

**ITEM 6A****EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
APRIL 29, 2019**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The April 29, 2019, 2019 Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Acting Chair Jeff Grubbe, Tribal Chair of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, at 73-710 Fred Waring Dr., Suite 119 in Palm Desert, CA.

**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**

Councilmember Joseph DeConinck  
Mayor Mark Carnevale  
Mayor Steven Hernandez  
Mayor Scott Matas  
Mayor Ted Mertens  
Mayor Lupe Ramos-Amith  
Mayor Linda Evans  
Councilmember Kathleen Kelly  
Mayor Robert Moon  
Councilmember Dana Hobart  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez  
Tribal Chair Jeff Grubbe

**AGENCY**

City of Blythe  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta (Arrived during start of Item 7A)  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage  
County of Riverside 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries  
Supervisor Karen Spiegel  
Supervisor Chuck Washington  
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt  
Tribal Chair Douglas Welmas

**AGENCY**

County of Riverside 1<sup>st</sup> District  
County of Riverside 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
County of Riverside 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
County of Riverside 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

**MEMBER SUPPORT STAFF**

Charles McClendon  
Kevin McCarthy  
Mark Scott

**AGENCY**

City of Cathedral City  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio

Frank Spevacek	City of La Quinta
Lauri Aylaian	City of Palm Desert
Marcus Fuller	City of Palm Springs
Isaiah Hagerman	Vity of Rancho Mirage

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Patricia Cooper

Mario Garcia

Councilmember Sabby Jonathan

Greg Rodriguez

Boomer Shannon

Lauren Skiver

Brittney Sowell

**AGENCY**

County of Riverside

County of Riverside

City of Palm Desert

County of riverside

County of Riverside

Sunline Transit Agency

Sunline Transit Agency

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tom Kirk

Gary Leong

Martin Magaña

Katie Barrows

Eric Cowle

Erica Felci

Ben Druyon

Oscar Vizcarra

Joanna Stueckle

Michael Jenkins

CVAG Legal Counsel

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Acting Chair Jeff Grubbe led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Tom Kirk updated members on cap and trade advocacy efforts, indicating that the City of Indio recently received a \$200,000 grant. Mr. Kirk also announced the upcoming South Coast Air Quality Management District public hearings in Palm Desert and Coachella, as well as the upcoming SCAG General Assembly.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**A. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 25, 2019 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**B. APPROVE HOLDING 2019 CVAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING AT AGUA CALIENTE CASINO RESORT AND SPA IN RANCHO MIRAGE AND SET PRICE AT \$70.00 PER PERSON**

- C. AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN LETTER TO NEW ZERO TRAFFIC FATALITIES TASK FORCE, OUTLINING NEED FOR MORE LOCAL DISCRETION IN SETTING SPEED LIMITS AND SUPPORTING APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILWOMAN LISA MIDDLETON AS A TASK FORCE MEMBER
- D. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 7 FOR NO-COST EXTENSION TO CV LINK CONTRACT WITH TERRA NOVA, ENDING IN DECEMBER 2019

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR MERTENS	AYE
MAYOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	ABSENT
COUNCILMEBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

#### **6.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

#### **7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

##### **A. Chairmanship Succession for CVAG – Erica Felci**

Erica Felci presented the staff report. Member comment ensued. Action was taken on the fiscal year 2019/2020 chairmanship.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MERTENS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO RECOMMEND THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILIA INDIANS AS CHAIR AND THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF INDIO AS VICE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020.**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR MERTENS	AYE

MAYOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

Member comment continued regarding setting a formal policy. It was suggested that staff return to the next meeting with a proposed member rotation policy for discussion.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MERTENS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ TO DIRECT STAFF TO TAKE STEPS TO PROVIDE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WITH A PROPOSED ROTATION POLICY MAKING THE MEMBER JURISDICTION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR, RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS; AND RETURN TO THE NEXT MEETING FOR MEMBER CONSIDERATION.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES, 1 NAY AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR MERTENS	AYE
MAYOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KELLY	NAY
MAYOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

**B. SCAG Election Policy – Erica Felci**

Ms. Felci presented the staff report. Member comment ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO:**

- 1) DISCUSS A POLICY CHANGE TO ENCOURAGE BROADER PARTICIPATION IN SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND DISTRIBUTE THIS INFORMATION TO CITIES FOR ANY ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK; AND

2) ESTABLISH SUB-REGIONAL POLICY THAT APPOINTMENTS TO SCAG POLICY COMMITTEES WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE CVAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EVERY TWO YEARS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR MERTENS	AYE
MAYOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

**C. Coachella Valley Homelessness Collaborative – Tom Kirk**

Mr. Kirk invited Sabby Jonathan, Homelessness Committee Chairman and Palm Desert Councilmember to give an update on efforts to create a homelessness collaborative.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RIVERSIDE COUNTY TO APPOINT GREG RODRIGUEZ, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC POLICY ADVISOR TO SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ, TO LEAD IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY HOMELESSNESS COLLABORATIVE, WITH CVAG'S SHARE OF COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000 FOR ONE YEAR, WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR A SECOND YEAR.**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR MERTENS	AYE
MAYOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE

SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

**D. Support for State Funding to Combat Homelessness in Coachella Valley – Tom Kirk**

Mr. Kirk gave a brief report and encouraged member jurisdictions to send separate letters of support. Councilmember DeConinck requested the Palo Verde Valley be added to the letter. Members briefly discussed the process of assisting immigrants being bussed into the Palo Verde Valley and the Coachella Valley.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY TO AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN LETTER IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBERS CHAD MAYES AND EDUARDO GARCIA FOR STATE FUNDING TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY AND PALO VERDE VALLEY.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

COUNCILEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR MERTENS	AYE
MAYOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEBER KELLY	AYE
MAYOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

**E. Western Coachella Valley Blowsand and Flooding Study – Martin Magaña**

Martin Magaña presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MATAS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN THAT PROVIDES NEAR-TERM SOLUTIONS TO IMPACTS FROM BLOWSAND AND FLOODING EVENTS IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

COUNCILEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAJOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAJOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAJOR MATAS	AYE
MAJOR MERTENS	AYE
MAJOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAJOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEBER KELLY	AYE
MAJOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

**F. Amendment No 2 for North Indian Canyon Drive Widening Project – Eric Cowle**

Eric Cowle presented the staff report. Brief member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MATAS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MOON TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE NORTH INDIAN CANYON DRIVE WIDENING PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,591,000, ADDING THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS (AGENCY) TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT AND ESTABLISHING PROPORTIONAL COST SHARE ESTIMATES; AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE MINOR MODIFICATIONS PRIOR TO EXECUTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAJOR CARNEVALE	AYE
MAJOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAJOR MATAS	AYE
MAJOR MERTENS	AYE
MAJOR RAMOS-AMITH	AYE
MAJOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEBER KELLY	AYE
MAJOR MOON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOBART	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

**8. INFORMATION**

- a) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- b) CVAG Regional Arterial Program - Project Status Report
- c) CVAG Regional Arterial Program - Contract Status Report
- d) CVAG Regional Bike/Pedestrian Safety Program Update
- e) Executive Committee Attendance Roster
- f) AB 854: Imperial Irrigation District – Retail Electric Service
- g) CVAG Quarterly Report
- h) Caltrans Audit Report
- i) Suggested Guidelines for Electric Scooter Sharing
- j) SCAG 2019 General Assembly

Mayor Evans commented on Information item F, indicating that letters of support would be helpful.

Mr. Leong was asked if the Audit Committee had been informed of Information item H. Mr. Leong reported that the Audit Committee was made aware of the Caltrans Audit Report.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Meetings at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert:

**Executive Committee – Monday, June 3, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Acting Chair Grubbe adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joanna Stueckle*

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Executive Assistant