

**ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 8, 2009**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Energy and Environmental Resources Committee was called to order by Chair Ben Godfrey at 12:08 p.m. on October 8, 2009.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember 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**

Vice Mayor Beverly Mays  
(via teleconference)  
Mayor Kathy De Rosa  
Mayor Eduardo Garcia  
Councilmember Russell Betts  
Mayor Larry Spicer  
Councilmember Ben Godfrey, Chair  
Councilmember Stanley Sniff  
Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Finerty  
Mayor Stephen Pougnet  
Mayor Gordon Moller  
Buford Crites (by proxy vote)  
Board Member Anthony Sanchez

**Agency**

City of Blythe  
Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
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  
County of Riverside, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Imperial Irrigation District

**Members Absent**

Board Member Nancy Wright

Mission Springs Water District

**Others Present**

|                    |                                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Emily Nelson       | Consultant                         |
| Vikki Dee Bradshaw | IID                                |
| Carolyn Syms Luna  | County of Riverside                |
| George Johnson     | County of Riverside                |
| Kay Hazen          | Consultant                         |
| Mike Gialdini      | County of Riverside                |
| Mark Hodnick       | City of Indio                      |
| Dave Ison          | City of Indio                      |
| Pam Touschner      | WWCOT/Christopher Mills Architects |
| Rod Barker         | WWCOT/Christopher Mills Architects |
| Jonathon Port      | Perma City                         |
| Joia Gible         | Perma City                         |

**CVAG Staff**

Tom Kirk  
Katie Barrows  
Jim Sullivan  
Linda Rogers  
Lance Albrecht

**4. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS & REVISIONS**

No additions or revisions.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**6. COMMITTEE MEMBER & DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Spicer provided an update on a solar event sponsored by IID and SCE at the City of Indian Wells. The event offered an opportunity for residents to hear and learn about solar panels. Residents expressed interest and had lots of questions. The speaker and vendors were available to address questions.

Katie Barrows added that the event was promoted through the Desert Cities Energy Partnership. Efforts are underway in working with IID for presenting an event in the eastern valley cities. Katie Barrows commented that an event was also made in the City of Palm Springs.

The Desert Cities Energy Partnership will be sponsoring a breakfast meeting on October 19 for city staff. This is a kick off breakfast to introduce the Partnership to the working group, made up of city staff, and to explain the benefits to their cities served by SCE and IID.

The Desert Horticultural Society is hosting their annual desert garden community day on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Palm Desert Visitor Center. This is a valley wide event with participation from the water districts and others who are promoting water conservation and irrigation. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**8. GREEN BUILDING PRESENTATION – CITY OF INDIO**

Dave Isen with the City of Indio was introduced by staff. Mr. Isen addressed the committee introducing the key members of the team that worked with the City of Indio on their Teen and Senior Center: Pam Toucher, WWCOT/Christopher Mills Architects, who along with other colleagues were the designers of the two builders; and Mark Hodnick, Director of Construction Facilities for the City of Indio. The committee was urged to share projects that happening in their cities related to green building and energy efficiency.

Pam Toucher provided an overview in terms of how the projects were started in working with the City of Indio. Ms. Toucher covered the following points in her presentation:

- What does green mean, sustainable practices, reducing, making sure to protect natural resources and creating healthy living in working spaces
- Sustainability goals
- Increasing productivity
- Sustainable materials that would last beyond the short length of the building
- Building and designing buildings that have sustainable practices increases an asset for the city
- City of Indio owns their buildings and makes decisions about running and maintaining the buildings
- LEED Certified Buildings and meeting those goals
- Pictures of Teen Center and the Senior Center were shown and design, natural lighting, and solar panels were discussed.
- Low flow fixtures, landscaping, HVAC energy efficient units
- Beyond construction – what could be done in terms of recycling within and outside the building

Mark Hodnick, City of Indio provided information on the City's green building, sustainability practices, and grid neutral policies. Mr. Hodnick discussed the City of Indio's goal to do everything they can to control what the developers build related to City facilities.

## **9. UPDATE ON WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE**

Katie Barrows indicated staff is working with TPS Committee. Staff indicated the goal is to finalize the ordinance to meet the State Model for adoption by 2010. Staff stated that the final ordinance will come back to the committee.

## **10. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Approval**

10A Approve Minutes of the September 10, 2009 Energy & Environmental Resources Committee meetings.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SNIFF AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM FINERTY THAT THE ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2009.**

**A roll call vote was taken:**

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| <b>City of Blythe</b>             | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>City of Cathedral City</b>     | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>City of Coachella</b>          | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>City of Desert Hot Springs</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>City of Indian Wells</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>City of Indio</b>              | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>City of La Quinta</b>          | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>City of Palm Desert</b>        | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>City of Palm Springs</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>City of Rancho Mirage</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval**

10B Energy & Environmental Resources Committee Attendance Roster

The Committee received the Attendance Roster as an information item.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next **Energy & Water Conservation Subcommittee** is scheduled for October 15, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

The next **Energy & Environmental Resources Committee** is scheduled for November 12, 2009 at 12:00 Noon.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rogers  
Program Assistant II