

Lynn Sweet
Stanley Henry
Mike McDonagh
Joan Taylor
Bill Havert
One individual joined by phone

UCR
Stanley E. Henry Consulting
McDonagh Project Management
Sierra Club
Retired CVMC Executive Director

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Randy Bynder, board member for the Bighorn Institute, spoke in favor of the incorporation of the bighorn sheep fence into the Management & Monitoring budget on Item 6A. He thanked Director of Environmental Resources Katie Barrows for her service, particularly the hard work coordinating the bighorn sheep fence.

Jane Garrison from Oswit Land Trust spoke in favor of Item 6C. Oswit Land Trust also provided a letter of support on Item 6C, which was forwarded to the members of the Commission.

4. COMMISSION CHAIR / DIRECTOR COMMENTS –

Executive Director Tom Kirk announced the retirement of Ms. Barrows. He presented photos and discussed some of her major accomplishments while working for the CVCC. Several CVCC members – including Chair Evans, Councilmember Kite, Councilmember Fitzpatrick and Mayor Hernandez – praised Ms. Barrow’s achievements and thanking her for her service to the CVMSHCP, CVCC, and community.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve May 13, 2021 CVCC Meeting Minutes

B. Approve CVCC’s existing Investment Policy as CVCC Policy #21-02

C. Adopt the clarifying memo, *Joint Project Review Requirements of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and the Implementing Agreement as Applied to Programmatic or Phased Projects*, and direct the Executive Director to distribute this guidance to local permittees

D. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a services agreement with eBizUniverse, Inc. to complete website redesign for CVCC and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), at a cost to CVCC of \$4,825 and a cost to CVAG of \$6,425, for a total project cost not to exceed \$11,250

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KELLY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FITZPATRICK TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 16 AYES AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

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
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik	Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Aye
Director Russ Martin	Aye
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Aye
Director Alex Cardenas	Absent
President Nancy Wright	Aye

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Agency-Wide, Programs, and Individual Funds Budget

Claude Kilgore provided the staff report, highlighting the various parts of the budget, including revenues and expenditures.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER GARDNER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFITH TO ADOPT THE CVCC BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 16 AYES AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

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
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik	Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Aye
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt	Aye
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Aye
Director Alex Cardenas	Absent
President Nancy Wright	Aye

B. Donation of approximately 248 acres in connection with the Mountain View Power Partners Wind Repower Project

Peter Satin provided a staff report describing the location and details of the donation agreement. Brief member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR HOLMES AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HEWITT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-005, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION OF A PORTION OF ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 522-070-027, TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 248 ACRES, IN THE WHITEWATER FLOODPLAIN CONSERVATION AREA FROM GABRYCH FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND TAKE SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY FOR THE ACQUISITION.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 16 AYES AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

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
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik	Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Aye
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt	Aye
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Aye
Director Alex Cardenas	Absent
President Nancy Wright	Aye

C. Acquisition of approximately 42.3+/- acres from the City of Palm Springs in accordance with the Surplus Land Act

Jim Karpiak of the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy provided an overview of the purchase, including the property location and conservation value of the parcel recommended for acquisition. Brief member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WOODS AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-006 AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF ONE PARCEL TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 42.3+/- ACRES IN THE SANTA ROSA AND SAN JACINTO MOUNTAINS CONSERVATION AREA AT A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$460,000, PLUS CLOSING AND TRANSACTION-RELATED COSTS OF \$7,500; AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY CONTRACTS AND TAKE SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY FOR THE ACQUISITION.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 16 AYES AND 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

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
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik	Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Aye
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt	Aye
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Aye
Director Alex Cardenas	Absent
President Nancy Wright	Aye

D. Contract with the University of California Riverside, Center for Conservation Biology to Implement Biological Monitoring

Kathleen Brundige gave a staff report and provided an overview of the contract tasks for the upcoming year including implementing the aeolian sand protocol, monitoring and habitat modeling for species such as the Coachella Valley milk-vetch, little San Bernardino Mountains linanthus, and cylindrical cholla habitat for LeConte’s thrasher.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KELLY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KITE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE’S CENTER FOR CONSERVATION BIOLOGY TO IMPLEMENT BIOLOGICAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022 AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$248,054.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 15 AYES AND 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember Rita Lamb	Aye
Mayor Steven Hernandez	Absent
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
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik	Aye
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	Aye
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt	Aye
Board Member Anthony Bianco	Aye
Director Alex Cardenas	Absent
President Nancy Wright	Aye

E. Report on CivicSpark Fellowship Program Activities

Tory Brewster gave a staff report and update on the CivicSpark Fellowship project for CVCC. She reported on training tools, results and materials she has developed for land management students/volunteers and will be completing the project in July. Member discussion included expressing appreciation for Ms. Brewster's work.

There was no action taken as this was an informational item.

7. INFORMATION - The following items were provided in the agenda for information only:

A. Attendance Record

B. Contracts Under \$25,000

C. Member Survey on CVAG Meetings in Post-COVID environment

D. Selection of Independent Auditor for CVAG, CVCC and DCE

E. Meeting calendar for Fiscal Year 2021/2022

F. State and Federal Funding Sources for Habitat Conservation

G. CV Link Endowment for Management of Mitigation Sites for Casey's June Beetle

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prior to the end of the meeting, Councilmember Gardner expressed concern about increased illegal dumping around the City of Desert Hot Springs. He requested a future meeting/update on implementing resources and outreach opportunities as it pertains to conservation land.

Upcoming meetings:

- The next meeting of the CVCC will be held Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. either via Zoom webinar or in-person.
- The next meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Brundige