



**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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**MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday, March 3, 2008

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairman Eugene Montanez at 1:03 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Fifth Floor, Riverside, California 92501.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Board Members/Alternates Present**

Bob Buster  
Maryann Edwards  
Jim Hyatt  
Martie Killough  
Darci Kuenzi  
Robin Lowe  
John Machisic  
Malcolm Miller  
Eugene Montanez  
Andy Melendrez  
Robert Schiffner  
Karen Spiegel  
Gary Thomasian  
Charles White  
Mark Yarbrough  
John Zaitz

**Board Members Absent**

Jeff Stone  
Dale Stubblefield  
Roy Wilson

**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.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*M/S/C (BUSTER/LOWE) to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2008, as presented.*

*Abstained: Spiegel*

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Agenda Item No. 7.1, *Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement Between the WRCRCA and Dudek & Associates, Inc.*, and Agenda Item No. 7.2, *Adoption of Resolution No. 08-01 In Support of the City of Temecula for Its Request for an Additional Appropriation of \$13 Million to Complete Phase II of Murrieta Creek Improvements*, were pulled from the Consent Calendar for clarification and discussion.

**7.1 THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND DUDEK & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

For clarification purposes, Charles White asked about the revenue source to fund the additional service by Dudek, and Joe Richards, Deputy Executive Director, stated that the developer of the Vaquero Estates project will reimburse RCA for the costs.

*M/S/C (WHITE/ZAITZ) to approve:*

- 1) The Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the RCA and Dudek & Associates; and*
- 2) The budget adjustment contained in the Financial Information Box in the staff report.*

**7.2 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-01 IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA AND ITS REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$13 MILLION TO COMPLETE PHASE II OF MURRIETA CREEK IMPROVEMENTS**

Charlie Landry, Executive Director, said that this item is as a result of Board Member Maryann Edwards' request at the last meeting that RCA support their efforts to obtain additional appropriations to complete Phase II of the Murrieta Creek improvements.

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Bob Buster asked about Murrieta's participation in this effort and Robin Lowe inquired as to where the project ranks with the rest of the projects within the County.

Maryann Edwards said that this project was approved by the Congress in 2000. Phase II would complete the Murrieta Creek improvements. The project is a joint effort with the City of Murrieta and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

Robin Lowe encouraged the RCA Board to remember their action of support when they are approached by local agencies for support of similar projects. She said that it would be helpful for Board Members to have a list of ranked projects within the County.

Because of time constraints with Temecula representatives scheduled to leave for Washington D.C. on March 8, staff was directed to revise Resolution No. 08-01 to include the City of Murrieta and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

### ***M/S/C (BUSTER/THOMASIAN) to:***

- 1) ***Approve an amended Resolution No. 08-01, Resolution of the Western Riverside County Board of Directors in Support of the Cities of Temecula and Murrieta, and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and their Request for an Additional Appropriation of \$13 Million to Complete Phase II of Murrieta Creek Improvements; and***
- 2) ***Direct staff to prepare and present a full overview of initiated Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District projects and how they fit within the MSHCP at a future RCA Board meeting.***

***Abstained: Spiegel***

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

Charles Landry, Executive Director, reported on the progress of relocating the RCA offices to the Security Bank Building. Staff is working with the County Facilities Management Department and is in the process of securing bids for office furniture.

**9. LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE**

Ken Graff, Director of Land Acquisition and Monitoring, reported that since the last meeting, RCA acquired three additional properties, and the total acres conserved is at approximately 40,000.

**10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

There were no items suggested by the Board members for the next meeting.

At this time, Chairman Montanez adjourned the meeting to Closed Session.

**11. CLOSED SESSION:**

**11A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

**Negotiating Parties:** RCA – Director of Land Acquisition and Property Management or Designee

**Under Negotiation:** Price/Terms

| Item | Assessor Parcel Nos. | Property Owners            |
|------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1    | 392-790-011          | Jan Smith, Gretchen Hannon |

**11B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9  
Exposure to Litigation  
Number of Potential Cases: Two**

At this time, Steve DeBaun and Michelle Ouellette, RCA Legal Counsel from Best, Best, & Krieger, left the Board Room and did not participate in the discussion of Closed Session Agenda Item 11C.

**11C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: EXISTING LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9**

- Case No. RIC 493433
- Case No. RIC 493233

At 2:14 p.m., the meeting reconvened. There were no announcements from the Closed Session items.

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**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other items to be considered, Chairman Montanez adjourned the meeting. The next Special meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled to be held on Monday, March 31, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Fourth Floor Conference Rooms C and D, Riverside, California.

Respectfully submitted,



Honey Bernas  
Clerk of the Board