

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2024

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO THE COACHELLA VALLEY MULTIPLE SPECIES
HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN (CVMSHCP) TRAILS MANAGEMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Donna Beane to serve as the City's representative to the CVMSHCP Trails Management Subcommittee for term ending June 30, 2026.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Trails Management Subcommittee (the "Subcommittee") was established in 2008 to provide input on trails-related issues under the CVMSHCP. The Subcommittee makes recommendations to the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC), the agency responsible for implementing the CVMSHCP. The Subcommittee includes representatives from local governments, agencies, and trail user groups and assists in planning and managing trails within the CVMSHCP Reserve System.

Per the Subcommittee's guidelines, the City of Palm Desert is allocated one representative, who may be a City staff member or a Palm Desert resident, appointed by the City Council. Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Donna Beane has submitted an application expressing interest in representing the City on the Subcommittee. Her background includes experience in hiking and trail use, as well as volunteer service in public safety and environmental roles.

The City Council Subcommittee on Boards and Commissions, consisting of Councilmember Kelly and Mayor Pro Tem Harnik, reviewed Ms. Beane's application and recommend her appointment. No other applications have been received for this Subcommittee position at this time.

Additionally, City staff members Shawn Muir, Community Services Manager, or Kevin Swartz, Public Works Project Manager, will accompany the City's representative to Subcommittee meetings to provide support and coordination on behalf of the City.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this appointment.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Trails Management Subcommittee Overview
2. Donna Beane's Application and Resume