



**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY
REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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**MINUTES
Monday, January 8, 2007**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members/Alternates Present

Marion Ashley
Dom Betro*
Bob Buster
Larry Dressel
Frank Hall
Jim Hyatt
Robin Lowe
John Machisic
Eugene Montanez
Jeff Stone
John Tavaglione
Gary Thomasian
Charles White
Mark Yarbrough
John Zaitz

Board Members Absent

Robert Schiffner
Dale Stubblefield
Chuck Washington
Roy Wilson

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Board Member announcements.

*Arrived after start of the meeting.

5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

Chairman Stone noted the following revisions to the agenda: 1) Under Agenda Item No. 7.1, *Amendment No.1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Naty Kopenhaver to Provide Consulting Service*, the revised staff report clarified the contract amount; and, 2) Under Agenda Item No. 7.2, *Ratification of the Chairman's Appointment of the 2007 Executive Committee*, Dale Stubblefield replaced Chris Buydos on the Executive Committee.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 4, 2006

M/S/C (ASHLEY/ZAITZ) to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2006 meeting as presented.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR:

M/S/C (LOWE/WHITE) to approve the Consent Calendar items.

7.1 AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND NATY KOPENHAVER TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Naty Kopenhaver extending the agreement until January 9, 2008, in an amount not to exceed \$72,000 as approved in the FY 2006-07 budget; and
- 2) Authorize the Chairman to execute said Amendment on behalf of the Authority.

7.2 RATIFICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT OF THE 2007 WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ratify Chairman Stone's appointment of Gary Thomasian (Murrieta), Dale Stubblefield (San Jacinto) and Supervisors Marion Ashley and John Tavaglione to the Executive Committee for 2007.

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7.3 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION AGENCY TO ENCOURAGE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT

1. Approve the MOU between the Regional Conservation Authority and the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency in order to begin test plots enhancement / mowing by the RCA in the late spring of 2007; and
2. Authorize the Chairman to execute said MOU on behalf of the Authority.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tom Mullen, Executive Director, reported on: 1) a meeting in Washington D.C. on December 13, 2006 to discuss the vernal pool issue with the Federal Highway Administration. A follow up meeting will be held with Steve Thompson, Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on this matter; and, 2) the Freedom of Information Act request from the Press Enterprise.

9. LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

Ken Graff, Director of Land Acquisition and Property Management, reported that since its last meeting, RCA has closed on five (5) five properties totaling of 1421.22 acres and recorded three (3) additional donated properties totaling 501 acres. One of the donations, consisting of 402 acres, contributed greatly towards acquisition of reserve lands. In 2006, RCA closed on a total of 9,971 acres and as of December 31, 2006, the total reserve land is 35,893.37 acres.

Chairman Stone noted the slowdown in construction, and development fees and revenue expectation for 2007 may not be the same as in previous years. He requested staff to provide a report detailing funding for future land acquisitions.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

There were no items requested for the next meeting.

At this time, the RCA Board convened to Closed Session.

11. CLOSED SESSION:

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

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

- 11.1 Property:** Assessor's Parcel No. 187-080-008, 187-080-009
187-080-010, 187-080-012, 187-080-014,
187-080-015, 187-090-011
- Negotiating Parties**
Agency Negotiator: Director of Land Acquisition and Property Mgt. or
Designee
Property Agent: Fidelity / Hard Corp. / Craig Heaps / Holcomb, Golf
Enterprises
Under Negotiation: Price/Terms
- 11.2 Property:** Assessor's Parcel No. 932-170-015
- Negotiating Parties**
Agency Negotiator: Director of Land Acquisition and Property Mgt. or
Designee
Property Agent: Kelly, Josephine A. / Ernhart, John
Under Negotiation: Price/Terms
- 11.3 Property:** Assessor's Parcel No. 571-060-017
- Negotiating Parties**
Agency Negotiator: Director of Land Acquisition and Property Mgt. or
Designee
Property Agent: Button
Under Negotiation: Price/Terms
- 11.4 Property:** Assessor's Parcel Nos. 470-030-050, 470-390-017,
470-390-019
- Negotiating Parties**
Agency Negotiator: Director of Land Acquisition and Property Mgt. or
Designee
Property Agent: Greer
Under Negotiation: Price/Terms

