



**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 16, 2008**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairman Eugene Montanez at 12:05 p.m., in the Conference Room C of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Fifth Floor, in Riverside, California 92501.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Board Members/Alternates Present**

Marion Ashley  
Bob Buster  
Larry Dressel  
Frank Hall  
Jim Hyatt  
John Machisic  
Eugene Montanez  
Andy Melendrez  
Robert Schiffner  
Jeff Stone  
John Tavaglione  
Gary Thomasian  
Charles White  
John Zaitz

**Board Members Absent**

Maryann Edwards  
Robin Lowe  
Dale Stubblefield  
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 to the agenda.

**6. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (RCA), AND ANHEUSER-BUSCH, INC.**

Joe Richards, Executive Director, reported that this item is a framework to negotiate an agreement within a 35-day period for the land exchange between the County of Riverside, Anheuser-Busch, and RCA. There are two benefits to this transaction: 1) The RCA, County and the cities will have 650 acres of the Anheuser-Busch property which is a quality habitat and within Core 2, ideal for the endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly and California gnatcatcher; and, 2) Twenty acres of Anheuser-Busch land would be slated to be used for the Clinton Keith Road extension, located between I-215 and Highway 79. In exchange, Anheuser-Busch will receive 320 acres of the McElhinney property, purchased by the County in 2002. Using a map, he showed the link between the Anheuser-Busch property and the Winchester 700 property, which is currently undergoing negotiations, as well as how acquisition of the property related to other MSHCP acquired properties in the area. The County Board of Supervisors, at their meeting on January 15, 2008, approved the MOU. Staff is recommending approval of the MOU between the County of Riverside, RCA and Anheuser-Busch, Inc. as it relates to the conveyances of the parcels listed on the staff report.

Jim Hyatt inquired about Section 4(c) of the MOU and Joe Richards said that this provision applies if negotiations are not successful then the RCA will purchase the 338 acres at a pre-negotiated price. The Agreement will require approval by the RCA Board, County of Riverside and Anheuser-Busch.

Tom Mullen, Consultant, said that the property is habitat which is vital to Core 2. In addition, there was agreement regarding biology on the property for MSHCP by biologists from the Endangered Habitat League, RCA (Dudek) and Anheuser-Busch with the results reviewed and examined by a UCR-convened national panel.

Tom Mullen noted that this undertaking was as a result of Dr. Dan Silver's conversations with Supervisor Jeff Stone and Anheuser-Busch, and working with the Nature Conservancy and the Wildlife Conservation Board. He complimented them for putting this item into place.

