

ITEM 5A

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2020**



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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by CVAG Chair Glenn Miller, Councilmember, City of Indio at 4:30 p.m. via a Zoom webinar, which was pursuant to Gov. Newsom’s executive order governing how meetings are held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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
Councilmember Raymond Gregory
Mayor Steven Hernandez
Mayor Scott Matas
Mayor Ty Peabody
Councilmember 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
Tribal Member Brenda Soulliere
Tribal Vice Chairman Joseph Mirelez

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 4th District
County of Riverside 5th District
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Supervisor Chuck Washington

AGENCY

County of Riverside 2nd
County of Riverside 1st District
County of Riverside 3rd District

OTHERS PRESENT

Taylor Libolt Varner
Araceli Palafox
Lauren Skiver
Brittney Sowell

AGENCY

Life to Rise
Life to Rise
SunLine Transit Agency
SunLine Transit Agency

Fred Bell
Cynthia Germano
Greg Rodriguez
Andrew Firestine
Luke Rainey
David Ready
Paul Slama
David Salgado
Bill Pattison
Chris Freeland
Christy Holstege
Erin Sasse
Jon McMillen
Jonathan Hoy
Michael McDonagh
Isaiah Hageman
Mark Scott
Marcus Fuller
Ryan Zellers
Anne Azzu
Russell Betts
Paul Rodriguez

Palm Springs Air Museum
BB&K
County of Riverside
City of Palm Desert
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Palm Springs
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
SCAG
City of Coachella
City of Indian Wells
City of Palm Springs
League of California Cities
City of La Quinta
Hoy Engineering
Consultant
City of Rancho Mirage
City of Indio
City of Palm Springs
Michael Baker International
KOA
City of Desert Hot Springs

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk
Gary Leong
Katie Barrows
Martin Magaña
Eric Cowle
Tom Cox
Joanna Stueckle
Val Galeana
Trisha Stull
Beverly Newton
Michael Jenkins
Greg Snarr

CVAG Legal Counsel
CVAG Legal Counsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Miller led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were three public comments.

Taylor Libolt Varner, with Lift to Rise, reiterated the need for affordable housing and the need for all agencies to work together for housing the homeless.

Araceli Palafox, with Life to Rise, discussed COVID-19 as it pertains to the homeless population.

Fred Bell, Vice President of the Palm Springs Air Museum, encouraged CVAG to send a letter to Riverside County, asking that the Living Desert and the Palm Springs Air Museum be allowed to remain open to the public as they should be considered outdoor recreation venues and have taken precautionary measures to protect the public.

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Chair Miller asked Councilmember Sabby Jonathan and Mayor Linda Evans to discuss the request for CVAG to mail a letter to the County of Riverside requesting that the Living Desert and the Palm Springs Air Museum be considered outdoor recreational facilities. Executive Director Tom Kirk agreed that this request constituted as an emergency item and would be added as 6F to the current agenda.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIRMAN MIRELEZ TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER AS AN EMERGENCY ITEM ON THE AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Kirk announced that there are conversations ongoing with the Twentynine Palms Band of Mission Indians about becoming a member of CVAG. Mr. Kirk also announced three construction bids were received for the regional signal synchronization project.

Mr. Kirk acknowledged the retirement of CVAG's longtime Director of Administrative Services/ Finances, Gary Leong. Members also praised Mr. Leong for his service.

Mr. Kirk announced that Tom Cox is now in charge of the CV Housing First homelessness project and additional staff have been hired for the program.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MATAS TO:

- A. APPROVE THE OCTOBER 19, 2020 JOINT TRANSPORTATION & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
- B. DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE STEPS TO TRANSITION THE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP, AND TECHNICAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE INTO INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS**
- C. APPROVE THE UPDATED CVAG PERSONNEL RULES AND BENEFITS MANUAL, INCLUDING THE ADDED LANGUAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS WITH AT-WILL DIRECTORS**
- D. APPROVE A CHANGE IN CVAG'S FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, FROM UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA TO WELLS FARGO BANK**
- E. AUTHORIZE THE UPDATING OF THE SIGNATURE CARDS, SUBJECT TO THE HIRING OF THE CVAG DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- F. **ADOPT RESOLUTION 20-008 SUPPORTING A CONTINUED CONVERSATION AROUND RACE, DIVERSITY AND POLICING**
- G. **ADOPT RESOLUTION 20-009 RECOGNIZING UC RIVERSIDE, CE-CERT AND THE SC-RISE SOLAR VALLEY CONSORTIUM FOR EFFORTS TO BOOST THE DEPLOYMENT OF SOLAR POWER THROUGHOUT INLAND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**
- H. **AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO CREATE A FORMAL COLLABORATIVE STRUCTURE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE COACHELLA VALLEY, AND INSTEAD SUPPORT THE REGIONAL EFFORTS BEING PURSUED BY RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND THE CONTINUUM OF CARE**
- I. **AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ACCEPT THE HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING ADMINISTERED BY RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND ESTABLISH A MOBILE ACCESS CENTER**
- J. **APPROVE PROGRAMMING OF UNUSED CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDING IN A NOT-TO-EXCEED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$125,000, AS LONG AS AVAILABLE UNOBLIGATED FUNDS ALLOW, FOR THE PROJECTS IN THE 2019 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM**
- K. **APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF INDIO FOR THE AVENUE 50 AND JACKSON STREET INTERSECTION PROJECT, EXTENDING THE TIME TRIGGER WHILE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR FINAL DESIGN AND RIGHT-OF-WAY PHASES, FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$1,294,600, INCLUDING A REGIONAL SHARE OF \$970,950**

THE MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 5A CARRIED WITH 14 AYES, 1 ABSTAINMENT AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	ABSTAIN
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER 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 MEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIRMAN MIRELEZ	AYE

THE MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 5B THROUGH 5K CARRIED WITH 15 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER 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 MEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIRMAN MIRELEZ	AYE

5.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Updates on Regional Efforts to Address Homelessness – Greg Rodriguez and Tom Cox

Greg Rodriguez provided a presentation highlighting work that had been done during 2020 to help the homeless and address the need for more affordable housing, including homeless prevention, workforce solutions, Project Roomkey and Project Homekey. Tom Cox provided 2021 goals and introduced the new CV Housing First Access Center in Palm Springs.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. Cash Flow Analysis for Regional Transportation Projects – Jonathan Hoy

Recommendation: Information for discussion and direction

Jonathan Hoy provided an overview of the cash flow analysis for regional transportation projects, including project expenditures and future cost projections. Member discussion ensued regarding re-evaluating projects and prioritizing existing projects, as well as the revenue options such as Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fees and Measure A sales tax revenue.

Staff received member input, but no action was taken.

C. Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Coachella for Grapefruit Boulevard between Leoco Lane and 9th Street - Martin Magaña

Martin Magana presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR KORS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF COACHELLA IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,376,481 IN REGIONAL FUNDS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS TO GRAPEFRUIT BOULEVARD BETWEEN LEOCO LANE AND 9TH STREET.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 6C CARRIED WITH 15 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER 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 MEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIRMAN MIRELEZ	AYE

D. Finalizing Design of the Interstate 10 / Monroe Street Interchange Project – Martin Magaña

Martin Magana presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF INDIO AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FOR THE MONROE STREET / INTERSTATE 10 INTERCHANGE PROJECT, PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FINAL DESIGN AND PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES, AT A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$5,765,200, INCLUDING A REGIONAL SHARE OF \$4,323,900

THE MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 6D CARRIED WITH 15 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
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COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER 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 MEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIRMAN MIRELEZ	AYE

E. Addressing Flooding and Blowsand in Western Coachella Valley – Tom Kirk

Mr. Kirk presented the findings of the analysis, which addressed the flooding and blowsand issues along with infrastructure solutions in the Western Coachella Valley. Todd Pitner, with Michael Baker International, provided information on bridge structures, alternative concepts and reduce costs and savings.

Member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WEILL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO COORDINATE WITH THE CITIES OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CATHEDRAL CITY AND PALM SPRINGS TO FURTHER REFINE AND ADVANCE THE IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED IN THE “FLOOD AND BLOWSAND RISK ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE WESTERN COACHELLA VALLEY,” WHICH COME AT A SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER COST THAN PREVIOUS SOLUTIONS TO FREQUENTLY CLOSED ROADWAYS.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 6E CARRIED WITH 15 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER 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 MEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIRMAN MIRELEZ	AYE

F. Letter to County of Riverside County regarding categorization of Living Desert and the Palm Springs Air Museum for COVID-19 opening plan

As noted above, this item was added as an emergency item. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, member discussion ensued about the options to keep The Living Desert and the Palm Springs Air Museum open to the public as outdoor recreation venues that have taken precautionary measures to protect the public.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT A LETTER FROM CVAG TO THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE SUPPORTING THE LIVING DESERT AND PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM AS OUTDOOR FACILITIES AND REQUESTING THEY REMAIN OPEN DURING CLOSURES.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 6F CARRIED WITH 15 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER 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 MEMBER SOULLIERE	AYE
TRIBAL VICE CHAIRMAN MIRELEZ	AYE

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) CVAG Quarterly Investment Report

- e) Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program - Project Status Report
- f) Executive Committee Attendance Roster
- g) ATP Cycle 5 Recap
- h) Update on Project Roomkey
- i) Update on Project Homekey
- j) Update on Regional Early Action Plan Subregional Partnership
- k) Introduction of CivicSpark Fellow

These items were placed in the agenda for member information.

8. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

Erin Sasse with the League of California Cities presented an update on legislation and other actions as it pertains to California's stay-at-home orders.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. A January 2021 meeting is not anticipated.

At 6:38 p.m., it was announced that the regular meeting of the Executive Committee would be adjourned in memory of Tom Noble, Arthur Newman and Patrick Swarhout.

Chair Miller reminded members to log out of the webinar and into the Zoom link, emailed during the meeting, for the closed session.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.8, the Executive Committee adjourned to Closed Session at 6:39 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

A. Property: Assessor Parcel Numbers 677-030-033 and 038

CVAG Negotiator: Tom Kirk, Executive Director

Negotiating Party: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment for acquisition of

easements for CV Link

B. Property: Assessor Parcel Number 501-190-002

CVAG Negotiator: Tom Kirk, Executive Director

Negotiating Party: Palm Springs Country Club, LLC (Eric Taylor)

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

There was no reportable action after the closed session.

There being no further business, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Newton

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Office Assistant