

INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

September 5, 2024



To: City Council
From: City Manager Department
Prepared by: Angelica Avila, City Clerk
Subject: **Recruitment and Interview Schedule for Planning Commission and Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **APPROVES** the recruitment schedule and **DESIGNATES** Mayor Sanders and Councilmember Griffith to serve as the Ad-Hoc Interview Committee for the Planning Commission and Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District; and

FINDS the action exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review under CEQA guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

DISCUSSION

The Planning Commission and Coachella Mosquito & Vector Control District appointments are on a calendar year basis ending on December 31. The Planning Commission has two seats available for appointment and a re-appointment. Chair Schleimer and Commissioner Conway are completing their second term on the Planning Commission. Commissioner Welch is eligible to be re-appointed per the Council policy for another two-year term ending on December 31, 2026.

The District terms serve either a two-year or four-year term. The District appointment terms permit a maximum of four (4) consecutive terms. The City's representative Clive Weightman was appointed in 2017 and is currently on his third term. The District is comprised of eleven members representing Coachella Valley cities and the County. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The appointed position does not receive a stipend (www.cvmosquito.org).

Eligible re-appointments are required to re-apply and go through the interview process.

The vacancies are as follows:

Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control

1. Clive Weightman 1 Term left

Planning Commission

1. Nicholas Conway Termed out
2. John Schleimer Termed out
3. Ken Welch 1 Term left

Advertising of the annual recruitment in the Desert Sun and email notifications are set to be sent to the residents in early-September concerning the vacancies. In addition, a link to the application and committee descriptions are posted on the City's website. The deadline to apply is **5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024.**

The Council implemented two Council Member Ad-hoc committees to review applications and interviews with the applicants. The Ad-hoc Interview Committees ("Ad-hoc Committee") consist of the two Council Members who are assigned to that committee or as designated by Council at a Council meeting. Staff recommends the Council designate Mayor Sanders and Councilmember Griffith to serve on the Ad Hoc Interview Committee for the Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control Board and the Planning Commission.

Each Ad-hoc Committee selects dates for interviews between September 30 through October 23, 2024. Interviews will be conducted in person. The Council Ad-hoc Committees will forward their appointment recommendations to the City Clerk no later than October 30, 2024. The Ad- Hoc Committee recommendations are to be proposed for approval at the December meeting for Council consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):

The action is not a project within the meaning of Section 15378 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change in the environment, directly or indirectly; and that the action is nonetheless exempt from the requirements of CEQA in that the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. (14 CCR 15061(b)(3).)