

ITEM 13A

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING SEPTEMBER 29, 2025



1. CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee meeting was held at the Coachella Valley Water District Steve Robbins Administration Building Training Room, 75515 Hovely Lane East, in the City of Palm Desert. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Joey DeConinck, Mayor of the City of Blythe, at 4:31 p.m., who joined the meeting via the teleconferencing that was available from Blythe City Hall in Blythe, California.

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

Mayor Ted Weill, *Past Chair*
Mayor Nancy Ross*
Mayor Scott Matas, *Past Chair*
Mayor Ron deHarte
Mayor Glenn Miller
Mayor Bruce Whitman
Mayor Jan Harnik
Mayor Linda Evans
Mayor Joseph DeConinck, *Vice Chair*

AGENCY

City of Rancho Mirage
City of Cathedral City
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Palm Springs
City of Indio
City of Indian Wells
City of Palm Desert
City of La Quinta
City of Blythe

* Arrived at the start of item 8A

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mayor Steven Hernandez
Tribal Councilmember Brenda Soulliere
Tribal Chair Joseph Mirelez
Tribal Chair Darrell Mike
Tribal Chair Reid Milanovich
Supervisor Jose Medina
Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Supervisor Chuck Washington
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, *Chair*
Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez

AGENCY

City of Coachella
Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
County of Riverside 1st District
County of Riverside 2nd District
County of Riverside 3rd District
County of Riverside 4th District
County of Riverside 5th District

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Executive Director Tom Kirk led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (IF ANY)

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. CHAIR / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kirk reported that Chair Perez extended his regrets for being unable to attend the meeting due to jury duty obligations. He expressed appreciation to Coachella Valley Water District for their hospitality in providing a meeting space for CVAG's committee meetings. Mr. Kirk also outlined logistics for the new location, and suggested beginning future Executive Committee meetings at 4:00 p.m. to accommodate the building's gate times.

Mr. Kirk provided an update on a \$600,000 grant CVAG has secured from the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program (STPG) to prepare the Coachella Valley Multimodal Corridor Plan.

As it pertains to CV Link, Mr. Kirk noted that staff have been meeting with City Managers and Police Chiefs along each section of the project to discuss strategies for ensuring public safety along the pathway. He further announced that six grand opening ceremonies for CV Link are scheduled to take place in November. Lastly, Mr. Kirk shared that CV Link has received the *Innovative Award* from the American Public Works Association, Coachella Valley Branch.

City of Palm Desert Mayor Jan Harnik announced California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) will be in Palm Desert on November 6-7 for their annual conference and will be discussing their legislative priorities. A survey will be distributed for this.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MILLER AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MATAS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Approve the minutes of the June 30, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting**
- B. Ratify the execution and filing of a Notice of Completion for the CV Link Community Connector project in the City of Coachella**
- C. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 2 with Magaña Consulting Services LLC. for work related to CV Link and other transportation projects, extending the contract through December 2028 with an optional two additional years, at a total not-to-exceed annual amount of \$173,000**
- D. Authorize the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to execute a fiber**

use license agreement and a broadband co-location license agreement with the City of Indio; and to execute similar agreements with other jurisdictions should the opportunities arise

- E. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 16 to the agreement with Alta Planning & Design for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$148,000
- F. Authorize the Executive Director to spend an additional \$100,000 on flagging services and associated work related to CV Link under Union Pacific Railroad in the City of Indio
- G. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a services contract with Dokken Engineering, not to exceed \$130,000, to conduct alternative analysis, conceptual planning, and provide grant application support for the CV Link Desert Hot Springs extension connection project
- H. Authorize the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to accept \$40,000 from the Colmac Air Quality Enhancement Fund Grant Program for the region's Landscape Certification Program, including executing the required agreement with the County of Riverside
- I. Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the second quarter of 2025
- J. Authorize the Executive Director to execute an additional agreement with Euna Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$29,500 for one-time services related to configuring the budget software with CVAG's new chart of account structure as part of the Enterprise Resource Planning system implementation

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES, AND 11 MEMBERS ABSENT

MAYOR WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR WHITMAN	AYE
MAYOR ROSS	ABSENT
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT

7.1 ITEM(S) HELD OVER FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Rollout of the Shade Trees for Southern California Deserts Program

Assistant Director of Energy & External Affairs Emmanuel Martinez presented the staff report.

Lengthy member discussion ensued, during which Mr. Martinez responded to committee questions concerning maintenance, expenses, and the types of trees to be planted. Brief member discussion ensued.

No action was taken as this item was for informational purposes only.

B. Contract Amendment for CV Sync Phase II Construction Management

Assistant Director of Transportation Mark Lancaster presented the staff report.

Lengthy member discussion ensued, during which Mr. Lancaster responded to committee questions concerning cost increases for the project as well as completion timelines.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR WEILL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR WHITMAN TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH TKE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR AN ADDITIONAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$1,650,000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2026 FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATED TO CV SYNC PHASE II

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, AND 10 MEMBERS ABSENT

MAYOR WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR WHITMAN	AYE
MAYOR ROSS	AYE
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT

**SUPERVISOR PEREZ
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ**

**ABSENT
ABSENT**

C. CalSTA Secretary Toks Omishakin's Statewide Efforts to Improve Safety and Implications for Varner Road

Director of Transportation Jonathan Hoy presented the staff report and detailed the State's interest in partnering on Varner Road. Brief member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HARNIK AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY STEPS TO COORDINATE WITH STATE AGENCIES TO EXPEDITE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG VARNER ROAD, INCLUDING ENTERING AGREEMENTS AND SUBMITTING FUNDING APPLICATIONS

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, AND 10 MEMBERS ABSENT

MAYOR WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR WHITMAN	AYE
MAYOR ROSS	AYE
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT

D. CV Link Improvements connecting to the Avenue 44 Bridge in the City of Indio

Mr. Hoy presented the staff report. Staff noted that the amount was likely to be less than anticipated.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MILLER AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH ORTIZ ENTERPRISES, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 FOR CV LINK IMPROVEMENTS CONNECTING TO THE AVENUE 44 BRIDGE IN THE CITY OF INDIO

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, AND 10 MEMBERS ABSENT

MAYOR WEILL	AYE
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MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR WHITMAN	AYE
MAYOR ROSS	AYE
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ	ABSENT

E. Designation of 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program Funds

Mr. Hoy presented the staff report.

Member discussion with Mr. Hoy answering questions regarding Rancho Mirage joining CV Sync and the efforts to secure funding for the next steps in regional signal synchronization

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR WEILL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR EVANS
AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECOMMEND TO RIVERSIDE
COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RCTC) THAT IT DESIGNATE AN
ESTIMATED \$6,057,420 IN AVAILABLE 2026 STATE TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) FUNDING TO THE CV SYNC REGIONAL SIGNAL
SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM FOR PHASE IV IN RANCHO MIRAGE**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, AND 10 MEMBERS ABSENT

MAYOR WEILL	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR DEHARTE	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR MIKE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MIRELEZ	ABSENT
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER SOULLIERE	ABSENT
TRIBAL CHAIR MILANOVICH	ABSENT
MAYOR WHITMAN	AYE
MAYOR ROSS	AYE
MAYOR HARNIK	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
MAYOR DECONINCK	AYE
SUPERVISOR MEDINA	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT

**SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON
SUPERVISOR PEREZ
SUPERVISOR GUTIERREZ**

**ABSENT
ABSENT
ABSENT**

F. Cash Flow Analysis for Regional Transportation Projects

Mr. Hoy presented the staff report.

Brief member discussion ensued with members discussing sales tax measure that has been considered by Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC).

No action was taken as this was an informational item only.

9. INFORMATION

- a) Executive Committee Attendance
- b) Regional Transportation Project Status Report
- c) New location of CVAG's public meetings
- d) Update on annual contributions to the CV Housing First Program
- e) Caltrans flyer on upcoming maintenance for bridges along Interstate 10
- f) Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS) Status Update
- g) Regional Signal Synchronization and CV Sync's Public Safety Benefits
- h) Countywide Immigration Resources
- i) Countywide policy to address homeless encampments
- j) Data trends on housing placements for homeless clients
- k) Efforts to Address Reoccurring 911 Outages in the Coachella Valley
- l) Information on First Public Hydrogen Authority Municipal Hydrogen Utility
- m) Coachella Valley Power Agency Update
- n) Used Oil Recycling Annual Report
- o) Inland Regional Energy Network's Business Plan and Executive Committee Update

These items were included in the agenda packet for members' information.

10. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS –

a) Update from the League of California Cities – Jesse Ramirez, Regional Affairs Manager, Riverside County Division

b) Recap of CVAG's Legislative Advocacy Efforts – Emmanuel Martinez

Mr. Martinez provided an update regarding the end of legislative session and highlighted updates to the state's Cap and Trade program.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at the Coachella Valley Water District, Steve Robbins Administration Building Training Room, 75515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, 92260.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair DeConinck adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elysia Regalado, Deputy Clerk