

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
JUNE 27, 2005**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The annual meeting of the General Assembly was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Chairman Conrad Negron, City of Indian Wells Mayor Pro Tem. The meeting was called to order at the Hyatt Grand Champions, 44-600 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells, California.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Marion Ashley, CVAG Vice Chair, led the General Assembly and members of the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

It was determined that a quorum was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Pro Tem George Thomas  
Councilmember Chuck Grotke  
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis  
Councilmember Paul Marchand  
Mayor Juan De Lara  
Councilmember Eduardo Garcia  
Councilmember Richard Macknicki  
Councilmember Jesse Villarreal  
Mayor Matt Weyuker  
Vice Mayor Mary Stephens  
Councilmember Gary Bosworth  
Mayor Ed Monarch  
Mayor Pro Tem Conrad Negron  
Councilmember Robert Bernheimer  
Councilmember Mary Roche  
Mayor Melanie Fesmire  
Councilmember Ben Godfrey  
Mayor Don Adolph  
Councilmember Terry Henderson  
Mayor Buford Crites  
Councilmember Jean Benson  
Councilmember Bob Spiegel  
Councilmember Chris Mills  
Councilmember Ginny Foat  
Councilmember Alan Seman  
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Kite  
Supervisor Marion Ashley  
Supervisor Roy Wilson

**AGENCY**

City of Blythe  
City of Blythe  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
City of Coachella  
City of Coachella  
City of Coachella  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage  
City of Rancho Mirage  
County of Riverside  
County of Riverside

Larry Parrish (Supervisor Proxy Vote)  
Michael O'Connor (Supervisor Proxy Vote)  
Rick Hoffman (Supervisor Proxy Vote)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Marc Benitez

County of Riverside  
County of Riverside  
County of Riverside  
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Les Nelson  
Donald Bradley  
Jerry Santillan  
John Soulliere  
Greg Johnson  
Glenn Southard  
Tom Genovese  
Homer Croy  
David Ready

City of Blythe  
City of 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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Debbie Allen  
Rick Anderson  
Mary Ashley  
Fred Bell  
Ruthanne Berger  
Rick Bishop  
April Bradley  
Steve Brown  
Michael Busch  
Troy Butzlaff  
Bill Clapper  
CleanStreet Guest (Heidi)  
Steve Clute  
Jere Costello  
Rich Davis  
Glen Ezekiel  
Nila Ezekiel  
Rosemary Gonzales  
Jamie Hurtado  
Richard Gandt  
Jack Jones  
Susan Leong  
Danielle Maxson  
Ray Moore  
Susan Moore  
Ottie Motte  
Lucy Negron  
Kathie Parrish  
Bob Roche  
Brenda Salas  
Arnold San Miguel  
Pat Scully

City of Indian Wells  
CleanStreet  
Guest  
BIA Desert Chapter  
WRCOG  
WRCOG  
Guest  
City of Coachella  
City of Indio  
City of Palm Springs  
NAI Consulting  
Guest  
Consultant  
CleanStreet, Inc.  
The Public Record  
Guest  
Guest  
Imperial Irrigation District  
County of Riverside  
Consultant  
Entertainer/Guest of Chairman  
City of Indio  
WRCOG  
Indian Wells Tennis Gardens, Speaker  
Guest  
Guest  
Guest  
Guest  
Guest  
County of Riverside  
SCAG  
City of Palm Desert

Jeanette Seman  
Joy Short  
Lisha Smith  
Mrs. John Soulliere  
Sharon Spiegel  
Ashley Trousdell  
Sherri Van Dorn  
Mrs. Jesse Villarreal  
Larry Ward  
Ken Weller  
Marlene Weyuker  
George Williams  
David Willmon  
Nancy Wilson

Guest  
KPSI Radio  
SCAQMD  
Guest  
Guest  
Guest  
Senator Jim Battin's Office  
Guest  
County of Riverside  
City of Indio  
Guest  
Guest  
League of California Cities  
Assemblyman Benoit's Office

**STAFF PRESENT**

John Wohlmuth  
Anne Azzu  
Carol Clapper  
Mary Godfrey  
Aurora Kerr  
Gary Leong  
Catherine McMillan  
Nathan Mendenhall  
Vicki Mijares  
John Prah  
Carol Rayner  
Joanna Stueckle  
Jim Sullivan  
Allyn Waggle  
Toni Eggebraaten - CVAG Legal Counsel

**4. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA**

None.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**6. WELCOMING REMARKS**

CVAG Chair Conrad Negrón, City of Indian Wells Mayor Pro Tem, welcomed those in attendance to the 2005 Annual CVAG General Assembly. Chair Negrón also welcomed his friend, Jack Jones and event speaker, Raymond Moore to the evening's events.

**7. INVOCATION**

Mayor Jesse Villarreal, City of Coachella, led the invocation.

## 8. DINNER AND PROGRAM

### 8A Chairman Conrad Negron

After commenting on how much he has enjoyed being CVAG's Chairman, working with the CVAG staff, and the exceptional leadership of John Wohlmuth, Chairman Negron gave a report on the accomplishments made by CVAG member jurisdictions during the fiscal year 2004/05. Highlights from Chairman Negron's speech included: updating of the video equipment in conference room #119; implementation of the GASB 34 auditing procedures in CVAG's financial system; sending the CVMSHCP through the public review process; planning, financing, and beginning construction of the Coachella Valley Animal Campus; work on the publicity campaign for childhood obesity awareness; negotiation of a successful mitigation agreement between CVAG and Caltrans for the Ramon Road/I-10 Interchange; and continuation of work on mitigation agreements for four other Coachella Interchanges.

### 8B Raymond Moore, Indian Wells Tennis Gardens

Raymond Moore gave a presentation on his background and the beginnings of the Tennis Garden. Mr. Moore reported that Tennis is the second most popular sport in the world, outside of the United States. Mr. Moore also stated that Tennis is the only sport where men and women can compete at the same time. This year, the Wimbledon match enjoyed a 24% increase in viewership.

The Pacific Life Open tournament is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest in the world and was attended by 280,000 people this year. \$400,000 in admissions tax went to the City of Indian Wells. He added that there were twelve more days in the Tournament this year, more participants, and more people in attendance. Mr. Moore reported that Tennis is becoming more popular in the Coachella Valley and does have an economic impact. 79% of this year's Tennis audience came from outside of the Coachella Valley, needing to rent hotel rooms and eat in Coachella Valley restaurants. Pacific Life visitors, stayed in hotels across the Valley.

Mr. Moore concluded his presentation by giving an outline of the future plans of the Indian Wells Tennis Garden and his desire to keep the Pacific Life Open in the Coachella Valley.

## 9. GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION

### 9A Minutes from the June 28, 2004 General Assembly Meeting

**IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF INDIAN WELLS AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF PALM DESERT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 28, 2004. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THE FIRST DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ABSTAINING.**

### 9B Approval of Resolution No. 05-006 Adopting CVAG's 2005/2006 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions

**IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF COACHELLA TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 05-006 ADOPTING CVAG'S 2005/2006 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL BUDGET, SALARY SCHEDULE AND ALLOCATED**

**POSITIONS. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

- 9C Consider Modification to CVAG By-Laws Regarding the CVAG Boundary

**IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF INDIAN WELLS AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF BLYTHE TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT OF THE CVAG BY-LAWS, AT ARTICLE V, TO MODIFY THE CVAG BOUNDARIES AS NECESSARY TO MAKE THE WESTERN-MOST BOUNDARY CONTIGUOUS TO THE EASTERN-MOST BOUNDARY OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY TUMF COLLECTION AREA. STAFF SHALL OBTAIN AN EXACT LEGAL DESCRIPTION, AND DEVELOP AN ILLUSTRATIVE MAP, AND THE BY-LAWS SHALL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE V**

**CVAG BOUNDARIES**

**SECTION 1**

- A. CVAG BOUNDARIES SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE TERRITORY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE INCORPORATED CITY LIMITS OF BLYTHE, AS WELL AS THE AREA DESCRIBED IN THE BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A.**

**ADDITIONALLY, THE TABLE OF CONTENTS OF THE BY-LAWS WOULD BE AMENDED TO SHOW THE TITLE OF ARTICLE V TO BE "CVAG BOUNDARIES."**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

- 9D Ratification of the Executive Committee's February 2005 Modification of CVAG's Policies and Procedures Manual Pursuant to AB 2782

**IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF COACHELLA AND SECONDED BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT, TO RATIFY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S MODIFICATIONS MADE IN FEBRUARY 2005 TO CVAG'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL PURSUANT TO AB 2782 RELATING TO A MEMBER OF CVAG'S LEGISLATIVE BODY CONSIDERING, IN CLOSED SESSION, A CVAG CLOSED SESSION ITEM. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

- 9E Recommendation of the Committee Appointed to Nominate the FY 2005/2006 Chair and Vice Chair of CVAG - John Wohlmuth

**IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF INDIAN WELLS AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE FOR THE FY 2005/06 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF CVAG AS FOLLOWS:**

**CHAIR: SUPERVISOR MARION ASHLEY, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

**VICE CHAIR: COUNCILMEMBER BEN GODFREY, CITY OF INDIO**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**10. CLOSING REMARKS AND AWARD PRESENTATION**

Chairman Elect Marion Ashley presented outgoing Chair Negrón with a plaque from the Executive Committee, thanking Chair Negrón for his dedication to the Executive Committee. Mr. Wohlmuth was asked to the podium. Mr. Wohlmuth presented Chair Negrón with a gift from CVAG employees and proceeded to give Special Thanks to City of Indian Wells' staff Greg Johnson and Debbie Allen for their work in putting the General Assembly together; the pen/pencil set and key chains from the City Council; and to the City for purchasing the flowers for the event. Mr. Wohlmuth thanked the staff at the Hyatt Grand Champions, Milan's Flower Mart for their assistance, and CVAG for their assistance, as well.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Ashley announced that the next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on **Monday, June 26, 2006** at a location to be announced.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Joanna Stueckle  
Executive Assistant