

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2010

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Energy and Environmental Resources Committee was called to order by Chair Ben Godfrey at 12:09 p.m. on January 14, 2010.

The Chair called for a moment of silence in observance of the passing of Alan Seman, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Rancho Mirage.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Ben Godfrey led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Councilmember Richard Contreras
Mayor Kathy DeRosa
Councilmember Russell Betts
Councilmember Larry Spicer
Mayor Pro Tem Ben Godfrey, Chair
Councilmember Stanley Sniff
Mayor Cindy Finerty
Mayor Stephen Pougnet, Vice Chair
Mayor Gordon Moller
Anthony Sanchez
Nancy Wright
Michael Gialdini, Legislative Assistant
(by proxy vote for Supervisor Benoit)

Agency

City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
Imperial Irrigation District
Mission Springs Water District
County of Riverside, 4th District

Members Absent

Mayor Eduardo Garcia

City of Coachella

Others Present

Councilmember Sam Patel
Corky Larson
Carolyn Syms Luna
Michelle Mician
Emily Nelson
Pat Oygur
Dee Bradshaw
Kay Hazen

City of Blythe
Coachella Valley Water District
County of Riverside
City of Palm Springs
Consultant
Desert Water Agency
Imperial Irrigation District
Kay Hazen and Company

Jennifer Menjivar
Joe Cassmassi
Kevin Durkee
Mike Laybourn
Todd Warden

Southern California Edison
South Coast Air Quality Mgmt District
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CVAG Staff

Tom Kirk, Katie Barrows, Jim Sullivan, Nick Peihl and Linda Rogers

4. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS

Staff indicated that there were no additions or changes.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy DeRosa introduced Jennifer Menjivar with SCE who will be responsible for the Cities of Cathedral City, Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs. Jennifer will be taking on Lin Juniper's responsibilities, as Lin Juniper has moved up to the position of project manager for infrastructure projects. Jennifer will be sharing the projects here in the Coachella Valley with Kathy De Rosa.

Kathy DeRosa introduced and welcomed representatives from the City of Blythe: Councilmember Richard Contreras and newly elected Councilmember Sam Patel.

Todd Warden with AQMD announced that MSRC money is available. AQMD will also help partner with any upcoming events this year; requests for sponsorship should be submitted to Todd Warden. Todd also provided an update on the permit moratorium, SB 696 and SB 827.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER & DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. PRESENTATION ON PM-10 ATTAINMENT REDESIGNATION REQUEST & MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR THE COACHELLA VALLEY & SOUTHCOAST AIR BASIN

Joe Cassmassi with AQMD gave a Powerpoint presentation on PM10 attainment redesignation requests and maintenance plans for the South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley portion of the Salton Sea Air Basin.

9. PALM SPRINGS PATH TO A SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY

Mayor Steve Pougnet discussed how the Palm Springs City Council identified sustainability as a priority. The ultimate goal of the City Council was to adopt a Sustainability Master Plan for the city. Mayor Pougnet introduced Michele Mician who

was hired to implement the Sustainability Master Plan. Michele discussed the City's Sustainability Commission and and Green Team operations. Sustainability is being implemented and integrated into every department, as well as integrating community and city operations. The goals for 2010 for the City of Palm Springs were discussed.

Katie Barrows stated that CVAG staff is working with AQMD on the Greenhouse Gas Inventory. AQMD is finishing up a draft technical report. It is anticipated that the inventory will be ready for internal review in the next few weeks.

10. CONSIDERATION OF COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT PARTICIPATION AS A NON-VOTING MEMBER ON THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SNIFF AND SECONDED BY MAYOR FINERTY THAT THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT TO BECOME A NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

11. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 10-001: SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 74 IN HONOR OF SUPERVISOR ROY WILSON

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR DEROSA AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER SANCHEZ THAT THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVE RESOLUTION 10-001 SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 74 IN HONOR OF SUPERVISOR ROY WILSON.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

12. CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY AND APPROVAL OF A SUPPORT RESOLUTION FOR THE DESERT CITIES ENERGY PARTNERSHIP

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MOLLER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SNIFF THAT THE ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- 1) APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY FOR THE DESERT CITIES ENERGY PARTNERSHIP FOR 2010 THROUGH 2012, INCLUDING FUNDING TO CVAG FOR COORDINATION AND MARKETING OF THE PROGRAM, PENDING FINAL REVIEW BY LEGAL COUNSEL.**
- 2) APPROVE RESOLUTION 10-003 DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE DESERT CITIES ENERGY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2010 THROUGH 2012.**

THE MOTION CARRIED.

13. UPDATE ON GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY

Staff indicated the update was discussed under Item 9.

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval

14A Approve Minutes of the November 12, 2009 Energy and Environmental Resources Committee meetings.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SNIFF AND SECONDED BY MAYOR FINERTY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2009 MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE ABSENTION FROM THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS ON THE MINUTES.

14B Amendment Number Two – Addition of Streets to Regional PM10 Street Sweeping Services Agreement

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SNIFF AND SECONDED BY MAYOR FINERTY THAT THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVE AMENDMENT TWO TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CVAG AND CLEANSTREET FOR ADDITION OF STREETS TO THE REGIONAL PM10 STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Information

14C Energy and Environmental Resources Committee Attendance Roster

The Committee received the Attendance Roster as an information item.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Energy and Environmental Resources Committee is scheduled for February 11, 2010 at 12:00 noon.
- The next Energy & Water Conservation Subcommittee is scheduled for January 21, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rogers
Program Assistant II