



**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES**

**Monday, June 12, 2006**

**1:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Kelly Seyarto at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, First Floor, in Riverside, California, 92501.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Board Members/Alternates Present**

Marion Ashley  
Dom Betro  
Chris Buydos  
John Field  
Frank Hall  
Robin Lowe  
John Machisic  
Shenna Moqheet  
Eugene Montanez  
Robert Schiffner  
Kelly Seyarto  
Jeff Stone  
Chuck Washington  
John Zaitz

**Board Members Absent**

William Batey  
Bob Buster  
Larry Dressel  
Roy Wilson  
Mark Yarbrough

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**4. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Board Member announcements.

**5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS**

There were no additions or revisions.

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**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*M/S/C (LOWE/ZAITZ) to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2006 as presented.*

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Tom Mullen, Executive Director, noted that, under Agenda Item No. 7.3, *Agreement with Jacobs Engineering to Develop the SAMP and MSAA*, the total contract amount is \$64,840 and will be split between the RCA, TLMA, RCTC and Flood Control.

Board Member Robin Lowe noted her abstention to Agenda Item No. 7.3

*Upon duly noted motion and second, the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items:*

**7.1 CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL CONCERNING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND DUDEK & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Approve the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Dudek & Associates for the amounts listed in the staff report from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2011.

**7.2 CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SUBLEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (RCA) AND THE RIVERSIDE-CORONA RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RCRCD)**

Approve the Amendment to the Sub-Lease Agreement between the RCA and RCRCD regarding facilities.

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### **7.3 CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL CONCERNING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND JACOBS ENGINEERING TO DEVELOP THE SAMP AND MSA**

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter into an Agreement with Jacobs Civil, Inc. to provide technical support on an "as needed" basis through November 30, 2007, at a "not to exceed" amount of \$64,840.00.

## **8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **8.1 RECOGNITION OF CONTRIBUTION TO SAVE THE TRICOLORED BLACKBIRDS IN THE SAN JACINTO VALLEY**

Tom Mullen, Executive Director, spoke about the outstanding work by Ed Sauls and Tom Paulek. He noted the growing threat of the Tricolored Blackbirds' population dropping severely over the years. The Tricolored Blackbirds often nest in silage fields. Harvesting these fields will destroy nests, eggs, and the young birds that are not old enough to fly away. A colony of the birds settled in a grower's field in the San Jacinto Valley. Once Ed Sauls and Tom Paulek became aware of the situation, they instantaneously went to work with a number of individuals from the California Land Conservancy, San Jacinto River Landowner Coalition, Resource Landowner Coalition, and Eagle Valley Developers to raise sufficient funds to compensate the grower to delay harvest until the birds finished nesting.

At this time, on behalf of the RCA Board, Chairman Seyarto, Vice Chairman Jeff Stone and Executive Director Tom Mullen, recognized the outstanding efforts and the contributions to save the Tricolored Blackbirds and presented Certificates of Appreciation for The California Land Conservancy, San Jacinto River Landowner Coalition, and Land Resource Coalition to Ed Sauls and to Tom Paulek of the Eagle Valley Developers.

Tom Paulek informed those present that a nest survey indicated that there were 5400 nests, which would produce somewhere between 2500 and 7500 young birds. At this time, Tom Paulek presented Ed Sauls with a Tricolored Blackbird sign as a memento of his efforts.

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**8.2** Tom Mullen noted that copies of the status report were distributed to the Board Members detailing the actions taken or to be taken by RCA in response to the recommendations in the audit report.

### **9. LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE**

Ken Graff, Director of Land Acquisition and Management, reported that since the last Board meeting, RCA has closed on approximately 300 acres of property and they will be reflected in the land use map in the next revision.

### **10. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

In response to Vice Chairman Stone's question at a previous Board meeting, the trip to Washington D.C. trip will be in September and information for the trip will be assembled.

At this time, the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

### **11. CLOSED SESSION**

#### **Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

**11.1 Property:** Assessor's Parcel Numbers 429-140-044,  
429-140-045, 429-140-047, 429-140-048,  
429-140-049, 429-140-050, 429-140-051

**Negotiating Parties**

**Agency Negotiator:** Director of Land Acquisition and Property Mgt.

**Property Agent:** Milton Higgins

**Under Negotiation:** Price/Terms

**11.2 Property:** Assessor's Parcel Numbers 473-110-001,  
473-110-024, 473-110-019, 473-110-020,  
473-120-008

**Negotiating Parties**

**Agency Negotiator:** Director of Land Acquisition and Property Mgt.

**Property Agent:** Pecuniary Capitol

**Under Negotiation:** Price/Terms

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- 11.3 Property:** Assessor's Parcel Numbers 413-040-022, 413-170-038, 413-170-046, 413-170-040, 413-170-047, 413-170-041, 413-170-044, 413-170-051, 413-170-042, 413-180-030, 413-180-031, 413-170-049, 413-170-048, 413-180-027, 413-160-014, 413-160-010
- Negotiating Parties**  
**Agency Negotiator:** Director of Land Acquisition and Property Mgt.  
**Property Agent:** Oak Valley Partners  
**Under Negotiation:** Price/Terms
- 11.4 Property:** Assessor's Parcel Numbers 421-190-008, 421-190-009, 421-200-003, 421-200-006, 421-200-007, 421-200-008, 421-200-017, 421-200-030, 421-200-031, 421-210-012, 421-210-023, 421-210-024, 423-240-003, 423-240-005, 423-240-012
- Negotiating Parties**  
**Agency Negotiator:** Director of Land Acquisition and Property Mgt.  
**Property Agent:** Wolfskill/William Driscoll Trustee  
**Under Negotiation:** Price/Terms
- 11.5 Property:** Assessor's Parcel Number 900-060-007
- Negotiating Parties**  
**Agency Negotiator:** Director of Land Acquisition and Property Mgt.  
**Property Agent:** Harold Hall  
**Under Negotiation:** Price/Terms
- 11.6 Property:** Assessor's Parcel Number 900-060-017
- Negotiating Parties**  
**Agency Negotiator:** Director of Land Acquisition and Property Mgt.  
**Property Agent:** John and Phyllis Allen  
**Under Negotiation:** Price/Terms

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- 11.7 Property:** Assessor's Parcel Numbers 579-420-021, 579-420-012, 579-420-013, 579-420-014, 579-420-015, 579-420-016, 579-420-017, 579-020-022, 579-420-011, 579-420-020, 579-020-023, 579-430-008, 579-430-009, 579-460-010, 579-430-011, 579-430-012, 579-420-018
- Negotiating Parties**  
**Agency Negotiator:** Director of Land Acquisition and Property Mgt.  
**Property Agent:** Frank Walker  
**Under Negotiation:** Price/Terms
- 11.8 Property:** Assessor's Parcel Numbers 571-170-022, 571-170-026, 571-170-023, 571-170-027, 571-170-025, 571-170-021, 571-170-024, 571-170-020
- Negotiating Parties**  
**Agency Negotiator:** Director of Land Acquisition and Property Mgt.  
**Property Agent:** Wilson Creek Conservation Bank  
**Under Negotiation:** Price/Terms
- 11.9 Property:** Assessor's Parcel Numbers 581-200-028, 581-200-029, 581-200-022, 581-200-006
- Negotiating Parties**  
**Agency Negotiator:** Director of Land Acquisition and Property Mgt.  
**Property Agent:** Marion Higdon  
**Under Negotiation:** Price/Terms

The Board reconvened and there were no announcements from Closed Session.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

Tom Mullen announced that the Administrative Committee meeting that was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, was cancelled. In addition, the offices of the RCA will be open on Monday, July 3, 2006.

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There being no other business before the Board, Chairman Seyarto adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m. The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled to be held on Monday, July 24, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at the County Administrative Center, Board Room, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, 92501.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Honey Bernas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'H'.

Honey Bernas  
Clerk of the Board