

COACHELLA VALLEY MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
Regular Meeting – November 18, 2024, 3:00 PM

73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Conference Room 101
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Tele-conference locations:

State of California Natural Resources Agency
715 P St.,
Mojave Room on the 20th floor (NRHQ 20-104)
Sacramento, CA 95814

California Department of Fish & Wildlife
3602 Inland Empire Blvd. Suite C-220
Small Conference Room
Ontario, CA 91764

AGENDA

1.0 Call to Order & Introductions

2.0 Action Item - Approval of July 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes (See Attachment 1.)

3.0 Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

At this time, any member of the public may address the Governing Board on any item not on the agenda. The Board cannot act on an item not on the agenda, but it can place it on the agenda for a future meeting. For items on the agenda, there will be an opportunity to speak when that item is heard. The Chair may limit the time for each speaker. Any written material may be submitted to the person taking minutes.

4.0 Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code sections 11126 (a)(1), 11126(e)(1) and 11126.3(a) the Board may hold a closed session to discuss and take possible action on personnel matters and or receive advice of counsel on pending or potential litigation. In addition, pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c) 7(A) the Board may meet in closed session with its negotiator prior to the purchase or sale of real property by or for the state body to give instructions to its negotiator regarding the price and terms of payment for the purchase or sale. Confidential memoranda related to these issues may be considered during such closed session discussions. The matters scheduled for closed sessions are:

No closed session is scheduled.

5.0 Action/Informational Items – Public Hearing (if there is any member of the public who wishes to address the Governing Board before action is taken, testimony from the public will be taken prior to a vote.)

Action Item 5.1 Approval of Meeting Schedule and New Meeting Location for 2025.
(See Attachment 2.)

Action Item 5.2 Adoption of Resolution 2024-08 consenting to and approving a Proposition 1 Local Assistance Grant to The Desert Recreation District for its Thermal Park Water-Efficiency Infrastructure Project.
(See Attachment 3.)

Action Item 5.3 Adoption of Resolution 2024-09 consenting to and approving a Proposition 68 Local Assistance Grant to The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens for its Desert Hot Springs Pollinator Pathway Project.
(See Attachment 4.)

Action Item 5.4 Adoption of Resolution 2024-10 consenting to and approving a Proposition 68 Local Assistance Grant to the Coachella Valley Desert and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for its West Deception Canyon Trail Project. (See Attachment 5.)

Informational Item 5.5
Conservation Practices - Presentation by The Living Desert (See Attachment 6)

6.0 Reports

6.1 Written Reports from Staff. (See Attachment 7.)

6.2 Executive Director Report.

6.3 Board Member comments and reports from Conservancy member agencies. This is an opportunity for any of the Governing Board Members to present a report on matters of interest regarding the agency he or she represents.

7.0 Adjourn to the February 10, 2025, Meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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Government Code section 11125.7 provides the opportunity for the public to address each agenda item during discussion or consideration by the Conservancy or prior to the Conservancy taking any action on said item. The Conservancy will provide members of the public with an opportunity to make public comments during the meeting on any issues before the Conservancy, but the Chair or their designee, at their discretion, may apportion available time among those who wish to make public comment during the meeting. Individuals may also make public comment to the Conservancy regarding items not on the agenda; however, the Conservancy cannot discuss or take official action on these items during the same meeting. (Gov. Code, §§ 11125, 11125.7, subd. (a).) Members of the public may but are not obligated to provide their names or personal information as a condition of observing or participating in the meeting.

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