

**Energy Conservation Subcommittee
Minutes of Meeting
June 26, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Energy Conservation Subcommittee was called to order by Chair Stephen Pougnet at 8:04 a.m.

In Attendance

Supervisor Roy Wilson
Lizzandro Diaz
Gabriel Perez
Tami Scott
Jacob Alvarez
Robert Edwards
Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Moller
Mayor Stephen Pougnet
Tom Davis
Lin Juniper
Kathy De Rosa
Gary Calhoun
Brian Peulicke
Connor Limont
Kay Hazen
Jane Udall
Patrick Swarthout
Gary Ambach
Amy Guizar

Agency

County of Riverside, 4th District
City of Coachella
City of Coachella
City of Cathedral City
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indio
City of Rancho Mirage
City of Palm Springs
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
SCE
SCE
Consultant, City of Palm Springs
Member at Large
Member at Large
Member at Large
Member at Large
The Gas Co.
IID
BIA

CVAG Staff Present

John Wohlmuth
Katie Barrows
Linda Rogers

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Stephen Pougnet led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. **COMMITTEE MEMBER & DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Chair Pougnet thanked Councilmember Tom Kirk for chairing last month's meeting.

Jane Udall inquired about a meeting with the Transportation Committee in order to address the other sources of carbon emissions. Chair Pougnet responded that as a member of the Transportation Committee, the item came up and it was decided that would be addressed after the summer.

Jane Udall asked if it was within the scope of this committee to look at differences between the energy sources of renewable portfolios between SCE and IID indicating that the data is out there. Lin Juniper agreed that she would be happy to do a presentation on behalf of SCE and Gary Ambach with IID indicated likewise. Kay Hazen asked if the presentations could also include the transmission capabilities also.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

7. **DISCUSSION OF SUBCOMMITTEE NAME**

Katie Barrows stated at last month's meeting there was discussion regarding changing the name of the subcommittee to include or reflect the water conservation goals. The Energy & Environmental Resources Committee has asked the subcommittee to look at the issue of water. Discussion ensued regarding possible names, but the subcommittee did not come up with an official name. Katie suggested that this item be brought back for further input and consideration. Katie Barrows suggested that the group generate some ideas for the name. Supervisor Wilson suggested that the subcommittee come up with a list of some of the names discussed for the subcommittee's consideration.

8. **DISCUSSION OF WATER CONSERVATION ISSUES AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM MEMBER JURISDICTIONS ON EXISTING WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCES**

The Energy & Environmental Resources Committee (E&E) has directed the subcommittee to look at water conservation issues. The first step in this process was to gather information on what is going on in terms of water conservation ordinances. The ordinance for Riverside County was included in the agenda packet. The Riverside County Water Task Force is working toward water efficiency and conservation county-wide. Katie Barrows inquired as to what stage jurisdictions are in as far as water conservation ordinances. The Coachella Valley Water District recently upgraded their water conservation ordinance. Some of the cities served by Coachella Valley Water District are in the process of upgrading their ordinances. Connor Limont indicated that the City of Palm Desert is trying to set an example for homeowners and is taking off some turf along curbs. Robert Edwards indicated that the City of Indio has passed a Landscape and Water Conservation Ordinance. Indio is moving forward with the \$1/per sq. ft. for replacement of water intensive landscaping for commercial and

residential. The ordinance has been adopted but will go into effect in September. Indio also has a water waste program. If people are over-watering, the City will notify them and try to work with them. The City of Indio just set up a hotline number but it still has to be advertised. Robert Edwards indicated that the hotline will be for all environmental programs. The City of La Quinta along with CVWD is doing a model program with CVWD's Smart Controller Program and they are also working on the nuisance water component as well as a turf replacement program. Further discussion ensued on the monitoring, tracking and enforcing the ordinance. There was some discussion about the model energy resolution. John Wohlmuth indicated that the County through the Water Task Force is attempting to have all 26 jurisdictions (soon to be 28) to pass the model ordinance that will comply with State Law that was passed and is being reviewed by Department of Water Resources (DWR). The County's ordinance is attempting to comply with the State Law and if our County provides 26 ordinances, then we can send that up as a County with all of jurisdictions to the state and comply with state law. If that occurs, each jurisdiction does not have to supply an ordinance on its own to DWR and have that ordinance reviewed for compliance with the state law. As a County and as a Task Force, we would take that on for all of the jurisdictions. The concept is that there is one ordinance that meets the minimum state standards and the County's is very close to the state requirement. The County believes that it is in the best interest as a County to have a very comprehensive ordinance to send a very proactive message to the State especially for the Coachella Valley that we take this very seriously. John Wohlmuth requested that jurisdictions take a look at their ordinance, tell us if you have adopted an ordinance, provide to CVAG, and then CVAG will have the task force review the ordinance to see if it meets with state ordinance. The new law will come into effect January 1, 2010. Further discussion ensued, but John Wohlmuth indicated that the intent is to have a strong ordinance county-wide and CVAG will assist its member agencies in getting that in place for January 1, 2010. There is also a consultant before the task force to go through these ordinances individually. The water districts are providing assistance to the cities and are represented on the task force. At the present time, CVAG has ordinances from: Rancho Mirage, La Quinta and Palm Desert.

Discussion ensued about a larger track on the legislative side and then there is a subcommittee track to talk about what jurisdictions are doing and what are the incentive, behavior changing strategies that others are using.

Katie Barrows indicated that on July 9th, the water agencies will have a meeting of all the general managers that will provide an opportunity to discuss this and get more input.

9. REPORT FROM BASELINE ENERGY USE WORKING GROUP

Katie Barrows indicated that the working group has been working on the baseline information and distributed some of the baseline energy data from SCE, IID and the Gas Company. Katie stated that she appreciated the efforts of the participating utilities in gathering this information. Handouts of the baseline data were distributed and discussed. There was discussion that 2005 data was used as the baseline year. Tom Davis expressed concern about the growth of the Coachella Valley resulting in more industry and commercial development.

Committee members added that in earlier meetings of the subcommittee, a baseline year was determined as well as factoring in growth. Gary Ambach stated more explanation of why the 2005 baseline year was chosen. There was further discussion regarding the baseline data in terms of new construction conforming to Title 24 and the ability to accomplish savings by 2009 and reaching the goal of 10% reduction. It was also noted that the data will be disclosed to the public. Jurisdictions were urged to look at the data that the utility has and compare that with information that they have within the city and start to develop measures that address the most logical population base. Some cities are dominated by residential areas while some are dominated by businesses. All these factors will have a different set of measures. Gary also addressed the population base of the newer cities; i.e., La Quinta.

Lin Juniper added that more detailed information will be available by September's meeting.

10. FOLLOW-UP FROM ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC CHANGE SUMMIT

Katie Barrows provided a summary report as a follow-up to the Energy Summit. Katie added that the Desert LYCEUM Position Statement was included in the agenda packet. The summary and goals will be pulled to get a summary report to all participants along with an action plan. A draft of CVAG's goal statement will be taken from the model resolution. Katie added that she will e-mail the draft goal statement and requested feedback. Discussion ensued about where we go for next spring's Energy Summit. Patrick Swarthout discussed an Energy Summit he attended in Imperial County and speakers came and talked about what they are doing in different parts of the world and discussed renewable energy. The subcommittee also discussed how renewable and sustainable energy will be huge for the future and will be key in the Coachella Valley. Lin Juniper updated the subcommittee about a ballot measure that an organization is trying to get 50% by 2025. The Chair suggested that a working group be formed for next spring's summit. Kathy DeRosa suggested that this organization work with CVEP and do an economic piece as well in trying to attract green businesses here. The following members volunteered to serve on the working group for next year's Energy Summit: Stephen Pougnet, Joan Taylor, Lin Juniper, Patrick Swarthout and Kay Hazen.

11. UPDATE ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Katie Barrows described the two-fold goals of the Desert Cities Partnership as outlined in the staff report. The effort is between the Gas Co. and SCE. There is a program implementation plan being prepared and will be submitted to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in July. The timeline is that the PUC will make their decision in the fall and the intent is that the program be ready to roll out or implement in January. CVAG and the City of Palm Springs had separately applied for a partnership program. This is a program that all of the cities can participate in. Katie added that we would like to start focusing on individual cities and the opportunity for savings that each individual city will have. Much of the information about baseline energy use and looking at residential vs. commercial and the various categories will be things that we will be working on in pulling that

partnership together and putting together an implementation plan. Katie Barrows updated the subcommittee regarding a meeting between CVAG, IID, SCE and the Gas Company. General concepts discussed were marketing, across the valley message about energy efficiency and conservation. Over the next few months this will be the focus of our efforts in getting the partnership program ready to roll out.

12. DISCUSSION OF ENERGY ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Katie Barrows stated that there are a number of seminars that will be taking place during the summer months regarding Climate Change, Greenhouse Gases and AB 32. Katie announced the workshops taking place throughout Southern California. Workshop information and training is being investigated in order to look at the potential for bringing such a workshop to the Coachella Valley. One of the resources that we have discussed in the past is Local Governments for Sustainability. Opportunities are being explored for web training as well. The partnership dollars could also provide training on a lot of different topics to include: green house gas reduction, global warming, etc.

There was an update on AB 811 legislation providing the opportunity for financing of energy efficiency infrastructure on the buildings is coming up in the Senate next week. The City of Palm Desert is ready to go once that legislation is passed. They have a bond financing program ready to go. Councilmember Ferguson will be invited to July's meeting to discuss this topic.

13. CONSENT CALENDAR

13A Approve Minutes of the May 15, 2008 Energy Conservation Subcommittee.

It was the consensus of the subcommittee to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2008 meeting.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Energy Conservation Subcommittee will be on July 17, 2008.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rogers
Program Assistant II