

ITEM 5A

Energy and Environmental Resources Committee Meeting Minutes February 10, 2022



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

Councilmember Neftali Galarza
Vice Mayor Joseph DeConinck
Councilmember Nancy Ross
Councilmember Russell Betts
Board Member Anthony Bianco
Director JB Hamby
Mayor Pro Tem Donna Griffith
Councilmember Elaine Holmes
Mayor Linda Evans, *Chair*
Vice President Nancy Wright
Councilmember Gina Nestande
Councilmember Dennis Woods
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend
Riverside County – District 4

Agency

City of Coachella
City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Desert Hot Springs
Coachella Valley Water District
Imperial Irrigation District
City of Indian Wells (*Absent for Items 5 and 6A*)
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
Mission Springs Water District
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage (*Arrived at Item 4*)
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez (*Arrived at Item 4*)

Ex-Officio Members Present

Supervisor Jeff Hewitt

Riverside County

Others Present

Tom Kirk	CVAG
Erica Felci	CVAG
Peter Satin	CVAG
Joanna Stueckle	CVAG
Jennifer Nelson	CVAG
Emmanuel Martinez	CVAG
Elizabeth Paige	CVAG
Kathleen Brundige	CVAG
David Freedman	CVAG
Liz Barnwell	CVAG
Amy Lawrence	City of Palm Desert
Margaret Park	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Paul Vallandigham	Riverside County
Sabrina Barber	IID
Dan Garcia	South Coast Air Quality Management
Frances Maes	South Coast Air Quality Management
Kim Floyd	Sierra Club
Antonia Ortega	
Enrique Martinez	IID
One Individual	Via phone

Members/ Ex-Officios Not Present

Chairman Jeff Grubbe

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

Board Member Patricia Oygur

Desert Water Agency

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Clerk Jennifer Nelson read into the record Brad Anderson's written comment opposing Item 6A regarding a MOU between CVAG and IID.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Executive Director Tom Kirk introduced two new CVAG employees, David Freedman and Liz Barnwell, who will be working on energy programs.

Mayor Pro Tem Russell Betts shared he had attended the Land Use Commission meeting in Riverside in person that morning and made it back to his office in time for this meeting.

Councilmember Gina Nestande announced the City of Palm Desert Council approved the Desert Surf Resort project with a groundbreaking event scheduled for October 2022.

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez provided an update on the Salton Sea North Lake pilot project.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR**A. Approve November 18, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes****B. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside County Department of Waster Resources, providing up to \$25,000 annually for activities that implement waster diversion legislation and organics recycling programs****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**

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TOWNSEND AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NESTANDE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 13 AYES, 2 ABSTENTIONS AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Chairman Jeff Grubbe	Absent
Vice Mayor Joey DeConinck	Aye
Councilmember Nancy Ross	Aye
Councilmember Neftali Galarza	Aye
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Aye
Councilmember Russell Betts	Aye
Director JB Hamby	Aye (Abstained from Items 5A and 5C)
Mayor Pro Tem Donna Griffith	Absent

Councilmember Elaine Holmes	Aye (<i>Abstained from Item 5A</i>)
Mayor Linda Evans	Aye
Vice President Nancy Wright	Aye
Councilmember Gina Nestande	Aye
Councilmember Dennis Woods	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend	Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Aye

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Memorandum of Understanding between CVAG and IID

Emmanuel Martinez presented the staff report that included information on the Coachella Valley Energy Commission.

Member discussion followed, with members expressing support of the collaborative efforts and regional approach.

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TOWNSEND TO 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.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES, 1 ABSTENTION AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.

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

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

Mr. Kirk introduced Frances Maes and Dan Garcia from South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), who provided an overview of incentive programs and funding sources.

Member discussion ensued and AQMD staff answered member questions and offered to provide additional information on the Carl Moyer memorial fund.

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

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

Sabrina Barber from IID provided a detailed report on the numerous efficiency programs available. A brief discussion followed.

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

D. Inland Regional Energy Network Governance

David Freedman provided the staff report and outlined governing options for the Committee to consider.

Discussion ensued and members voiced support of having one member to represent CVAG at I-REN meetings.

There was no action taken on this item, and staff indicated the topic would return for additional consideration in the future.

7. INFORMATION – The following items were provided in the agenda for information only:

A. Attendance Record

B. 2022 Used Oil Recycling Events

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Nelson, read into the record Mr. Anderson's comment requesting public comments be allowed after each agenda item.

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 – Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Nelson