below.

IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By: Enrique B. Martinez
General Manager

Date

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

By: Tom Kirk
Executive Director

Date

ITEM 6B**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Energy and Environmental Resources Committee**

February 10, 2022

**STAFF REPORT**

Subject: Update on South Coast Air Quality Management District's Funding Programs

Contact: Emmanuel Martinez, Senior Programs Manager (emartinez@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the air pollution agency responsible for regulating stationary sources of air pollution in the South Coast Air Basin, including the Salton Sea Air Basin that includes the Coachella Valley. To assist in its efforts to improve air quality and public health, SCAQMD manages various programs that assist local governments, residents and businesses to reduce air pollution. These programs include educational components as well as financial incentives that include rebates, grants and financial assistance for small business.

As it relates to local governments, SCAQMD offers various forms of assistance. For instance, AB 2766, the Motor Vehicle Subvention Program, provides funding for cities and counties for projects that reduce vehicle emissions. This funding source currently helps to pay for a portion of CVAG's Regional Street Sweeping Program and other local air quality programs. SCAQMD also offers technical assistance to local agencies who need assistance adopting and implementing local air quality policies in their communities. For members of the community, SCAQMD provides programs that help transition to cleaner technologies through their Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment program, which helps the air by replacing lawn and garden equipment with lower emission models at substantial discounts. Funding is also available for businesses, such as the incentives for various industries like dry-cleaners and incentives for retrofit engines for heavy-duty trucks.

Lastly, SCAQMD oversees two programs enacted by legislation that have a nexus to the Coachella Valley. AB 1318 (Statutes of 2009) established a Mitigation Fees Fund to help with emission reduction projects to offset emissions related to the Sentinel Energy Project power plant. The \$53.3 million in funding was allocated to projects across the Coachella Valley, the largest of which is the CV Link. Also, SCAQMD oversees implementation of AB 617 (Statutes of 2018) which require local air district to implement community air monitoring and emission reduction programs in disadvantaged communities as defined by the CalEnviroScreen mapping criteria.

At the February meeting, SCAQMD staff will provide an update to the Energy & Environmental Resources Committee about grants and other funding opportunities available to CVAG's member jurisdictions.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for this informational update.

ITEM 6C

Coachella Valley Association of Governments Energy and Environmental Resources Committee

February 10, 2022



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Update on Imperial Irrigation District's Energy Efficiency Programs

Contact: Emmanuel Martinez, Senior Programs Manager (emartinez@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: At the November 18, 2021 meeting of the Energy and Environmental Resources Committee, CVAG staff provided an update on the launch of the Inland Empire Regional Energy Network (REN). Such networks establish local government partnerships in order to administer energy efficiency programs independent of Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs), such as Southern California Edison. The IREN, which is the focus of a separate staff report in the February agenda packet, will be implemented in collaboration between CVAG and the Western Riverside Council of Governments and the San Bernardino Council of Governments.

Because RENs are only available in IOU territories, cities not served by SCE in the Coachella Valley cannot benefit from the services and programs it will provide. Consequently, Energy and Environmental Resources Committee members asked about the programs available to east valley communities served by the publicly owned utility (POU), Imperial Irrigation District.

Unlike IOUs whose rates are approved by the CPUC, POUs are governed by their boards of directors, who have the authority to set and approve rates. However, similar to the IOUs that fund public programs via a public goods charge, IID collects a Public Benefits Charge equal to 3.85 percent of its retail rate of electricity. The funds collected are applied to various programs that advance energy efficiency and conservation, electric vehicles, renewable energy, research and demonstration and services for low-income customers. Ultimately, the goals of the energy efficiency programs being offered by IID are to achieve customer benefits by off-setting costs and helping to save money; achieve public benefits through sustainable energy resources that improve health and environmental quality; and achieve utility benefits by reducing overall system costs, increasing reliability of the grid, helping the utility to meet regulatory requirements.

At the February meeting of the Energy and Environmental Resources Committee, Sabrina Barber, IID's Manager of Energy Business and Regulatory Compliance, will present additional information on these programs and will be available to answer any questions.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for this informational update.

ITEM 6D

Coachella Valley Association of Governments Energy & Environmental Resources Committee

February 10, 2022



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Inland Regional Energy Network Governance

Contact: David Freedman, Program Manager (dfreedman@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Provide direction on composition of CVAG representation on Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) Executive Committee

Background: As noted in previous reports to the Energy & Environmental Resources Committee, CVAG has been collaborating with Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) and San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) on creating a new joint Regional Energy Network for the Inland Empire. After years of coordination, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in November 2021 approved the I-REN application and business plan. Further details about I-REN are in the attached staff report from the Committee's meeting of November 18, 2021.

In anticipation for the I-REN's operational launch this year, CVAG staff is working with WRCOG and SANBAG staff on I-REN's governance structure, which will be set out in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) among CVAG, SANBAG and WRCOG and a Governance and Operations Charter (Charter) that will be an exhibit to the MOA. CVAG staff anticipates bringing the MOA and Charter to the Energy & Environmental Resources Committee and the Executive Committee for recommended approval in April 2022. With this item, CVAG staff is seeking input from the committee so it can continue negotiations on the agreement, particularly as it pertains to the governance structure.

The current draft of the MOA and Charter provide for I-REN to be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of representatives of each Council of Governments (COG). The I-REN Executive Committee will have final responsibility to make all executive decisions including:

- Establishing portfolio-level strategy and overall I-REN prioritization;
- Establishing and managing portfolio-level budgets;
- Addressing and resolving high-level programmatic concerns and issues such as program design, branding and marketing, strategy, procurement, and consulting support;
- Authorizing responses to relevant CPUC regulatory filings, inquiries, data requests and similar issues; and
- Authorizing procurements related to I-REN.

The I-REN Executive Committee will meet quarterly in public, open meetings. WRCOG will be responsible for administering I-REN on a day-to-day basis for all invoicing, contracts, and agreements once those documents have been approved by the I-REN Executive Committee.

The Charter will further describe the roles and responsibilities of each COG, the I-REN Executive Committee, as well as sector-specific working groups. CVAG staff, for example, has opted to be the lead agency on developing and implementing programs and policies in I-REN's Codes and Standards sector, and WRCOG and SANBAG will share lead responsibility for developing and

implementing programs and policies related to the Public sector and Workforce Education and Training sector. Although there will be a lead COG for some sectors, each COG will be involved in the development of I-REN's programs in each sector, and each COG will be responsible for implementing programs within its jurisdiction.

The Charter gives each COG three votes on the I-REN Executive Committee. Each COG's governing board will determine how its voting power on the I-REN Executive Committee will be exercised, including the number of representatives it will have on the I-REN Executive Committee and whether its representatives will be elected officials, staff members, or a combination of elected officials and staff members. Decisions will be made based on majority of the total votes cast on a matter.

CVAG is the only COG that has an existing Energy & Environmental Resources Committee, and CVAG staff has intended that the Committee would take an active role in the I-REN. CVAG staff is now asking the Committee members to provide input on how CVAG's voting power should be exercised. The options include:

- *Appointing elected officials to represent CVAG:* The Energy & Environmental Resources Committee could recommend that the Executive Committee appoint up to three Energy & Environmental Resources Committee members to serve on the I-REN Executive Committee. If this option were chosen, staff would recommend that two of the three elected officials are from Southern California Edison (SCE) territory – where the majority of funds for I-REN are generated – and one from the area of the Coachella Valley served by Imperial Irrigation District (IID).
- *Delegating authority to the Energy & Environmental Resources Committee:* With approval of CVAG's Executive Committee, the Energy & Environmental Resources Committee could serve as CVAG's decision-making body for I-REN. This approach would allow the Energy & Environmental Resources Committee to review and provide direction on all items being considered, then delegate voting to CVAG staff, or a combination of elected officials and staff, who would attend the I-REN Executive Committee meetings.

Staff is seeking direction from the Committee on how involved its members would like to be in I-REN's routine decision-making under the above options, or alternatives the Committee may consider. That input will then be reflected in a recommendation to the CVAG Executive Committee and help staff finalize the I-REN MOA and Charter documents, which will be brought back for further review and approval this spring.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no additional costs to the proposed governance options. Staff time dedicated to the I-REN is covered through the I-REN budget, which is nearly \$65.6 million through period 2022-2027. This funding comes from customers of Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) such as SCE and SoCalGas through the on-bill Public Goods Charge levied by the IOUs. The I-REN Executive Committee will, as part of its budget process, determine amounts to be allocated to each of the COGs in furtherance of I-REN's programs.

Attachment: November 2021 Staff Report detailing I-REN launch:
http://www.cvag.org/downloads/enviro/ee/EE_11_18_2021_6B.pdf

ITEM 7A

**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE RECORD
FY 2021-2022**

<i>VOTING MEMBERS</i>	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-					
City of Blythe	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-					
City of Cathedral City	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-					
City of Coachella	-	-	✓	-		-	-					
Coachella Valley Water District	-	-		-		-	-					
City of Desert Hot Springs	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-					
Imperial Irrigation District	-	-		-	✓	-	-					
City of Indian Wells	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-					
City of Indio	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-					
City of La Quinta	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-					
Mission Springs Water District	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-					
City of Palm Desert	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-					
City of Palm Springs	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-					
City of Rancho Mirage	-	-	✓	-		-	-					
Riverside County - District 4	-	-	✓	-		-	-					
<i>EX-OFFICIO / NON-VOTING MEMBERS</i>							-					
Desert Water Agency	-	-		-		-	-					
Riverside County - District 5	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-					

Absent		No Meeting	-
Vacancy	**	Present	✓
Holiday	H		

Used Oil & Oil Filter Recycling Events



The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) invites you to recycle your used motor oil and filters.

Bring your used oil filters to the event and receive a new replacement filter (of equal or lesser value) for FREE.

Limit two free filters per household.

Bring your used oil for recycling (up to five gallons per vehicle). Participants will also receive a shop rag and funnel for FREE (while supplies last).

Open to all Coachella Valley residents.

**Saturday
March 5, 2022**

AutoZone
73605 Highway 111
Palm Desert, CA
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Saturday
May 14, 2022**

AutoZone
50-700 Harrison St.
Coachella, CA
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

For questions about the events please call CVAG at (760) 346-1127.

Please maintain social distance. Face masks will be required to participate.

Visit www.CVAG.org for the 2022 used oil event schedule.



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Eventos Para Reciclar Filtros y Aceite



La Asociación Gubernamental del Valle de Coachella (CVAG) lo invita a reciclar el aceite usado de motor y los filtros.

Traiga su filtro de aceite usado al evento y reciba un repuesto (de igual o menor valor) GRATIS. Hay un límite de dos filtros gratis por hogar.

Traiga el aceite usado para reciclar (hasta 5 galones por carro). Los participantes también recibirán un trapo y un embudo GRATIS (hasta agotar las existencias).

Para todos los residentes del valle de Coachella.

**Sabádo 5 de
marzo, 2022**

AutoZone
73605 Highway 111
Palm Desert, CA
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Sabádo 14 de
mayo, 2022**

AutoZone
50-700 Harrison St.
Coachella, CA
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Si tiene preguntas sobre los eventos, por favor llame a CVAG a (760) 346-1127.

Por favor de mantener distancia social. Se requerirán máscaras faciales para participar.

Visite www.CVAG.org para ver el calendario de eventos de aceite usado en 2022.



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