

COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION (CVCC) AGENDA

CVCC MEMBERS

City of Cathedral City

Mayor Kathy De Rosa, Vice Chair

City of Coachella

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County of Riverside

1st District Supervisor Bob Buster

2nd District Supervisor John Tavaglione
(Terry Henderson, Alternate)

3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone

4th District Supervisor (appointment pending)
(Larry Ward, Alternate)

5th District Supervisor Marion Ashley
(Steven Hernandez, Alternate)

Coachella Valley Water District

Board Member Corky Larson

Imperial Irrigation District

Board Member Anthony Sanchez

CVAG Staff Support

Tom Kirk, Executive Director

Katie Barrows, Dir. of Environmental Resources

Gary Leong, Dir. of Administrative Services

Jim Sullivan, GIS Program Director

Linda Rogers, Program Assistant

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA MAY RESULT IN POSSIBLE ACTION TAKEN BY THE COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION (CVCC).

THIS MEETING IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

The next meeting of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) is as follows:

Thursday, November 12, 2009

11:00 A.M.

CVAG Offices

73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119

Palm Desert, California 92260

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Richard W. Kite, CVCC Chair

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS

The Committee may add an item to the agenda after making a finding that there is a need to take immediate action on the item and that the item came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. An action adding an item to the agenda requires 2/3 vote of the Committee. If there are less than 2/3 of the Committee members present, adding an item to the agenda requires a unanimous vote.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time and place for any person wishing to address the CVCC to do so.

6. CVCC MEMBER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. **UPDATE ON AMENDED POLICY FOR INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT MITIGATION FEE** – Tom Kirk

STAFF RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) continue this item to the meeting of January 14, 2010.

9. **ONE YEAR REPORT ON ACQUISITIONS** – Geary Hund, Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy

Refer to pages 4 - 5

Information only.

10. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM GRANT** – Geary Hund, Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy

Refer to pages 6 - 7

STAFF RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission:

- 1) Adopt Resolution 09-027 authorizing submittal of an application for an Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant.
- 2) Approve \$700,000 in matching funds for acquisition of lands, if the grant application is successful.

11. **CONSIDER CONTRACT FOR RESERVE MANAGEMENT UNIT PLANS AND LAND MANAGEMENT TASKS** – Jim Sullivan

Refer to pages 8 - 23

STAFF RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) approve a contract with the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy (CVMC)/RECON for preparation of Reserve Management Unit Plans (RMUPs) and performance of management tasks at a total cost not to exceed \$102,317.00, allowing minor changes to the contract language with concurrence of CVCC counsel.

12. **CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-028 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT** – Jim Sullivan

Refer to pages 24 - 25

STAFF RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) adopt Resolution 09-028 authorizing an application for a California Department of Fish and Game Local Assistance Grant in an amount to be determined by the Executive Director with a CVCC match of up to 30% of the grant amount.

13. **CONSIDERATION OF PROCESS FOR DESERT HOT SPRINGS I-10 ANNEXATION CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CVMSHCP** – Katie Barrows

Refer to page 26

STAFF RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission consider the process for including the City of Desert Hot Springs as a Permittee under the CVMSHCP for the I-10 Annexation area and provide direction to staff.

14. **UPDATE ON AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A MAJOR AMENDMENT** – Tom Kirk

15. **CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY TO SUPPORT MSHCP/NCCP FUNDING IN THEIR LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM** – Katie Barrows

Refer to pages 27 – 28

STAFF RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission:
1) Approve a request to Riverside County to Include Support for MSHCP Funding in Their Legislative Platform for 2010-2012.
2) Authorize the Chair or the Executive Director to sign a support letter to Riverside County Executive Office.

16. **REPORT FROM RESERVE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND TRAILS MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE** – Katie Barrows

Information Only.

17. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval

17A Approve Minutes of the October 8, 2009 Coachella Valley Conservation Commission.

Refer to pages 29 - 35

STAFF RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approval.

Receive and File

17B Receipt of Endowment Funds from City of Cathedral City

17C Report on Contracts under \$25,000

17D Quarterly Unaudited Financial Statements as at September 30, 2009

17E CVCC's Investment Report as at September 30, 2009

17F Letter outlining the Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009, pursuant to Statements on Auditing Standards No. 114 (SAS 114)

Refer to pages 36-43 respectively for items 17B through 17F

Information

17G CVCC 2009 Attendance Roster

Refer to page 44

18. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- CVAG Committees go dark in December.
- The next meeting of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission is scheduled for January 14, 2010, 11:00 a.m. at CVAG, conference room 119.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**