

**RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**CITY OF PALM DESERT**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

February 24, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Present: Committee Member Estelle Dahl, Committee Member Geoffrey Gregory, Vice Chair Vincent Heuring, Committee Member Stephen Nelson, Committee Member Donald Ziegler, Committee Member Dean Gatons, Chair Berlinda Blackburn

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Chris Escobedo, Deputy Director of Economic Development Amy Lawrence, Recording Secretary Michelle Nance

Liaison(s) Present: Mayor Jan Harnik

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A Special Meeting of the Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee was called to order by Chair Blackburn on February 24, 2025, at 3:01 p.m., in the Administrative Conference Room, City Hall, located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion by:** Committee Member Nelson

**Seconded by:** Committee Member Ziegler

To approve the consent calendar as presented.

**Motion Carried (7 to 0)**

**4.a APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by:** Committee Member Nelson

**Seconded by:** Committee Member Ziegler

Approve the Minutes of October 21, 2024.

**Motion Carried (7 to 0)**

**4.b RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE STATUS  
REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2025**

**Motion by:** Committee Member Nelson

**Seconded by:** Committee Member Ziegler

Receive and file Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee status report for February 2025.

**Motion Carried (7 to 0)**

**5. CONSENT ITEMS HELD OVER**

**4.c UPDATE ON THE RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT  
COMMITTEE'S 2024/2025 WORKPLAN**

Deputy Director Lawrence responded to member inquiries.

**Motion by:** Committee Member Gatons

**Seconded by:** Committee Member Dahl

Receive and file update on the Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee's 2024/2025 Workplan.

**Motion Carried (7 to 0)**

**6. ACTION CALENDAR**

None.

**7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS & COMMENTS**

**7.a RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The following items were discussed, but do not necessarily reflect the consensus of the Committee:

- Replacement of step at the Historical Society to prevent slips and falls;
- Coachella Valley Water District newsletter;
- Average temperature projections through 2100;
- Additions of cooling centers and trees;
- Self cooling outdoor flooring materials;
- Water conservation in the Haystack Road corridor; and
- Earth Day 2025 theme and recognition.

**7.b CITY COUNCIL LIAISON**

None.

**7.c CITY STAFF**

**7.c.1 PRESENTATION ON THE IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT (IID)  
ENERGY/NORTH SPHERE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE  
PARTNERSHIP**

Assistant City Manager Escobedo narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to member inquiries. No formal action taken on this item.

**7.c.2 PRESENTATION ON THE CITYWIDE PHOTOVOLTAIC PROJECT**

Capital Improvement Projects Manager Gayler narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to member inquiries. No formal action taken on this item.

**7.d ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Report provided; no action taken on this item.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Nance, Deputy Clerk II  
Recording Secretary

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Amy Lawrence, Deputy Director of Economic Development  
Secretary

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DATE APPROVED BY RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE