



**DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA**

**Monday, January 27, 2024  
4:00 p.m.**

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
74-199 El Paseo Drive  
Suite 100  
Palm Desert, CA 92260**

Members of the public are encouraged to submit comment in connection with the Desert Community Energy meeting by email to: [cvag@cvag.org](mailto:cvag@cvag.org) by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the CAC meeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Erin Boyd, City of Palm Springs

2. **ROLL CALL**

A. **Member Roster**

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3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the first of two opportunities to address the Committee. Any person wishing to address the Desert Community Energy Community Advisory Committee on items appearing on this agenda may do so at this time. Please limit comments to 3 minutes. At the discretion of the chair, additional public comment time and/or opportunities during the meeting may be granted.

4. **COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS**

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Approve the meeting minutes from December 9, 2024**

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6. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

A. **Presentation from The Energy Authority** – Jaclyn Harr, DCE consultant and TEA's Account Director of California

B. **Preview of 2025 meetings** – Savannah Gil

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**Recommendation:** Discuss and provide input on future topics

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the second of two opportunities to address the Committee. Any person wishing to address the Committee on items not appearing on this agenda may do so at this time. Please limit comments to 2 minutes. At the discretion of the chair, additional public comment time and/or opportunities during the meeting may be granted.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the DCE Board meeting will be held on February 10, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Large Conference Room at Palm Springs City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, 92262.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**



## **DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>City</b>
Donald Barrett	Palm Springs
Erin Boyd, CAC CHAIR	Palm Springs
Noel Loughrin, CAC VICE CHAIR	Palm Springs
Bernard Rottner	Palm Springs
Berlinda Blackburn	Palm Desert
Paul Murphy	Palm Desert
Donald Zeigler	Palm Desert

## **ITEM 5A**

Desert Community Energy  
Community Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2024



### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the DCE Community Advisory Committee was called to order by CVAG/DCE Program Specialist Savannah Gil at 5:30 p.m. at Demuth Community Center, Multipurpose Room, 3601 E Mesquite Avenue, Palm Springs, CA 92264.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

#### **Members Present**

Donald Barrett  
Berlinda Blackburn  
Erin Boyd  
Noel Loughrin  
Jeremy Roos  
Bernard Rottner  
Donald Zeigler

#### **City of Residency**

Palm Springs  
Palm Desert  
Palm Springs  
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Palm Springs  
Palm Desert

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **4. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

CVAG/DCE Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci gave an introductory comment welcoming the Committee.

DCE Program Manager David Freedman shared he will be retiring at the end of this calendar year.

### **5. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

#### **A. Overview of Communication Choice Aggregation and Desert Community Energy**

Ms. Gil gave a short presentation.

Brief member discussion ensued with Mr. Freedman and Ms. Gil answered questions accordingly.

No action was taken.

#### **B. Review of Background, Structure, & Scope of Work**

Ms. Gil reviewed the document with the Committee.

Brief member discussion ensued regarding document questions.

No action was taken.

**C. Election of Community Advisory Committee Officers**

Mr. Freedman presented the staff report and opened the floor for nominations.

Ms. Erin Boyd nominated herself for the position of Chair. No other nominations were received for the position of Chair.

Mr. Donald Barrett nominated Ms. Noel Loughrin for the position of Vice Chair. No other nominations were received for the position of Vice Chair.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MS. ERIN BOYD AND SECONDED BY MR. DONALD ZEIGLER TO APPOINT MS. ERIN BOYD FROM THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS TO BE CHAIR OF THE DCE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MOVED MR. DONALD BARRETT AND SECONDED BY MS. ERIN BOYD TO APPOINT MS. NOEL LOUGHRIN FROM THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS TO BE VICE CHAIR OF THE DCE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THE MOTIONS CARRIED WITH 7 AYES AND 0 NAYS.**

<b>Donald Barrett</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Berlinda Blackburn</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Erin Boyd</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Noel Loughrin</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Jeremy Roos</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Bernard Rottner</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Donald Zeigler</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**D. Schedule and Topics for Upcoming CAC meetings**

Staff and Committee discussed several topic ideas for future Committee meeting along with a discussion regarding the meeting schedule and future meeting locations. The Committee agreed to rotate the meeting location between Palm Springs and Palm Desert.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Erin Boyd adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Savannah Gil  
Program Specialist – Energy & Sustainability*

## **ITEM 6B**

Desert Community Energy  
Community Advisory Committee  
January 27, 2024



### **STAFF REPORT**

**Subject:** Preview of 2025 meetings

**Contact:** Savannah Gil, Program Specialist ([sgil@cvag.org](mailto:sgil@cvag.org))

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**Recommendation: Discuss and provide input on future topics**

**Background:** On December 9, 2024, the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) held its inaugural meeting for the 2024-2026 membership term. It was proposed that the CAC could meet as needed, bi-monthly, or on an alternating schedule with the DCE Board. At this meeting, the Committee agreed to meet on an alternating schedule with the DCE Board. The DCE Board typically meets up to seven times each year, which would create a CAC schedule of 5 to 6 times per year.

The CAC agreed that 1-hour meetings in the afternoon would be ideal for most members. However, a set weekday of the month was not officially confirmed at the meeting. The CAC agreed to revisit the schedule of future meetings.

The CAC members also discussed various topics to focus on in future meetings. A summary of these topics and the proposed 2025 meeting timeline are provided below:

- January 2025: DCE Consultant Presentation: The Energy Authority
- March/April 2025: DCE Consultant Presentation: Burke Rix Communications
- June/July 2025: Extreme Summer Heat: Impacts and Resiliency Practices
- August/September 2025: Community Investment: Customer Programs
- October/November 2025: Outreach Engagement: Marketing messaging
- November/December 2025: Current CCA Landscape and Best Practices,
- Floating Topic for 2025/2026: Data Transparency (i.e. Customer enrollment)

Meeting dates will be set up based on polling members' availability. Staff recommends the CAC members review the proposed topic schedule and provide any feedback.

**Fiscal Analysis:** There is no additional cost to DCE for this item. Staff support for the CAC is covered under existing resources.