

REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY MINUTES

NOVEMBER 01, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson, Robin Lowe.

2. ROLL CALL

Barbara Hanna, City of Banning
Larry Dressel, City of Beaumont
Martin Gibson, City of Canyon Lake
Eugene Montanez, City of Corona
Robin Lowe, City of Hemet
Robert Schiffner, City of Lake Elsinore
Kelly Seyarto, City of Murrieta
Frank Hall, City of Norco
Dom Betro, City of Riverside
Dale Stubblefield, City of San Jacinto
Jeff Stone, City of Temecula
Supervisor Bob Buster
John Fields for Supervisor John Tavaglione
Supervisor Jim Venable
Darcy Kuenzi for Supervisor Marion Ashley

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments.

4. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

No Comments.

5. MINUTES

Action: Approved October 2, 2004 minutes.

M/S/C (Schiffner/Seyarto) Motion passed 14/0/1

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

No Items.

7. POLICY CALENDAR

7.1 **Update on Grant Requests and Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution No.04-08 Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds**

Mr. Steve DeBaun spoke regarding the acceptance of grants in the amount of \$12 million. These Grants were requested by the California Department of Fish and Game, under Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act. This includes \$5.18 million for the acquisition of properties in the

Alberhill area to provide core habitat area, \$4.545 million for the Wilson/Cactus Valley area, and \$1.5 million for the Delhi Sands Fly habitat in the Colton Dunes area.

Action: Approved Resolution No. 04-08

M/S/C (Schiffner/Stone) 15/0

7.2 Policy for Local Development Mitigation Fee Remittance by Member Agencies and Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution No. 04-09

Mr. Steve DeBaun spoke about the policy Resolution that sets forth the policies and requirements of the remittance of development fees by local agencies to the RCA.

Action: Approved policy for Local Development Mitigation Fee Remittance and approved Resolution No. 04-09.

M/S/C (Hall/Montanez) 14/0/1.

7.3 Legislative Platform

Mr. Bill Hodge spoke briefly. On September 13, 2004, the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors directed that ideas and suggestions for the platform be obtained from member jurisdictions and other stakeholders.

Action:

1. Received Draft Legislative Platform filed.
2. Directed staff to again circulate the draft of the Legislative Platform among interested parties and return for the Board's approval on December 6, 2004.

M/S/C (Ashley/Gibson) 15/0

7.4 Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution No. 04-10 Adopting Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act

Ms. Michelle Ouelette advised that actions the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority could take in the future may trigger the environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority could then adopt State CEQA guidelines or develop guidelines of its own.

Action: Approved Resolution No. 04-10 adopting the Local Guidelines for Implementing the CEQA.

M/S/C (Schiffner/Seyarto) 15/0

8. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

8.1 Monthly Revenue Report

Mr. Ron Rempel stated that the monthly revenues for October are \$982,000, and for this fiscal year a total of \$2.2 million which has been received from the fee programs being administered by your jurisdictions. Next month staff will have total expenditures to date. At this time, there is greater revenue than expenditures, but staff has not yet begun to buy land with this money.

Action: Receive report.

8.2 Implementing Agreement Mechanisms

Ms. Michelle Ouelette reported that all member agencies have now adopted implementation mechanisms except for Lake Elsinore, and staff is working with them to get a final copy. The RCA implementation mechanisms will be brought back on December 6, 2004, so everyone will have meet the deadline that was set forth in the plan.

Action: Receive report.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Ron Rempel spoke about the Conservation Reform Assembly that has occurred to date. This year \$12 million in Grants have been received from Section 6 of the Federal Endangered Species Act Funds. Mr. Rempel asked for direction in the future from the Board on the accounting of acquisition of acreage. Should everything prior to the RCA being established be considered Riverside County or shall everything be considered RCA acquisitions? Steve DeBaun stated that the RCA or County acquisition question of accounting, on the chart, can not be decided at the meeting since there is no item agendized for this discussion.

Action: Receive report.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

There were no items for next meeting.

11. CLOSED SESSION

There will be no closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Seyarto/Montanez) The meeting was adjourned to December 6, 2004.