1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Linda Evans, City of La Quinta, at 10:30 a.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
- Mayor Steven Hernandez, Vice Chair
- Councilmember Gary Gardner
- Councilmember Donna Griffith
- Mayor Elaine Holmes
- Mayor Linda Evans, Chair
- Mayor Kathleen Kelly
- Councilmember Dennis Woods
- Councilmember Richard W. Kite
- Councilmember Glenn Miller
- Supervisor Karen Spiegel
- Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik
- Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
- Supervisor Jeff Hewitt
- Director Russ Martin
- Board Member Anthony Bianco
- Director Alex Cardenas
- Vice President Randy Duncan

### 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 1
- Riverside County – District 2
- Riverside County – District 3
- Riverside County – District 4, **arrived during Item 4**
- Riverside County – District 5, **arrived during Item 6A**
- Riverside County – District 5, **left during Item 6A**
- Coachella Valley Water District, **arrived during Item 4**
- Imperial Irrigation District
- Mission Springs Water District

### Others Present
- Tom Kirk
- Katie Barrows
- Kathleen Brundige
- Peter Satin
- Trisha Stull
- Erica Felci
- Joanna Stueckle
- Oscar Vizcarra
- Tory Brewster
- Jim Karpiak
- Erin Schaeffer
- Randy Bynder
- Felicia Brechtel
- Paul Valldigham

### Agency
- CVAG
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- CivicSpark Fellow
- CVMC
- CDFW
- Bighorn Institute
- Sierra Club
- Riverside County – District 5
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Randy Bynder, of the Bighorn Institute, shared that he was here to listen to Item 6C and the update on the CVMSHCP and bighorn sheep fence.

4. COMMISSION CHAIR / DIRECTOR COMMENTS –

Chair Evans thanked those who attended the CV Link groundbreaking event, which was held at a future bridge connecting the cities of Indio and La Quinta.

Mayor Steven Hernandez asked about the potential of federal earmarks, and whether CVCC would have the opportunity to receive any available government funding. Executive Director Tom Kirk indicated that CVAG and CVCC were tracking the potential opportunities, and that CVAG is providing letters of support to cities for their projects. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez suggested that CVCC staff follow up with Assemblyman Edwardo Garcia about the funding opportunities.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KITE AND SECONDED BY MAYOR KELLY TO:

Approve March 11, 2021 CVCC Meeting Minutes

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 13 AYES AND 4 ABSENT.

Councilmember Rita Lamb Aye
Mayor Steven Hernandez Aye
Councilmember Gary Gardner Aye
Councilmember Donna Griffith Aye
Mayor Elaine Holmes Abstain
Mayor Linda Evans Aye
Mayor Kathleen Kelly Aye
Councilmember Dennis Woods Aye
Councilmember Richard W. Kite Aye
Councilmember Glenn Miller Aye
Supervisor Karen Spiegel Abstain
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez Aye
Director Russ Martin Abstain
Board Member Anthony Bianco Abstain
Director Alex Cardenas Aye
Vice President Randy Duncan Aye

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. 2020 Annual Report

Peter Satin presented the highlights of the 2020 Annual Report, including progress toward acquisition goals and current monitoring activities. Member discussion ensued.
THE COMMISSION REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE COACHELLA VALLEY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN.

B. Acquisition of 12 parcels from the Riverside County Treasurer-Tax Collector’s 2020 Tax Default List

Jim Karpiak of Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy provided an overview of the purchase, including the property locations and conservation value of the 12 parcels recommended for acquisition.

IT WAS MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER BIANCO AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-003 AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF 12 TAX DEFAULT PARCELS, TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 107.62+/- ACRES, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED $51,532.62, PLUS ADMINISTRATION COSTS, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF SALE TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTIES.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 17 AYES.

| Councilmember Rita Lamb          | Aye |
| Mayor Steven Hernandez           | Aye |
| Councilmember Gary Gardner       | Aye |
| Councilmember Donna Griffith     | Aye |
| Mayor Elaine Holmes              | Aye |
| Mayor Linda Evans                | Aye |
| Mayor Kathleen Kelly             | Aye |
| Councilmember Dennis Woods       | Aye |
| Councilmember Richard W. Kite    | Aye |
| Councilmember Glenn Miller       | Aye |
| Supervisor Karen Spiegel         | Aye |
| Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik         | Aye |
| Supervisor V. Manuel Perez       | Aye |
| Supervisor Jeff Hewitt           | Aye |
| Board Member Anthony Bianco      | Aye |
| Director Alex Cardenas           | Aye |
| Vice President Randy Duncan      | Aye |

C. Update on the Peninsular Bighorn Sheep in the CVMSHCP Plan Area

Erin Schaeffer, of California Department of Fish and Wildlife, gave an update on the recovery and monitoring methods of the Peninsular bighorn sheep (PBS) population. Katie Barrows provided an update on the construction of a fence in the City of La Quinta. Member discussion ensued and Ms. Schaeffer and Ms. Barrows answered members’ questions.

The Chair welcomed public comment from Mr. Bynder, who thanked the Commission for the update.

There was no action taken as this was an informational update.
7. INFORMATION - The following items were provided in the agenda for information only:
   A. Attendance Record

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
   None

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   Upcoming meetings via Zoom:
   • Coachella Valley Conservation Commission: May 13, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

10. ADJOURN
   The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Stull