



STAFF REPORT
1/26/2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Andrea J. Carranza, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Amendment to Committee Member assignment to the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) Energy Consumers Advisory Committee (ECAC) to Appoint City Engineer Andrew Simmons.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation by the City Manager is to appoint City Engineer Andrew Simmons as a member to fill a vacancy on the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) Energy Consumers Advisory Committee (ECAC), representing the City of Coachella, with a term to end December 2024.

BACKGROUND:

Created in 1994, IID's Energy Consumers Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations to the IID Board of Directors regarding fiscal, strategic planning, and Board policy matters that affect the Energy Department.

The committee is comprised of 20 representatives with diverse backgrounds and expertise. In the Imperial Valley, each director is responsible for the selection of two appointees for his or her division—totaling 10 representatives. The remaining 10 members represent the Coachella Valley; nominated by the cities and the county of Riverside. Indio, Coachella and La Quinta are allowed two nominations each, while Palm Desert and Rancho Mirage share a delegate. Three representatives nominated by the county serve the unincorporated areas. After nomination, the IID board then ratifies each representative.

On December 8, 2021, the City Council approved the annual appointments and committee list, and removed Neftali Galarza and Denise Delgado, Coachella's two representatives, from the ECAC assignments. Jacob Alvarez was appointed to fill outgoing ECAC Member Galarza's term, leaving the vacancy on ECAC Member Delgado's term. This appointment will fill the second vacancy.

ECAC meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Meetings alternate between El Centro and La Quinta, and are currently following COVID-19 safety protocols. There is no stipend, but members do receive mileage reimbursement.

The appointment as Coachella's representative must reside within the IID electrical service of the Coachella Valley. After Council's approval, the IID Board will then ratify the representative before the term takes effect.

This assignment to the ECAC does not fall into the category required to update the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 806, as there is no stipend.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund

Attachment: IID Boundary Map for the Coachella Valley