POWER POINTS

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

City Council Meeting
February 7, 2023

1

Pledge of Allegiance

2

City Council Meeting
February 7, 2023

Presentations

3

City Council Meeting
February 7, 2023

P1 – RCTC Coachella Valley Rail Project Update

4

COACHELLA VALLEY RAIL PROJECT UPDATE

**CITY OF LA QUINTA CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

Aaron Hake, Deputy Executive Director

5

5

Why Coachella Valley Rail?

- ✓ **Transformational** – Transforms the way Californians will travel

- ✓ **Connections** – Links LA, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside counties

- ✓ **Access & Equity** – Options for residents in disadvantaged communities

- ✓ **Economic Investment** – Expands access to the regional economy

- ✓ **Sustainability** – Combats climate change by reducing vehicle use

6

6

Coachella Valley Rail Corridor

Strong Public Support

| 11 Stakeholder & Agency Briefings | 2 Virtual Public Hearings | 3,226 Page Views rctc.org/cvrail | 504 Comments Received |

Notification Efforts – English & Spanish

- 9 Email Notices
- 2 News Releases
- The Point Blog Posts
- 22 Social Media Posts
- Project Website
- Video Campaign
- 11 Print/Online Ads
- Geofencing Ads

9

9

Project Status

WE ARE HERE

| **2016** Alternatives Analysis | **Current** Program-Level (Tier 1) EIS/EIR & Service Development Plan | **Future** Conceptual Engineering & Project-Level (Tier 2) Environmental Documents | **Beyond** Final Design & Construction & Operations |

☑ Program-Level (Tier 1) EIS/EIR

☑ Service Development Plan
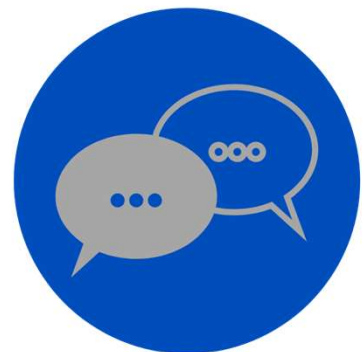
10

10

Funding need and opportunities

- Seeking $20 million of the $60 million needed to complete Tier 2
  - Federal funds
    - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant program
    - Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
  - State Funds
- Local support critical to success
- Support in Congress and State Legislature

11

Leading the conversation

- RCTC Ad Hoc Committee
- Trip to Washington DC - September 19 - 21, 2022
- California Transportation Secretary visit
- Governor's Infrastructure Advisor meetings
- Significant media interest

12

13

Stay Connected

rctc.org

951.787.7141

info@rctc.org

@theRCTC

Project Webpage:
www.rctc.org/cvr

14

14

15

City Council Meeting
February 7, 2023

B1 – Community Services Grant Requests
2022/23

16

Community Services Grants

- $23,000 is left for the remaining 2 rounds

- Recommend $23,000 for 6 organizations

- Funds available for upcoming third round

17

Applicant	Requested	Committee Recommendation
Angel Force	$5,000	$0
Angel View	$3,500	$3,500
Coachella Valley Horse Rescue	$5,000	$4,500
Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine	$5,000	$5,000
Friends of the Desert Mountains	$5,000	$4,500
La Quinta High School AVID*	$500	$0
Riverside County Sheriff Explorer Post 503	$5,000	$5,000
Shay's Warriors*	$2,000	$500
TOTAL	$31,000	$23,000

Starter Grant

18

19

City Council Meeting
February 7, 2023

B2 – Appoint One Council Member to Serve on the Pillars of the Community, Distinguished Artists, and Distinguished Athletes Award Programs Review Subcommittee

20

Awards Programs

- Pillars of the Community
  - Volunteers and active community members
- Distinguished Artists
  - LQ artists who have contributed to the City's image
- Distinguished Athletes
  - LQ athletes who excel in the field of sports

21

Programs Review Subcommittee

- Assess nomination criteria

- Enhance promotional efforts

- Promote significance and importance of awards

22

23

City Council Meeting
February 7, 2023

**S1 – Imperial Irrigation District
Energy Study Discussion**

24

Background

- The Imperial Irrigation District (IID) has a 99-year contract to provide the Eastern Coachella Valley's electrical services.

- The agreement is set to expire on January 1, 2033.

- The Eastern Coachella Valley stakeholders make up over 60% of IID's energy ratepaying customers.

25

Study

LAFCO hired a consultant to conduct a study to provide:

1. Options for the future governance of IID including board representation of Eastern Coachella Valley electricity customers.

2. Options for future electrical service by alternative public agencies if IID chooses to terminate service.

26

Stakeholders' Vision

Options to explore in forming a vision for reliable energy governance beyond January 2033:

- Enter into a new contract with IID, making sure Eastern Coachella Valley has voting representation on the board.

- Invite another entity to assume responsibility as the power provider for the Eastern Coachella Valley.

- Form a new municipal utility authority.

27

Aging Infrastructure

Electrical infrastructure improvements needed going forward:

- Current equipment cannot handle increased electrical uses by the current customer base and is impacting new development.

- Infrastructure upgrades are estimated to cost $800 million.

- Options raising rates to pay for bonds, with programs in place to help low-income customers.

28

Questions?

29

30