



**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY
REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

MINUTES

**Monday, October 2, 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*
Bob Buster
Chris Buydos
Larry Dressel
John Field
Frank Hall
John Machisic
Eugene Montanez
Shenna Moqet
Robert Schiffner
Kelly Seyarto
Jeff Stone*
Chuck Washington
Roy Wilson
Mark Yarbrough*
John Zaitz

Board Members Absent

William Batey
Robin Lowe

*Arrived after start of the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jonathan Evans, representing the Center for Biological Diversity, posed two questions before the RCA Board and staff regarding the Annual Report and rough step progress in acquisition of conservation lands in relation to development. He noted that Section 10.1 of the MSHCP Implementing Agreement requires the monitoring report to be submitted on an annual basis. He said that the last report released in September 2005 was for calendar year 2004 and there has not been a report for the year 2005. He asked when the anticipated completion of the 2005 annual report would be and the steps the Board would be taking to potentially address the timeliness of future reports.

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In addition, he inquired about the progress under the rough step as there was language in the 2004 Annual Report stating that many of the MSHCP presentation communities are out of rough step. He asked if progress reports regarding the acquisition of conservation lands could be made to the public and/or the wildlife agencies.

Tom Mullen, Executive Director, stated that the Annual Report released in 2005 covered six months in 2004 and, at that point, the agency did not have an Executive Director on board until October or the last quarter of the year. Everyone anticipated being out of rough step, which was the case. He said that comments on the 2004 Annual Report were received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Game in June. Taking those comments into consideration, the 2005 Annual Report is in the process of being completed and staff is anticipating presenting the Annual Report to the RCA Board at their November meeting, but not later than their December meeting. He noted that the report would indicate that the RCA would be out of rough step in some areas. The upcoming Annual Report will show progress toward rough step compliance. There is a long acquisition period contemplated in the Plan.

4. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

There were no additions or revisions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C (WASHINGTON/BUYDOS) to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2006 as presented.

Abstained: Dressel

7. CONSENT CALENDAR:

M/S/C (DRESSEL/MACHISIC) to approve the following Consent Calendar Items:

7.1 FISCAL YEAR 2005-06 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Year End Financial Statement and MSHCP Development Mitigation Fee Collections Report.

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7.2 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-11 APPROVING SUBGRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

Adopt Resolution No. 06-11, which rescinds Resolution No. 06-09, and approves Subgrant Agreement SG 6005WG between the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority and the Wildlife Conservation Board.

8. POLICY CALENDAR:

8.1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-10 AMENDING THE AUTHORITY'S BYLAWS CONCERNING THE STRUCTURE AND FORMATION OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Tom Mullen reported that the proposed amendments to the bylaws were reviewed by the RCA Board at the last meeting. The proposed resolution before the Board today would formally amend the bylaws.

M/S/C (BUYDOS/DRESSEL) to adopt Resolution No. 06-10, "Resolution of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Amending the Authority's Bylaws".

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no report from the Executive Director.

10. LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

Ken Graff, Director of Land Acquisition and Property Management, reported that since the last RCA Board meeting, three properties closed escrow (two in the Warm Springs area in Murrieta and one in the Wilson Creek area) which brings the total reserve acquisition to 33,008 acres. The acreage acquired towards the MSHCP conservation area is 153,000.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

There were no requests from Board members for additional items to be brought forward at the next meeting.

At this time, Chairman Seyarto announced the Closed Session items and adjourned the meeting to Closed Session.

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13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items before the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors, Chairman Seyarto adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2006, in the Board Room of the County Administrative Center, First Floor, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Honey Bernas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Honey Bernas
Clerk of the Board