

**ITEM 5A**

**Energy and Environmental Resources Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2020**



The audio file for this meeting can be found at: <http://www.cvag.org/audio.htm>

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chair Linda Evans, City of La Quinta, at 12:01 p.m. via Zoom, pursuant to Gov. Newsom’s executive order governing how public meetings are held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Members Present**

Councilmember Rita Lamb  
Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto  
Councilmember Robert Griffith  
Councilmember Ted Mertens  
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz  
Mayor Linda Evans  
Mayor Gina Nestande  
Councilmember Dennis Woods  
Councilmember Charles Townsend  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez  
Director Alex Cardenas

**Agency**

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  
Riverside County – District 4 *Arrived after Item 5*  
Imperial Irrigation District

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

Mayor Dale Reynolds  
Board Member Anthony Bianco  
President Nancy Wright  
Board Member Patricia Oygar  
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt

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

**Others Present**

Tom Kirk  
Katie Barrows  
Benjamin Druyon  
Erica Felci

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3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

4. **COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS –**

Katie Barrows explained the process of providing public comment during the virtual meeting.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Approve the February 9, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes.**

Councilmember Ted Mertens asked that staff amend the minutes to reflect he represented the City of Indian Wells at the February 9 meeting.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MERTENS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFITH TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM:**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 4 ABSENT.**

Mayor Dale Reynolds	Absent
Councilmember Rita Lamb	Aye
Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto	Aye
Councilmember Robert Griffith	Aye
Councilmember Ted Mertens	Aye
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz	Aye
Mayor Linda Evans	Aye
Mayor Gina Nestande	Aye
Councilmember Dennis Woods	Aye
Councilmember Charles Townsend	Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Absent
Director Alex Cardenas	Aye
President Nancy Wright	Absent
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Absent

## **6. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

### **A. CV Link Update**

Tom Kirk gave an update on the status of the CV Link project and the anticipated construction plans for 2020. Brief member discussion ensued.

There was no action taken.

### **B. Regional Energy Network Cooperative Cost Sharing Agreement**

Benjamin Druyon gave an update on the status of the Regional Energy Network and provided information on how to participate in the existing SoCal REN program.

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

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

Mayor Dale Reynolds	Absent
Councilmember Rita Lamb	Aye
Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto	Aye
Councilmember Robert Griffith	Aye

<b>Councilmember Ted Mertens</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Councilmember Oscar Ortiz</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Linda Evans</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Gina Nestande</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Dennis Woods</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Charles Townsend</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Supervisor V. Manuel Perez</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Director Alex Cardenas</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>President Nancy Wright</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Board Member Anthony Bianco</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**C. Adopt Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Katie Barrows provided a review of the goals and objectives for the Committee to adopt. A member discussion ensued on new topics to incorporate.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFITH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MERTENS TO ADOPT THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 3 ABSENT.**

<b>Mayor Dale Reynolds</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilmember Rita Lamb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Robert Griffith</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Ted Mertens</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Oscar Ortiz</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Linda Evans</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Gina Nestande</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Dennis Woods</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Charles Townsend</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Supervisor V. Manuel Perez</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Director Alex Cardenas</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>President Nancy Wright</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Board Member Anthony Bianco</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**D. Regional Funding Advocacy Related to COVID-19 –**

Erica Felci provided updates on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the Governor’s phased plan to re-open the state and ongoing discussions about whether re-opening policies should be done sub-regionally. A discussion ensued among members.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFITH AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO 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; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADVOCATE TO THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT SUB-REGIONAL FLEXIBILITY BE INCLUDED IN THE**

**GOVERNOR'S COVID POLICY MAKING AND SUGGESTING RE-OPENING ORDERS BE TAILORED ACCORDINGLY.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 3 ABSENT.**

Mayor Dale Reynolds	Absent
Councilmember Rita Lamb	Aye
Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto	Aye
Councilmember Robert Griffith	Aye
Councilmember Ted Mertens	Aye
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz	Aye
Mayor Linda Evans	Aye
Mayor Gina Nestande	Aye
Councilmember Dennis Woods	Aye
Councilmember Charles Townsend	Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Aye
Director Alex Cardenas	Aye
President Nancy Wright	Absent
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Absent

**E. Amendment Five to AB 2766 Memorandum of Understanding**

Katie Barrows provided a brief update on the regional street sweeping program.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MERTENS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFITH TO APPROVE AMENDMENT FIVE TO THE AB 2766 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CVAG AND MEMBER JURISDICTIONS TO MAINTAIN THE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CITIES AND THE COUNTY AT 75% TO PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR THE REGIONAL PM10 STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 3 ABSENT.**

Mayor Dale Reynolds	Absent
Councilmember Rita Lamb	Aye
Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto	Aye
Councilmember Robert Griffith	Aye
Councilmember Ted Mertens	Aye
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz	Aye
Mayor Linda Evans	Aye
Mayor Gina Nestande	Aye
Councilmember Dennis Woods	Aye
Councilmember Charles Townsend	Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Aye
Director Alex Cardenas	Aye
President Nancy Wright	Absent
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Absent

**7. INFORMATION** - The following item was provided in the agenda for information only:

**A. Attendance Record**

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

None

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next scheduled meeting via videoconferencing:

- Energy & Environmental Resources Committee – June 11, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

**10. ADJOURN** – Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Druyon