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Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 18, 2020),
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COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

**THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021
10:30 a.m.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

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CVCC when called upon.***

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**THIS MEETING IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE.
ACTION MAY RESULT ON ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Linda Evans, Chair

2. **ROLL CALL**

A. **Member Roster**

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3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Any person wishing to address the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission on items appearing on this agenda may do so at this time. At the discretion of the Chair, comments may be taken at the time items are presented. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.

4. **COMMISSION CHAIR / DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Approve March 11, 2021 CVCC Meeting Minutes**

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6. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

A. **2020 Annual Report** – Peter Satin

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Recommendation: Review and accept 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

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Recommendation: 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

C. **Update on the Peninsular Bighorn Sheep in the CVMSHCP Plan Area** – Katie Barrows

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Recommendation: Information only

7. **INFORMATION**

A. **Attendance Record**

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8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Any member of the public wishing to address the Commission on items of general interest within the purview of this Commission may do so at this time. Please limit comments to 2 minutes.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings via Zoom:

- Coachella Valley Conservation Commission – May 13, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

10. ADJOURN

Item 2A

**Coachella Valley Conservation Commission
Member Roster
2020 - 2021**



City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Rita Lamb <i>Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Ernesto Gutierrez</i>
City of Coachella	Mayor Steven Hernandez, Vice Chair <i>Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez</i>
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Gary Gardner <i>Alternate: Mayor Scott Matas</i>
City of Indian Wells	Councilmember Donna Griffith <i>Alternate: Mayor Richard Balocco</i>
City of Indio	Mayor Elaine Holmes <i>Alternate: Councilmember Oscar Ortiz</i>
City of La Quinta	Mayor Linda Evans, Chair
City of Palm Desert	Mayor Kathleen Kelly <i>Alternate: Councilmember Gina Nestande</i>
City of Palm Springs	Councilmember Dennis Woods <i>Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Middleton</i>
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Richard W. Kite <i>Alternate: Mayor G. Dana Hobart</i>
Riverside County	Supervisor Kevin Jeffries - District 1 <i>Alternate: Councilmember Glenn Miller, Indio</i> Supervisor Karen Spiegel – District 2 <i>Alternate: Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick, La Quinta</i> Supervisor Chuck Washington – District 3 <i>Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik, Palm Desert</i> Supervisor V. Manuel Perez – District 4 <i>Alternate: Mayor Scott Matas, Desert Hot Springs</i> Supervisor Jeff Hewitt – District 5 <i>Alternate: Director Russ Martin, Mission Springs Water District</i>
Coachella Valley Water District	Board Member Anthony Bianco
Imperial Irrigation District	Director Alex Cardenas
Mission Springs Water District	President Nancy Wright <i>Alternate: Vice President Randy Duncan</i>

Staff	
Tom Kirk, Executive Director	
Katie Barrows, Director of Energy & Environmental Resources	
Kathleen D. Brundige, Management Analyst	
Peter Satin, Regional Planner	
Trisha Stull, Program Assistant II	

ITEM 5A

**Coachella Valley Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2021**



The audio file for this committee 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 10:32 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
Councilmember Gary Gardner
Councilmember Donna Griffith
Mayor Linda Evans, Chair
Mayor Kathleen Kelly
Councilmember Dennis Woods
Councilmember Richard W. Kite
Councilmember Glenn Miller
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt
Director Alex Cardenas
President Nancy Wright

Agency

City of Cathedral City
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
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
Riverside County – District 5
Imperial Irrigation District
Mission Springs Water District

Members Not Present

Mayor Steven Hernandez, Vice Chair
Mayor Elaine Holmes
Board Member Anthony Bianco

Agency

City of Coachella
City of Indio
Coachella Valley Water District

Others Present

Katie Barrows	CVAG
Kathleen Brundige	CVAG
Peter Satin	CVAG
Trisha Stull	CVAG
Erica Felci	CVAG
Joanna Stueckle	CVAG
Oscar Vizcarra	CVAG
Claude Kilgore	CVAG
Tory Brewster	CivicSpark Fellow
Jim Karpiak	CVMC
Ward Simmons	BB&K
Ryan Domino	LSL
Pat Cooper	Riverside County District 4
Luke Rainey	Desert Hot Springs

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. COMMISSION CHAIR / DIRECTOR COMMENTS –

Katie Barrows shared legislative updates that relate to CVCC’s conservation efforts. Ms. Barrows also introduced Ward Simmons, CVCC’s new legal counsel from Best Best & Krieger (BBK).

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve January 14, 2020 CVCC Meeting Minutes

B. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with, and grant a Right of Entry to, Brookfield Renewable Energy for the purposes of realigning an existing Bureau of Land Management road and easement and restoring the former road to surrounding natural conditions

C. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with the San Diego Natural History Museum for surveys of the western yellow bat and management of cowbirds through December 31, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$137,878

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

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 14 AYES AND 3 ABSENT.

Councilmember Rita Lamb	Aye
Mayor Steven Hernandez	Absent
Councilmember Gary Gardner	Aye
Councilmember Donna Griffith	Aye
Mayor Elaine Holmes	Absent
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	Absent
Director Alex Cardenas	Aye
President Nancy Wright	Aye

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Final comprehensive Audited Financial Report and Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) 114 Letter for Fiscal Year 2019/20

Claude Kilgore provided a brief overview of the annual audit and thanked the CVCC Finance Committee for its review. Ryan Domino of Lance, Soll & Lunghard LLP (LSL) described the audit process and the results. LSL gave an unmodified opinion and found no weaknesses or deficiencies.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KELLY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KITE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/20.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 14 AYES AND 3 ABSENT.

Councilmember Rita Lamb	Aye
Mayor Steven Hernandez	Absent
Councilmember Gary Gardner	Aye
Councilmember Donna Griffith	Aye
Mayor Elaine Holmes	Absent
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	Absent
Director Alex Cardenas	Aye
President Nancy Wright	Aye

B. Acquisition of five parcels in the Upper Mission Creek/Big Morongo Canyon and Highway 111/I-10 Conservation Areas

Jim Karpiak of Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy (CVMC) provided an overview of the purchase, including the property locations and conservation value of the five parcels recommended for acquisition. Member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER GARDNER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MILLER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-002 FOR ACQUISITION OF FIVE PARCELS CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 158+/- ACRES IN THE UPPER MISSION CREEK/BIG MORONGO CANYON AND HIGHWAY 111/I-10 CONSERVAATION AREAS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,035,000, PLUS CLOSING AND TRANSACTION RELATED COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000, AND AUTHORIZEE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY CONTRACTS AND TAKE SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY FOR THE ACQUISITION.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 14 AYES AND 3 ABSENT.

Councilmember Rita Lamb	Aye
Mayor Steven Hernandez	Absent
Councilmember Gary Gardner	Aye
Councilmember Donna Griffith	Aye

Mayor Elaine Holmes	Absent
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	Absent
Director Alex Cardenas	Aye
President Nancy Wright	Aye

C. Improving Accessibility to CVCC Resources in a Digital Age

CVCC staff provided an update on the efforts to make resources available online. Peter Satin highlighted a fee submission portal that is currently in development, including its features and benefits. Kathleen Brundige showcased a Land Management Database that's under development. Tory Brewster, CivicSpark fellow, described the current pilot of the volunteer program. Member discussion ensued and staff responded to questions.

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

A. Attendance Record

B. CVCC's Investment Report as of December 31, 2020

In response to a Commissioner's question, Katie Barrows also gave a brief update on the status of the bighorn sheep fence project.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming meetings via Zoom:

- Coachella Valley Conservation Commission: April 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Stull

Coachella Valley Conservation Commission

April 8, 2021



STAFF REPORT

Subject: 2020 Annual Report

Contact: Peter Satin, Regional Planner (psatin@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Review and accept the 2020 Annual Report on the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

Background: Each year, the CVCC is required to prepare an Annual Report that is submitted to the wildlife agencies and the Permittees of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP). The Annual Report details the progress made toward the conservation goals and objectives of the CVMSHCP and provides a benchmark for evaluation of compliance with Plan requirements. The CVMSHCP calls for the Annual Report to be presented at a CVCC meeting, which will serve as a public workshop where the public will have an opportunity to comment and copies of the report will be made available to them upon request.

Collectively, CVCC and its land acquisition partners have made significant progress in land conservation. Since 1996, the baseline year for the CVMSHCP, 98,369 acres have been conserved. In 2020, CVCC completed 22 transactions acquiring 29 parcels totaling 2,075 acres at a cost of \$1,293,253 in CVCC funds. These acquisitions are listed in Table 3 of the Annual Report. All lands acquired or otherwise conserved by CVCC and partner organizations during the period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 can be found in Appendix II of the Annual Report.

In 2020, monitoring continued for several covered species, including sand dune species, triple-ribbed milkvetch, burrowing owl, Palm Springs pocket mouse, Mecca aster, Orocopia sage, Little San Bernardino Mountains linanthus, and testing of a honey mesquite monitoring protocol. The CVCC also collected significant data for a study investigating the impacts of recreation on Peninsular bighorn sheep, and a final report is expected in 2021.

CVCC staff continued to work with the Urban Conservation Corps and Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy to control invasive tamarisk on properties in the Willow Hole and Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Areas. CVCC finished removing tamarisk from the Willow Hole area in 2020. Maintenance continued on all previously installed fencing and signage, and a large fencing project was also completed in the Willow Hole Conservation Area. Other projects included the initiation of a pilot restoration plan to enhance rail habitat in the Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Area.

The Annual Report is posted on the CVMSHCP website at <http://www.cvmshcp.org>. Staff will provide an overview of the highlights of the Annual Report at the April 8 meeting. Paper copies of the Annual Report are available upon request.

Fiscal Analysis: This item is for information only.

Item 6B

Coachella Valley Conservation Commission
April 8, 2021



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Acquisition of 12 parcels from the Riverside County Treasurer-Tax Collector's 2020 Tax Default List

Contact: Jim Karpiak, Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy (jkarpiak@cvmc.ca.gov)

Recommendation: 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

Background: The Riverside County Treasurer-Tax Collector (the County) publishes a list of tax-default parcels annually, which can be pursued for acquisition through a Chapter 8 tax sale. The CVCC received the annual listing in 2020 and, pursuant to CVCC Board Policy No.13-02, the Executive Director on December 15, 2020 sent a letter expressing preliminary interest in 13 parcels. They were considered appropriate to acquire by the CVCC due to their location and biological significance. The County responded that 12 out of the 13 parcels have not been redeemed, are available for purchase and provided price information for each parcel (attached). CVCC staff determined that the prices are at or below fair market value and therefore recommends that CVCC enter into an agreement to purchase these parcels.

These parcels lie within the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains, Thousand Palms, Long Canyon, Upper Mission Creek/ Big Morongo Canyon, and Desert Tortoise Linkage Conservation Areas (location maps attached). The parcels are within unincorporated Riverside County and the City of Desert Hot Springs. The next step in this process is for CVCC to adopt and send a resolution to the County objecting to the Public Sale of the parcels and agreeing to purchase the parcels pursuant to an Agreement of Sale between both parties. The attached Resolution 21-003 formally objects to the sale of the tax default parcels, agrees to purchase the properties for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$51,532.62 plus up to 10% administration fee and the cost of the County giving required notices, and authorizes the Executive Director to enter into purchase agreements in substantially the form of Attachment C.

The CVCC in November 2020 previously approved tax default acquisitions of 22 parcels, with a potential cost of \$192,697 plus administrative fees. All tax default acquisitions previously approved have either been acquired or redeemed. However, due to the uncertainty about whether tax default parcels will ever transfer to CVCC, CVCC does not encumber funds until the County has confirmed that all available parcels that were not redeemed and County Board of Supervisors has approved the tax sale.

Fiscal Analysis: The purchase price for the 12 parcels on the 2020 Tax Default List is not to exceed \$51,532.62 plus up to 10% administration fee and the cost of Riverside County giving notice. This is funded from the Land Acquisition fund.

Note that the pricing from the County usually comes near the end of the taxpayer's five year right of redemptions, so once CVCC approves the purchase, it usually takes another year before purchase is complete if the owner does not redeem.

Attachments:

1. Resolution 21-003 with Exhibit A – Description of Acquisition Parcels
2. Attachment B – Minimum Purchase Price Letter from Riverside County
3. Attachment C – Sample Agreement to Purchase Tax-Defaulted Property

Resolution No: 21-003

A RESOLUTION OF THE
COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
AUTHORIZING OBJECTION TO THE 2020 PUBLIC SALE OF 12 TAX DEFAULT PARCELS

WHEREAS, the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission ("Commission") is a public agency of the State of California formed by a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Commission implements the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan ("Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the primary means of conservation under the Plan are acquisition of land from willing sellers or the purchase of tax defaulted parcels in accordance with state law; and

WHEREAS, Assessor's Parcel Numbers as described in Exhibit A which is hereby incorporated by reference, are located within the Commission's boundaries, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved in regular session of the Governing Board of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission that the Commission objects to the public sale of the 12 parcels identified in Exhibit A; and

FURTHER, the Commission's purpose in acquiring the land would be to hold it as open space for the protection of its environmental, and wildlife resource values;

FURTHER, the Commission hereby authorizes the Executive Director to execute purchase agreements substantially in the form presented to the Board in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$51,532.62 plus up to 10% administration fee, and costs of giving notice, and any and all other documents that may be necessary to effect the acquisition of this property.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission this 8th day of April 2021.

APPROVED:

Linda Evans
Chair

Tom Kirk
Executive Director

EXHIBIT A
Description of Acquisition Parcel

The land referred to herein is located in the State of California, County of Riverside, described as follows:

Assessor's Parcel Number	Legal Description	Purchase Price	Purpose and Intended Use
636081002	1.00 ACRES IN POR PAR 337 RS 032/029	\$ 4,525.32	Preserve open space under CVMSHCP
636091020	1.00 ACRES IN POR PAR 435 RS 032/029	\$ 4,751.96	Preserve open space under CVMSHCP
636092005	1.00 ACRES IN POR PAR 405 RS 032/029	\$ 2,268.03	Preserve open space under CVMSHCP
636093004	1.11 ACRES M/L IN POR PAR 350 RS 032/029	\$ 2,512.40	Preserve open space under CVMSHCP
647030001	42.94 ACRES IN POR N/W 1/4 SEC 19 T3S R6E	\$ 10,544.99	Preserve open space under CVMSHCP
647280010	5.00 ACRES M/L IN POR SW 1/4 OF SEC 28 T3S R6E	\$ 8,772.26	Preserve open space under CVMSHCP
656370005	5.00 ACRES M/L IN POR SW 1/4 OF SEC 9 T3S R5E	\$ 4,124.84	Preserve open space under CVMSHCP
664100012	.57 ACRES IN PAR 3RS 042/078	\$ 4,631.81	Preserve open space under CVMSHCP
709500024	10.00 ACRES IN POR NE 1/4 OF SEC 17 T8S R13E	\$ 2,125.85	Preserve open space under CVMSHCP
709590009	20.00 ACRES IN POR NE 1/4 OF SEC 27 T8S R13E	\$ 2,820.46	Preserve open space under CVMSHCP
715271023	10.0 ACRES IN POR SE 1/4 OF SEC 16 T6S R11E	\$ 2,227.35	Preserve open space under CVMSHCP
715272036	10.0 ACRES IN POR SE 1/4 OF SEC 16 T6S R11E	\$ 2,227.35	Preserve open space under CVMSHCP

EXHIBIT B
Minimum Purchase Price

MATTHEW JENNINGS
County of Riverside Treasurer - Tax Collector

Giovane Pizano
Assistant Treasurer



Melissa Johnson
Assistant Tax Collector

March 18, 2021

Coachella Valley Conservation Commission
Attn: Diana Rosas
73710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 200
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Re: Tax Defaulted Properties

Dear Ms. Rosas:

We are in receipt of your inquiry regarding acquiring tax-defaulted property.

The below referenced tax-defaulted parcels may be acquired by **Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, a public agency and Joint Powers Authority, as a Special District** under a Chapter 8 Agreement to Purchase Tax-Defaulted Property for the minimum purchase price as follows:

<u>Assessment No.</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
636081002	\$4,525.32
636091020	\$4,751.96
636092005	\$2,268.03
636093004	\$2,512.40
647030001	\$10,544.99
647280010	\$8,772.26
656370005	\$4,124.84
664100012	\$4,631.81
709500024	\$2,125.85
709590009	\$2,820.46
715271023	\$2,227.35
715272036	\$2,227.35
777490020	REDEEMED
Total	\$51,532.62

These purchase prices were determined in keeping with Section 3793.1 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code and the Riverside County Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector policy number 98-1. **You may also purchase these parcels through the Chapter 7 Auction.**

Property taxes may be applied to parcels that are outside Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, a public agency and Joint Powers Authority, as a Special District purchasing boundaries. Please verify with your legal council that these parcels are within your purchasing boundaries.

In order for **Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, a public agency and Joint Powers Authority, as a Special District** to enter into an Agreement to Purchase these parcels, we would need a Resolution from your Board of Directors. The Resolution should show an offer to purchase the properties, including the purchase prices, legal descriptions, Assessor's 9 digit parcel numbers, and the specific public purpose for which each parcel is to be devoted. It should also include a statement that the costs of giving notice shall be paid by **Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, a public agency and Joint Powers Authority, as a Special District**. In addition to the Resolution, the State now requires a separate Mission Statement to be submitted as part of the Agreement. This must be on official letterhead.

Notice of the Agreement to Purchase Tax-Defaulted Property must be given. Pursuant to Section 3799 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, the Tax Collector shall make reasonable efforts to ascertain the identity and address of parties of interest. Notifications of the pending sale to the parties of interest must be sent by registered mail and/or certified mail. Also, in compliance with the California Revenue and Taxation Code 3800, the cost of giving notice shall be paid by **Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, a public agency and Joint Powers Authority, as a Special District**

ATTACHMENT B - Continued

Coachella Valley Conservation Commission

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Notice of the Agreement to Purchase Tax-Defaulted Property will also be published in **The Desert Sun** newspaper in accordance with Section 3798 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. Should the Agreement to Purchase be nullified after the first publication, the **Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, a public agency and Joint Powers Authority, as a Special District** would still be responsible for the publication costs incurred.

We would appreciate receiving the Resolution to purchase these properties from your Board of Directors by **April 30, 2021** to ensure that we have time to review the Resolution for any changes required and to pull the property from the tax sale, if needed. It would be advisable to contact our office and confirm that the Resolution has been received. **Properties scheduled to be sold at public auction will not be removed from the public auction tax sale unless your Resolution has been received in our office no later than April 30, 2021.**

Once the Resolution has been received by our office, an Agreement to Purchase Tax-Defaulted Property will be prepared and sent to you for signing. Once you have signed and returned the Agreement to us, we will obtain authorization from our Board of Supervisors and from the State Controller. Upon authorization by the State Controller's Office, we will proceed by setting the effective date of the Agreement, ordering title reports, preparing the certified mailing to all parties of interest and the 3 week published notification in the newspaper. Once these steps have been completed and if the property has not been redeemed or removed for legal reasons, correspondence will be sent to you requesting that payment be sent within 14 days of the effective date of the Agreement. Should payment not be received within the time allowed the Agreement would be void.

If your Board of Directors decides against offering to purchase any of these parcels, we would appreciate a letter stating that fact in order to close our file on the matter. Should you elect not to purchase by Chapter 8 Agreement, the law does not restrict you from bidding on the property at public auction.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Paola Vertiz
Tax Sale Operations
951-955-3264

ATTACHMENT C
Sample Agreement to Purchase Tax-Defaulted Property

AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY

This Agreement, _____, is made this ____ day of _____, 20 __, by and between the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County, State of California, and the _____ ("PURCHASER"), pursuant to the provisions of Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 8, of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

On _____ the _____ applied to purchase the subject property (Exhibit "A").

The real property situated within said County, hereinafter set forth and described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof, is tax-defaulted and is subject to the Power of Sale by the Tax Collector (Exhibit "C") of said County for the nonpayment of taxes, pursuant to provisions of law.

A certified copy of the Resolution authorizing the purchase of the property by _____ is attached as (Exhibit "D").

It is mutually agreed as follows:

1. That, as provided by Section 3800 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the cost of giving notice of this Agreement shall be paid by the PURCHASER, and
2. That the PURCHASER agrees to pay the sum of \$ _____ for the real property described in (Exhibit "B") within **fourteen (14)** days after the date this Agreement becomes effective. Upon payment of said sum to the Tax Collector, the Tax Collector shall execute and deliver a deed conveying title of said property to PURCHASER.
3. That the PURCHASER agrees to use the parcels(s) for public purpose under the following intent:
4. That, if said purchaser is a taxing agency as defined in Revenue and Taxation Code, or any other agency that receives its revenue share under the provisions of Division 1, Part 8, Chapter 3 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, it will not share in the distribution of the payment required by the Agreement as defended by section 3791 and section 3720 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
5. If the intended schedule and effective date of agreement is delayed, the Purchaser and the Board of Supervisors will renegotiate the increase of the purchase price amount accordingly.

If all or any portion of any individual parcel described in this agreement is redeemed prior to the effective date of this agreement, this agreement shall be null and void as to that individual parcel. This agreement shall also become null and void and the right of redemption restored upon the PURCHASER'S failure to comply with the terms and condition of this Agreement.

ATTACHMENT C – Continued

The undersigned hereby agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and are duly authorized to sign for said agencies.

This document is being executed in counterpart, each of which constitutes an original.

ATTEST:

COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
(Purchaser)

(Seal)

By _____
(Signature and Title)

(Print)

ATTEST:

KECIA HAPER-IHEM
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By _____
Deputy

(Seal)

By _____
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Pursuant to the provisions of section 3775 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the governing body of the City of Cathedral City hereby agrees to the sale price as provided in this agreement.

ATTEST: **CITY OF**

Deputy

(seal)

By _____
Mayor

Pursuant to the provisions of section 3775 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the governing body of the City of Palm Springs hereby agrees to the sale price as provided in this agreement.

ATTEST: **CITY OF**

Deputy

(seal)

By _____
Mayor

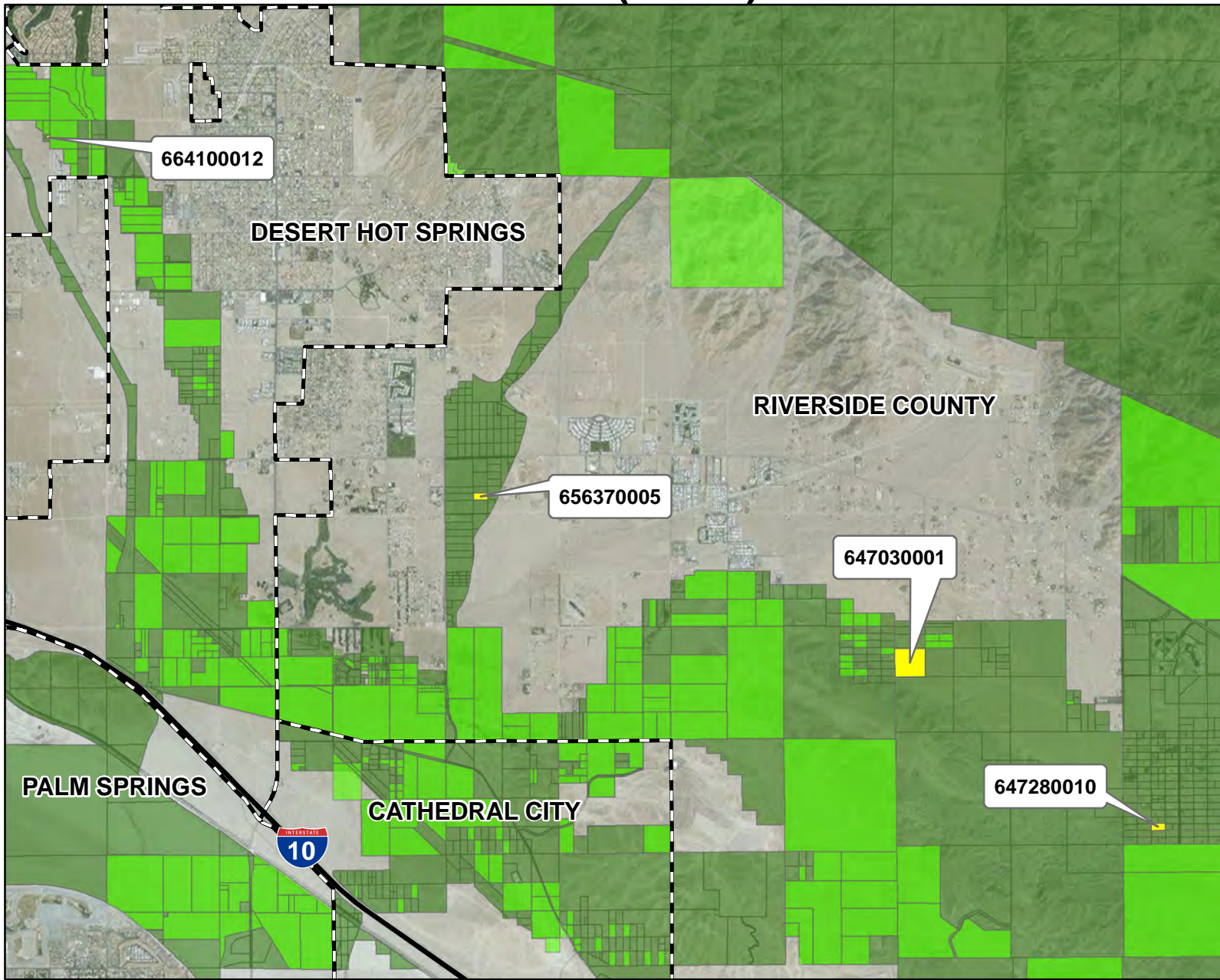
ATTACHMENT C - Continued

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3775 and 3795 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Controller agrees to the sale price therein before set forth and approves the foregoing Agreement this ___ day of _____, 20__.

JOHN CHIANG, CALIFORNIA STATE CONTROLLER

By _____
PRISCILLA MOSS, BUREAU CHIEF
BUREAU OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICY & REPORTING

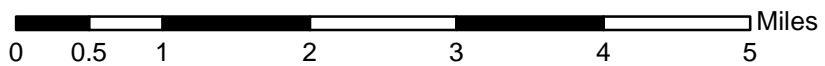
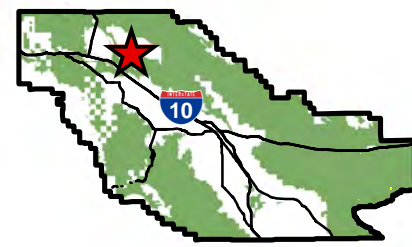
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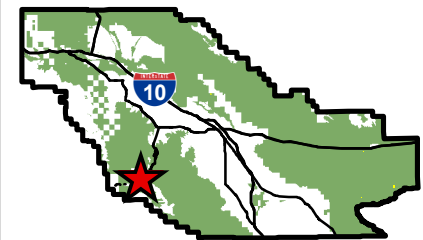


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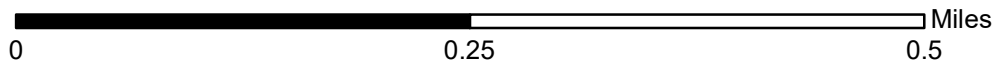


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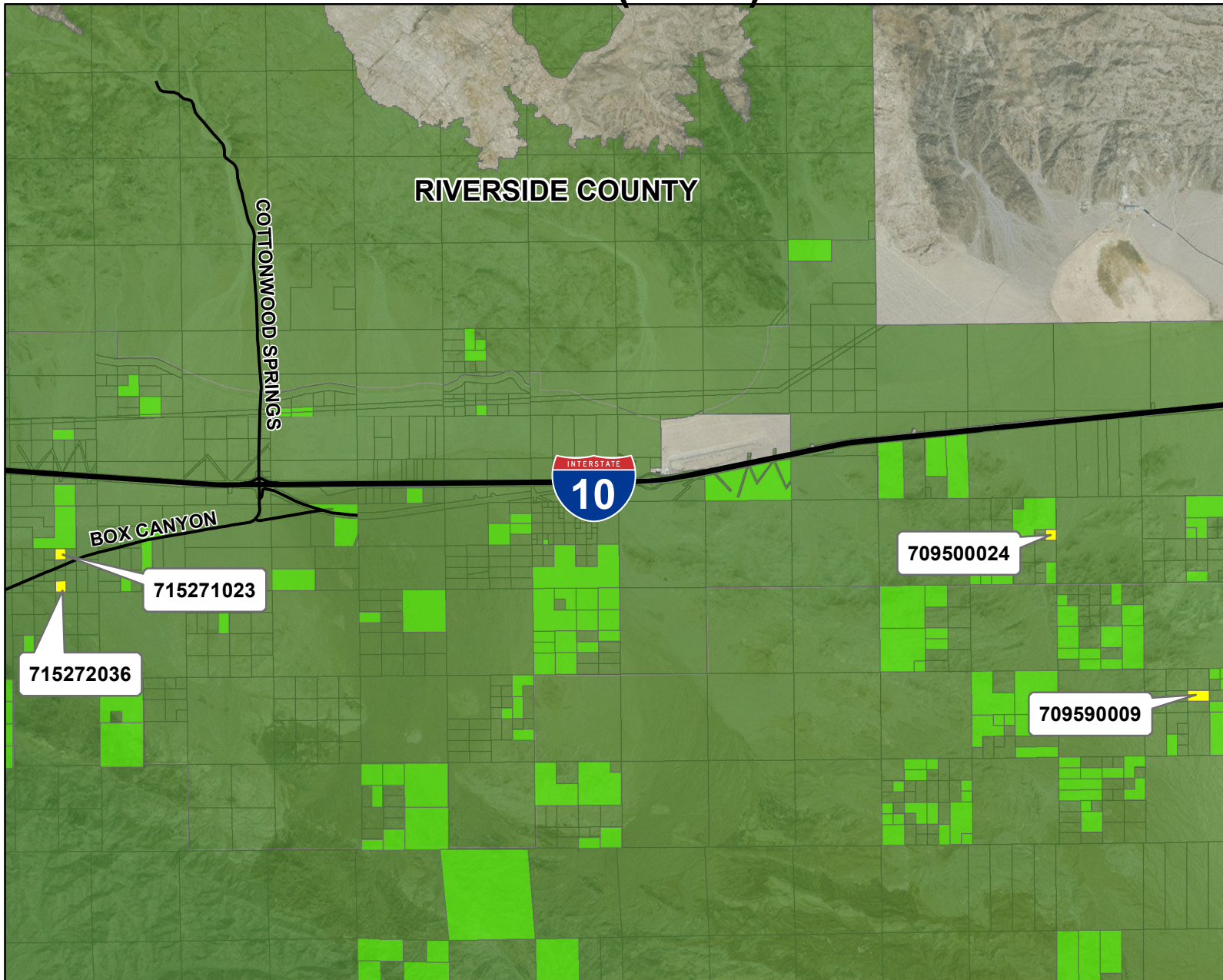
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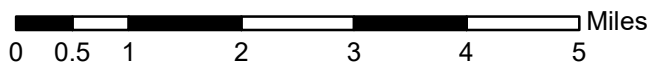
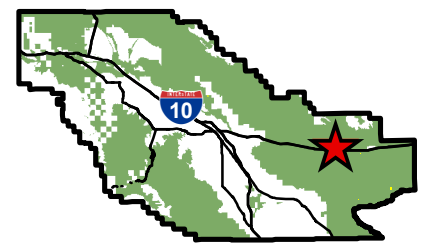


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Item 6C

Coachella Valley Conservation Commission
April 8, 2021



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Update on the Peninsular Bighorn Sheep in the CVMSHCP Plan Area

Contact: Katie Barrows, Director of Environmental Resources (kbarrows@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information only

Background: At the April 8 meeting, the CVCC will be provided with an update on the Peninsular bighorn sheep, one of the species covered by the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP). Erin Schaeffer, Wildlife Biologist for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), will provide details on the current status of the bighorn sheep and will describe ongoing monitoring efforts, including the use of radio collars to track the movements of the bighorn sheep. The collars provide data on the movement of adult female bighorn sheep and allow biologists to track and monitor the success of lambing and the survival of adults. In addition, Ms. Schaeffer will provide background on the bighorn sheep in the region, share some of the recent efforts to protect them, and answer questions from CVCC members.

Desert bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis nelsoni*) inhabit the desert slopes of the Peninsular Ranges of southern California and extend into the mountains of Baja California in Mexico. Peninsular bighorn sheep have been protected since 1971 under the California Endangered Species Act. In 1974, the number of bighorn sheep in the range-wide population was estimated at 1,171. By 1996, the population had declined to less than 300 adult sheep by 1996. In 1998, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) listed Peninsular bighorn sheep as a federally endangered population segment. Reasons for this listing were: 1) habitat fragmentation, degradation, and habitat loss by urban and commercial development, 2) disease, 3) predation coinciding with low population numbers, 4) human disturbance, 5) insufficient lamb recruitment, 6) nonnative toxic plants, and 7) prolonged drought.

Bighorn sheep are associated with nine recovery regions within the Peninsular Ranges; four of these recovery regions occur within the CVMSHCP area: 1) San Jacinto Mountains, 2) Northern Santa Rosa Mountains, 3) Central Santa Rosa Mountains, and 4) Southern Santa Rosa Mountains. The 2000 *Recovery Plan for Bighorn Sheep in the Peninsular Ranges, California* listed several criteria that must be met before delisting occurs: (1) a minimum of 25 ewes must be present in each of 9 recovery regions during 12 consecutive years without continued population augmentation; (2) an average of 750 individuals in the range-wide estimate with a stable to increasing population trend over 12 consecutive years; (3) established regulatory mechanisms and land management commitments that provide for long-term protection of sheep and all essential habitat. Connectivity among all portions of habitat must be established to allow bighorn sheep to move freely throughout the Peninsular Ranges.

CVCC staff will also provide a verbal report on the bighorn sheep fence project in the City of La Quinta. The CVCC approved the contract for the fence project in 2020 in order to comply with both federal and state environmental regulations. The project's construction timeline is dependent on the CVCC's ability to secure access from private property owners.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no additional cost to the CVCC for this update.

Item 7A

**COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FY2020-2021 ATTENDANCE RECORD**

JURISDICTION / AGENCY	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
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	-	-	✓	-	█	-	✓	-	✓			
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Riverside County - District 5	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓			
Coachella Valley Water District	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-	█			
Imperial Irrigation District	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓			
Mission Springs Water District	-	-	✓	-	█	-	✓	-	✓			

Absent █
 No Meeting *
 Scheduled Dark Month -