

Energy and Environmental Resources Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2019



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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chair Evans at 12:08 pm at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California

2. **ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**Members Present**

Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez  
Mayor Steven Hernandez  
Councilmember Robert Griffith  
Councilmember Richard Balocco  
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz  
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair  
Mayor Pro Tem Gina Nestande  
Councilmember Lisa Middleton  
Councilmember Charles Townsend  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez  
Director Alex Cardenas  
Director Nancy Wright

**Agency**

City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indian Wells (*left at 1:01p*)  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage  
Riverside County – District 4  
Imperial Irrigation District (*phone*)  
Mission Springs Water District

**Members and Ex-Officio Members Not Present**

Mayor Dale Reynolds  
Board Member Anthony Bianco  
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt  
Board Member Patricia Oygur

City of Blythe  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Riverside County - District 5  
Desert Water Agency

**Others Present**

Tom Kirk  
Katie Barrows  
Libby Carlson  
Benjamin Druyon  
Jim Sullivan  
Jacob Alvarez  
Trish Rhay  
Sara Toyoda  
Nydia Ibarra  
Blaine Carian  
Yvonne Franco  
Deborah McGarrey  
Emily Nelson  
Brad Anderson

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City of Coachella  
City of Indio  
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SC AQMD  
Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District  
Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District  
SoCal Gas  
Consultant  
Rancho Mirage resident

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Led by Councilmember Balocco.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

**5. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

- Katie Barrows called attention to the tour on November 12<sup>th</sup> (Item 8B).
- Chair Evans welcomed new Committee member Councilmember Robert Griffith, City of Desert Hot Springs.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Approve the June 13, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes**

**IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR WRIGHT AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM AGUILAR TO APPROVED THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2019.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, 3 ABSTENTIONS, AND 2 ABSENT.**

Mayor Dale Reynolds	Absent
Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez	Aye
Mayor Steven Hernandez	Abstain
Councilmember Robert Griffith	Abstain
Councilmember Richard Balocco	Aye
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz	Aye
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Gina Nestande	Aye
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	Aye
Councilmember Charles Townsend	Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Aye
Board Member Alex Cardenas	Absent
Director Alex Cardenas	Abstain
Director Nancy Wright	Aye

**B. Approve Amendment #1 to the Service Agreement with M&M Sweeping, Inc, for CVAG's Regional PM10 Street Sweeping Program to Clarify the Not to Exceed Amount to Cover the Two-Year Contract Period**

**C. Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute a Services Agreement with the Winning Bidder for the Tire Recycling Grant Program, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$50,000**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM AGUILAR TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 6B AND 6C. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES, AND 2 ABSENT.**

Mayor Dale Reynolds	Absent
Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez	Aye
Mayor Steven Hernandez	Aye
Councilmember Robert Griffith	Aye
Councilmember Richard Balocco	Aye
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz	Aye
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Gina Nestande	Aye
Councilmember Lisa Middleton	Aye
Councilmember Charles Townsend	Aye

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Aye
Board Member Alex Cardenas	Absent
Director Alex Cardenas	Aye
Director Nancy Wright	Aye

## 7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

**A. Presentation on Local Efforts on Climate Adaptation and Resilience** – Jacob Alvarez, City of Coachella and Integrated Climate Adaptation Resiliency Program (ICARP) Technical Advisory Council, gave a presentation on efforts to promote climate adaptation and resilience on both the local level and State levels – including addressing impacts unique to inland regions.

**B. AB 854: Imperial Irrigation District Update** - Tom Kirk reported on the status of the proposed legislation and collaborative efforts to address the deadline for the current agreement between IID and CVWD.

Committee discussion included support for an analysis of energy options and adding the item to the Committee's annual goals and objectives.

**C. Water Conservation Education Program Partnership Proposed by Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District** – Katie Barrows introduced Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District (CVRCD) representatives Blaine Carian and Yvonne Franco. Mr. Carian gave an overview of the proposed education program for domestic landscapers.

## 8. INFORMATION

The following items were provided for information only:

- A. Attendance Record**
- B. Anaerobic Digestion Facility Bus Tour, 11/12/19**
- C. PACE Program Update**

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Brad Anderson addressed the Committee regarding agenda format and distributed a letter.

## 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Energy & Environmental Resources Committee is scheduled for 12 pm on November 14 at 73-710 Fred Waring Dr, Room 119, Palm Desert.

**11. ADJOURN** - The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Libby Carlson