

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JUNE 26, 2006**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The annual meeting of the General Assembly was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by CVAG Chair Marion Ashley, Supervisor, County of Riverside 5th District at the Spa Resort Casino, Canyon Conference Center, 100 North Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, California.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Juan De Lara, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Coachella, led the General Assembly and members of the public 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 Chuck Grotke
Councilmember Alfonso Hernandez
Mayor Kathy De Rosa
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis
Councilmember Chuck Vasquez
Mayor Jesse Villarreal
Mayor Pro Tem Juan De Lara
Councilmember Richard Macknicki
Mayor Alex Bias
Councilmember Yvonne Parks
Councilmember Mary Stephens
Mayor Pro Tem Conrad Negrón
Councilmember Mary Roche
Councilmember Larry Spicer
Mayor Pro Tem Ben Godfrey
Councilmember Melanie Fesmire
Mayor Don Adolph
Councilmember Terry Henderson
Mayor Jim Ferguson
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Kelly
Councilmember Buford Crites
Councilmember Jean Benson
Mayor Pro Tem Ginny Foat
Councilmember Chris Mills
Councilmember Michael McCulloch
Mayor Richard Kite
Councilmember Gordon Moller
Supervisor Marion Ashley
Supervisor Roy Wilson
Jaime Hurtado (Supervisor Proxy Vote)
Darcy Kuenzi (Supervisor Proxy Vote)

AGENCY

City of Blythe
City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Cathedral City
City of Cathedral City
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 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 Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Palm Springs
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside
County of Riverside
County of Riverside
County of Riverside

Dan Martinez (Supervisor Proxy Vote)

County of Riverside

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Les Nelson
Donald Bradley
Jerry Santillan
Glenn Southard
Tom Genovese
Carlos Ortega
David Ready
Patrick Pratt
Tribal Member Jeff Grubbe
Tribal Vice Chair Barbara Gonzales-Lyons

City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
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OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Brown
Ken Weller
Michael Busch
Susan Leong
Pat Scully
Troy Butzlaff
Sherri Van Dorn
Debra Beck
Nancy Wilson
Steve Clute
Jamie Hurtado
Brenda Salas
Larry Ward
George Johnson
Rick Bishop
Danielle Coats
Danielle Maxson
Julie Branchini
Nancy Conrad
Kate Barrows
Bill Havert
Arnold San Miguel
Lisha Smith
David Willmon
Rick Anderson
Bill Effinger
Kay Hazen
Rick Daniels
Fred Bell
Bill Clapper
Steve Clute
Richard Gandt
Rich Davis
Joy Short
Jere Costello
Rosemary Gonzales
Ray Moore

City of Coachella
City of Indio
City of Indio
City of Indio
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
Senator Jim Battin's Office
Assemblyman Benoit's Office
Assemblyman Benoit's Office
Former Assemblyman
County of Riverside
County of Riverside
County of Riverside
Riverside County Transportation
WRCOG
WRCOG
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Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
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Mountains Conservancy
Mountains Conservancy
SCAG
SCAQMD
League of California Cities
CleanStreet
CVEP
CVEP
Salton Sea Authority
BIA Desert Chapter
NAI Consulting
Consultant
Consultant
The Public Record
KPSI Radio
CleanStreet, Inc.
Imperial Irrigation District
Indian Wells Tennis Gardens

Jack Jones	Entertainer/Guest of Chairman
CleanStreet Guest (Heidi)	Guest
Mary Ashley	Guest
April Bradley	Guest
Glen Ezekiel	Guest
Nila Ezekiel	Guest
Susan Moore	Guest
Ottie Motte	Guest
Lucy Negron	Guest
Kathie Parrish	Guest
Bob Roche	Guest
Jeanette Seman	Guest
Mrs. John Soulliere	Guest
Sharon Spiegel	Guest
Ashley Trousdell	Guest
Mrs. Jesse Villarreal	Guest
Marlene Weyuker	Guest
George Williams	Guest

STAFF PRESENT

John Wohlmuth
 Allyn Waggle
 Gary Leong
 Aurora Kerr
 Jim Sullivan
 Catherine McMillan
 Carol Clapper
 Anne Azzu
 Vicki Mijares
 Carol Rayner
 Mary Godfrey
 Aretes Kramer
 Toni Eggebraaten - CVAG Legal Counsel

4. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

6. WELCOMING REMARKS

CVAG Chair Supervisor Marion Ashley welcomed those in attendance to the 2006 Annual CVAG General Assembly.

7. INVOCATION

Michael McCulloch, Councilmember, City of Palm Springs, led the invocation.

8. OPENING REMARKS

John Wohlmuth, CVAG Executive Director, introduced Barbara Gonzales Lyons, Tribal Vice Chair for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and noted that she had served on the first All-Woman Tribal Counsel.

Ms. Lyons gave a very interesting history of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians in the Palm Springs area.

9. GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION

9A Minutes from the June 27, 2005 General Assembly Meeting

IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF LA QUINTA AND SECONDED BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 27, 2005 GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

9B Approval of Resolution No. 06-003 Adopting CVAG's 2006/2007 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions

IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF LA QUINTA TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 06-003 ADOPTING CVAG'S 2006/2007 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL BUDGET, SALARY SCHEDULE AND ALLOCATED POSITIONS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

10. NOMINATIONS AND GUEST SPEAKER

10A Recommendation of the Committee Appointed to Nominate the FY 2006/2007 Chair and Vice Chair of CVAG - John Wohlmuth

Mr. Wohlmuth announced that the Executive Committee had approved the Nomination Committee's recommendation of Ben Godfrey, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Indio for CVAG Chair and Juan De Lara, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Coachella as CVAG Vice Chair.

IT WAS MOVED BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE FOR THE FY 2006/07 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF CVAG AS FOLLOWS:

**CHAIR: BEN GODFREY, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY OF INDIO
VICE CHAIR: JUAN DE LARA, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY OF COACHELLA**

THE MOTION CARRIED.

**10B Guest Speaker: Kate Spilde Contreras, Ph.D., Managing Director
Center for California Native Nations
University of California, Riverside
Palm Desert Campus**

Mrs. Contreras spoke to the Assembly

11. CVAG ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A power point presentation was made showing CVAG accomplishments during the past fiscal year. Those accomplishments included the Coachella Valley Animal Campus and several Transportation projects.

12. PRESENTATION OF GAVEL, CLOSING REMARKS AND AWARD TO CHAIRMAN

12A Chairman Ashley presents gavel to newly elected CVAG Chair.

Chairman Marion Ashley presented the gavel to CVAG's newly elected Chair Ben Godfrey, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Indio.

12B Presentation of Award

John Wohlmuth, CVAG Executive Director, presented a plaque from the Executive Committee to outgoing Chair Supervisor Marion Ashley thanking him for his outstanding work and dedication as Chair to the Executive Committee. Mr. Wohlmuth also presented Supervisor Ashley, who is an enthusiastic Los Angeles Dodger fan, with a book about the history of the Los Angeles Dodgers and a Dodgers Bat with signatures by several of the Dodger Players.

Mr. Wohlmuth also expressed special thanks to the following persons:

Tom Davis, Chief Planning Officer for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI), Barbara Gonzales Lyons, Tribal Vice Chair, ACBCI, and Julie Branchini, Executive Assistant to Mr. Davis for the Gift Bag additions, Serenity Fountains, and Pens and Notebooks;

Nancy Conrad, Press Secretary, ACBCI, for the Press Release;

Martha Stolting, Catering Sales Associate for the Spa Resort Casino Hotel, for the delicious meal;

Jerry Craig, Managing Director of the Riverside County Economic Development Agency (EDA) and Rebecca Ross, Development Specialist Marketing Department of the EDA for their oversight of the gift bags;

Jaime Hurtado, Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Ashley, for

Raven Longbow, Jr. Ranger Program Coordinator/Tribal Ranger, ACBCI, for the beautiful music; and

Gary Leong, Aurora Kerr, Lance Albrecht and Aretes Kramer, CVAG Staff.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Ashley announced that the next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on **Monday, June 5, 2007** at a location to be announced.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Aretes Kramer
Executive Assistant