

**REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
**February 7, 2005**  
**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority was called to order by Chair Robin Lowe at 1:07 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

John Machisic, City of Banning  
John Chlebnik, City of Calimesa  
John Zaitz, City of Canyon Lake  
Eugene Montanez, City of Corona  
Robert Schiffner, City of Lake Elsinore  
Charles White, Moreno Valley  
Kelly Seyarto, City of Murrieta  
Mark Yarborough, City of Perris  
Dom Betro, City of Riverside  
Chuck Washington, City of Temecula  
Supervisor Bob Buster  
Supervisor Jeff Stone  
Supervisor Marion Ashley  
Supervisor John Tavaglione

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Vicky Long asked the Board to consider conserving the escarpment in SW county because of it's sensitive habitat. Chair Lowe suggested that Ms. Long contact Bob Johnson, Planning Director for Riverside County regarding the purchase of other sensitive habitat areas.

- 4. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** No Comments

**5. MINUTE APPROVAL – November 1, 2004**

**Action:** Approved minutes from November 1, 2004.

M/S/C (Ashley/Washington) 11/0/3 District 2, District 3 and Perris

- 6. CONSENT CALENDAR: No Items**

**7. POLICY CALENDAR:**

**7.1 Consideration and Possible Approval of Contract with Environmental Careers Organization (ECO)**

Ron Rempel discussed the ECO contract, \$30-35 thousand budgeted for monitoring. Contract will continue through fiscal year 05/06.

**Action:** Approved Contract.

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

**7.2 & 7.3 Report on DUDEK's Review of Management and Monitoring and Report on Agreement with Regional Parks and Open Space District for Management of Lands.**

**Action:** Continued to March 7, 2005 meeting.

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

**7.4 Discussion of and Consideration of Possible Dates for RCA Workshop**

The RCA workshop sessions were set for March 31 and April 1 at the Pechanga Resort. Supervisor Tavaglione encouraged participation in the workshop by more than just Board members and staff.

**Action:** Approved proposed workshop.

M/S/C (Ashley/Seyarto) 16/0

**7.5 Introduction of Resolution No. 05-01 Amending Bylaws to Change the Name of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee to the Implementation and Administration Guidelines Committee and Increasing Membership**

Steve DeBaun briefed the Board on proposed changes

**Action:** Introduced the proposed changes to bylaws and committee name. Second reading and request for approval at the March 7, 2005 meeting.

M/S/C (Stone/Zaitz) 16/0

**7.6 Report on Winchester 700 Criteria Refinement**

After lengthy discussion, it was determined that more information was needed and it was motioned to bring this report back to the workshop in April.

**Action:** Continue to the April RCA Workshop.

M/S/C (Ashley/Schiffner) 16/0

**8. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

**8.1/9.1 Monthly Financial Report/Income/Expenditure Report**

The Board combined the two reports.

**Action:** 1. Received report.

## 9.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

### 9.2 Report on Committee Meetings

#### 9.2.1 Reserve Managers Oversight Committee

Meeting scheduled for March 28, 2005

#### 9.2.2 Implementation and Administration Guidelines Committee

Gail Barton reported on the January 12, 2005 TAGC meeting. This was the first meeting and 12 of the 15 appointees attended. The intent of the meeting was to present an overview of the status of the MSHCP.

Ron Rempel, RCA General Manager presented a map depicting acquisitions ascribed to the plan along with a funding source for each acquisition.

Carolyn Sims-Luna, Riverside County Environmental Programs Department Director presented the Hans process as it is implemented by the County with comments by Ron Goldman, County Planning on the County's Hans two process. Ken Graff, RCA staff discussed the joint project review and provided a synopsis of the source and status of projects.

Committee members provided the following suggestions for issues to be considered on future agendas: 1.) Overview of the MSHCP implementation utilized by each of the permittees. 2.) The opportunity for public comment on the Hans JPR determinations. 3.) A flowchart depicting County process of Hans implementation. 4.) Riparian riverine vernal pool MSHCP requirement in relation to existing wetlands regulations. 5.) Proposed fee credit and waiver policy. 6.) A list that was provided by the Property Owners' Association of Riverside County which addressed the following topics: a.) Access to fair market value compensation for lands outside the criteria area that are required for conservation. b.) Certainty in the project review process. c.) Protection of local land use authority. d.) Reduction in the use of species surveys. e.) Certainty as to which discretionary and ministerial permits are subject to the MSHCP consistency requirements with inside and outside the criteria area, f.) and certainty in land set-a-side requirements.

#### 9.2.3 Funding Coordination Committee

Meeting scheduled for February 24, 2005.

**Action:** Received reports.

### **9.3 Report on Sacramento Trip**

Ron Rempel reported on the trip he made to Sacramento with Bill Hodge on February 2. They had 11 meetings in eight hours with legislators, including most of the Riverside County delegation, and administration officials, including Resources Secretary Mike Chrisman. There is reason for optimism that the state budget might allow the hiring of three positions in the Department of Fish and Game that will provide management and monitoring of habitat lands. The positions are funded through an endowment and don't require state general funds. Supervisor Ashley voiced his pleasure at hearing the delegation was positive about the MSHCP program

**Action:** Received report.

### **9.4 Consideration and Possible Approval of Upcoming Washington, D.C. Trip**

**Action:** Received report.

## **10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

### **11. CLOSED SESSION:**

There was no closed session.

### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/C () the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.