



STAFF REPORT
5/26/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: William B. Pattison, City Manager

SUBJECT: Approve Addendum No. 2 to the Third Amendment and Restatement of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (“CVAG”) Joint Powers Agreement, which establishes the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians as a formal member.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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BACKGROUND:

CVAG was formed in November 1973 with the approval of the first Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). In 1989 – after voters passed Measure A – CVAG amended and restated the JPA to specify its role as the regional transportation authority. In 1998, the JPA was amended again to include the City of Blythe as a member. CVAG’s members have since authorized separate JPA agreements for the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission and for Desert Community Energy.

In April 2018, the Executive Committee approved the Third Amendment to the Joint Powers Authority, which better reflected CVAG’s mission and organizational structure and included the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians. Most recently, in December 2019, the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians re-joined CVAG through an addendum approved by each CVAG jurisdiction.

As mentioned at the February 23, 2021 Executive Committee meeting, CVAG staff was approached by the Chairman of the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians, and the tribe is requesting to join CVAG. The letter is attached for Council’s information. CVAG Legal Counsel has reviewed Addendum No. 2 to the JPA to add this membership and the item was approved by the CVAG Executive Committee on April 19, 2021.

Given the addition of two member jurisdictions, CVAG’s By-Laws will need to be updated to include both the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians and the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians in the officer rotation, which has a specified rotation order. CVAG staff will present the updated By-Laws at a future Executive Committee agenda for their approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

Attachments: Letter from Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
Addendum to the CVAG JPA