

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2020**



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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The June 8, 2020 Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by CVAG Chair Jeff Grubbe, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, via Zoom.

**2. ROLL CALL**

A roll call was taken, and it was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilmember Joseph DeConinck  
Mayor John Aguilar  
Mayor Steven Hernandez  
Mayor Scott Matas  
Mayor Ty Peabody  
Mayor Glenn Miller  
Mayor Linda Evans  
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan  
Mayor Geoff Kors  
Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez  
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt  
Tribal Chair Jeff Grubbe

**AGENCY**

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  
City of Rancho Mirage  
County of Riverside 4<sup>th</sup> District  
County of Riverside 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Tribal Chair Douglas Welmas  
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries  
Supervisor Karen Spiegel  
Supervisor Chuck Washington

**AGENCY**

Cabazon Band of Mission Indians  
County of Riverside 1<sup>st</sup> District  
County of Riverside 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
County of Riverside 3<sup>rd</sup> District

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lauri Aylaian  
Conrado Barzaga  
Councilmember Russell Betts  
Jennifer Cusack  
Gustavo Gomez  
Isaiah Hagerman

**AGENCY**

City of Palm Desert  
Desert Healthcare District/ Foundation  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
Southern California Edison  
City of Indio  
City of Rancho Mirage

Charles McClendon  
Jon McMillen  
Chuck Maynard  
Bill Pattison  
Mayor Pro Tem John Peña  
Councilmember Jan Pye  
Luke Rainey  
Greg Rodriguez  
Kim Saruwatari  
Erin Sasse  
Mark Scott  
Lauren Skiver  
Brittney Sowell

City of Cathedral City  
City of La Quinta  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Coachella  
City of La Quinta  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
County of Riverside  
County of Riverside  
League of California Cities  
City of Indio  
SunLine Transit Agency  
SunLine Transit Agency

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tom Kirk  
Gary Leong  
Martin Magaña  
Katie Barrows  
Eric Cowle  
Bassam Al-Beitawi  
Erica Felci  
Tom Cox  
Joanna Stueckle  
Oscar Vizcarra  
Beverly Newton  
Michael Jenkins

CVAG Legal Counsel

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Tom Kirk asked the Executive Committee to recognize the passing of former CVAG Executive Director Corky Larson by participating in a moment of silence.

Mr. Kirk noted that the agenda had been amended prior to the 72-hour required agenda posting to include item 6D. Based on the CVAG Public Safety Committee discussion earlier in the day, CVAG staff was pulling the draft resolution from the agenda, but the item would still provide a recap to the Coachella Valley public safety response to the protests.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Sabby Jonathan asked that item 5F be pulled from the consent calendar for discussion.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MILLER AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO:**

- A. APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 24, 2020 THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
- B. APPROVE THE MARCH 19, 2020 SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
- C. APPOINT DESERT HOT SPRINGS COUNCILMAN RUSSELL BETTS TO SERVE ON SCAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
- D. AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO COORDINATE WITH RIVERSIDE COUNTY ON DEVELOPMENT OF A COLLABORATIVE AS PART OF THE REGIONAL APPROACH IN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS
- E. AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AMENDMENT #4 TO GRANT AGREEMENT WITH RIVERSIDE COUNTY FOR CV HOUSING FIRST EXTENDING TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 FOR ADDITIONAL \$359,711; AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE MINOR CHANGES/REVISIONS FOR CLARIFICATION PURPOSES
- F. This item was held over for discussion.
- G. APPROVE AMENDMENT FIVE TO AB 2766 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CVAG AND THE MEMBER JURISDICTIONS TO MAINTAIN THE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CITIES AND THE COUNTY AT 75% TO PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR THE REGIONAL PM10 STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

THE MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE ITEMS 5A THROUGH 5E AND 5G WITH 13 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR AGUILAR	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MAYOR KORS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

5.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

**F. AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE COOPERATIVE COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO FORM REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK (REN), WITH CVAG'S COST SHARE NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 FOR BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT PORTION**

Councilmember Jonathan noted that there could be interest in the program from Desert Community Energy and asked staff to provide the information to the DCE Board of Directors.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY MAYOR KORS TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE COOPERATIVE COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO FORM REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK (REN), WITH CVAG'S COST SHARE NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 FOR BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT PORTION.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE ITEM 5F WITH 13 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR AGUILAR</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR HERNANDEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR MATAS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PEABODY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR MILLER</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR EVANS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR KORS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR PEREZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR HEWITT</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>

**6. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Proposed FY 2020/21 Budget – Gary Leong**

Gary Leong presented the staff report, giving a description of the proposed 2020/2021 fiscal year budget. Mr. Leong indicated staff would seek approval at the June 29 Executive Committee meeting and encouraged members to send comments or questions in advance so he could address them at the meeting.

No action was taken.

**B. Funding Match for ATP Cycle 5 Projects – Erica Felci**

Erica Felci presented the staff report. Member comment ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO COMMIT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, IN ADDITION TO THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 2019 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM, SO THAT PROJECTS CAN MAXIMIZE LEVERAGING POINTS IN APPLICATIONS FOR THE STATE'S ATP CYCLE 5 GRANT PROGRAM, WITH THE CONDITION THAT ACTUAL EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON SECURING THE GRANT FUNDING AND FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS BY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 13 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR AGUILAR</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR HERNANDEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR MATAS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PEABODY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR MILLER</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR EVANS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR KORS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR PEREZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR HEWITT</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>

**C. Coachella Valley's response to COVID-19**

**a. Regional funding advocacy related to COVID-19 — Erica Felci**

Ms. Felci invited Supervisor V. Manuel Perez to comment on Riverside County's ongoing efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic. After brief comments were made, Supervisor Perez introduced Riverside County Public Health Director Kim Saruwatari to give the latest data and trends in Riverside County.

Extensive member discussion ensued. Mr. Kirk indicated that staff was seeking approval to advocate for the Coachella Valley's fair share of stimulus and reimbursements related to COVID-19. Additionally, a letter would be to the County Board of Supervisors, requesting the Governor consider sub-regional flexibility when considering policy and re-opening of businesses. Additional member discussion ensued and action on the recommendation was bifurcated.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MILLER TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

- 1) **ADVOCATE FOR THE COACHELLA VALLEY’S FAIR SHARE IN ANY STATE OR FEDERAL LEGISLATION DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 ECONOMIC REBOUND AND TO SEEK FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AS THEY DEVELOP, TO OFFSET COSTS INCURRED BY REGIONAL PROGRAMS.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 13 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR AGUILAR</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR HERNANDEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR MATAS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PEABODY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR MILLER</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR EVANS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR KORS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR PEREZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR HEWITT</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>

- 2) **ADVOCATE TO THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT SUB-REGIONAL FLEXIBILITY BE INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNOR’S COVID POLICY MAKING AND SUGGESTING REOPENING ORDERS BE TAILORED ACCORDINGLY.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES, 1 NAY AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR AGUILAR</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR HERNANDEZ</b>	<b>NAY</b>
<b>MAYOR MATAS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PEABODY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR MILLER</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR EVANS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR KORS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR PEREZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR HEWITT</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>

**b. Update on countywide efforts — Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Riverside County**

**c. Update on statewide efforts — Erin Sasse, League of California Cities**

Ms. Felci indicated that Erin Sasse was unable to stay at the meeting due to a conflict in her schedule, and briefly summarized the statewide update.

**7. INFORMATION**

- a) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- b) CVAG Regional Arterial Program - Project Status Report
- c) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Contract Status Report
- d) Executive Committee Attendance Roster
- e) CVAG Quarterly Investment Report Ending March 31, 2020
- f) Next steps in Evaluating Funding Needs for Affordable Housing and Related Programs
- g) Follow Up to Executive Committee Action Related to CV Housing First
- h) CVAG Pace Report
- i) Streamlined Per Diem Process for CVAG Committees
- j) 2020 CVAG General Assembly Information

These items were placed in the agenda for member information.

**8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.8, the Executive Committee will adjourn to Closed Session.

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

**Property:** Allottee 105E – APN 687-060-059

**CVAG Negotiator:** Tom Kirk, Executive Director

**Negotiating Party:** Tanya R. Morretti, Noni A Bow, Clara M. Bow and Malerie Marquez

**Under Negotiation:** Price and Terms of Payment for acquisition of easements for CV Link

The Executive Committee adjourned into closed session at 5:50 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:05 p.m. There was no reportable action taken.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the Executive Committee on items of general interest within the purview of this committee. Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

None.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Zoom Meetings:

**Executive Committee – Monday, June 29, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.**

**General Assembly – Monday, June 29, 2020 (Time to be determined.)**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Grubbe adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joanna Stueckle*

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Executive Assistant