



MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE February 17, 2010

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Gary Thomasian at 12:05 p.m. in the RCA Conference Room, 3403 Tenth Street, Suite 320, Riverside, California.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present

Bob Buster
Jim Hyatt
Melissa Melendez
Eugene Montanez
Jeff Stone
Gary Thomasian

Committee Member Absent

Marion Ashley

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Committee Member announcements.

5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

Steve DeBaun, Legal Counsel, requested that the Executive Committee add a late breaking item to Closed Session. He received correspondence received yesterday after the agenda and was posted and mailed. The item falls under Government Code Section 54956.9, Subdivision c, and pertains to Case No. RIC 532973, *Empire Homes vs. City of Beaumont*.

M/S/C (STONE/MONTANEZ) to add Case No. RIC 532973, Empire Homes vs. City of Beaumont, to Closed Session as a late breaking item.

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6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C (MONTANEZ/HYATT) to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2010 Executive Committee meeting as submitted.

7. FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, presented a summary of the second quarter financial report. The revenues, appropriations and cash balance as of December 31, 2009 were as follows:

<u>Operations</u>	
Revenue	\$ 768,764
Appropriations	\$ 267,438
Net Operating Position	\$ 501,326
<u>Land Acquisitions</u>	
Revenue	\$ 3,791,337
Appropriations	\$ 9,809,508
Adjustment from Cash Balance	\$ 6,018,171
Adjusted Net Operating Position	\$ 0
<u>Management and Monitoring</u>	
Revenue	\$ 961,461
Appropriations	\$ 929,009
Net Operating Position	\$ 32,452
<u>Cash Balance</u>	\$10,300,000

Honey Bernas further advised that budget adjustments were necessary as follows. In Department 935100, it is necessary to increase revenue by \$499,349 and increase appropriations by \$835. In Department 935201, it is necessary to decrease revenue by \$2,812,663 and decrease appropriations by \$1,042,454.

M/S/C (HYATT/STONE) to:

- 1) Recommend that the RCA Board of Directors receive and file the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Second Quarter Financial Statements;***
- 2) Recommend that the RCA Board of Directors approve the Budget Adjustments contained in Exhibit A; and***
- 3) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the March 1, 2010 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.***

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Charlie Landry, Executive Director, reported on the following items:

8.1 RCA Newsletter

The newsletter provides information on the RCA, how the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) works, the cities and County's obligation, accomplishments to date, and the affect on the economy to the MSHCP. Input from Board Members on the newsletter is appreciated.

Chairman Thomasian said that the information in the newsletter offers assistance to cities, county, and the public in the process and determining if a property is within a criteria or linkage area, as well as resource information.

Melissa Melendez asked if the public was informed on Plan Areas and conservation prior to implementation of the MSHCP. Eugene Montanez said that stakeholders, which included property owners, were involved and members of a committee. Michelle Ouellette added that notifications were sent to property owners and public hearings were held in various areas.

8.2 Report on Consultant Services – Thomas B. Mullen

From July 2, 2009 through December 31, 2009, Tom Mullen has been working with the offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and coordinating with the California Habitat Conservation Plan Coalition to overturn the policy change made by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife disallowing use of local development mitigation funds as match for Section 6 funding. In addition, he continued to work on an initiative for developing additional funding and programs to support MSHCP agencies in consult with Senator Feinstein, the Coalition, state and federal agencies, and Congressmen Ken Calvert and Jerry Lewis. He was involved in the preparation of the Summit on Infrastructure and the Environment which served to recognize MSHCPs and provided a structure for an additional funding mechanism for the Plan. Review of activities in Washington, D.C., followed.

8.3 RCA Board Workshop

A workshop for RCA Board Members is being planned for Monday April 12, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the County Administrative Center, Conference Rooms 2A and 2B. Subject areas to be covered include RCA goals and objectives, status of the MSHCP, acquisitions, rough step, obligations for public projects and collection issues, etc. Staff will send an email to check Board Members' availability and to request that they save the date and time for the workshop.

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Chairman Thomasian stated that workshop RCA's mission and/or purpose statement should be discussed at the workshop.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no future agenda items requested by the Executive Committee members.

Melissa Melendez requested that when financial reports are presented to also include the percentage of the expenditures to date.

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

10. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

10A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Negotiating Parties: RCA – Executive Director or Designee

Under Negotiation: Price/Terms

Item	Assessor Parcel Nos.	Negotiating Party
1	555-210-001, 555-210-002, 220-001, 555-220-014, 555-004, 555-290-005, 555-290-555-300-002, 569-020-006, 020-007 and 569-020-015	Don Kent

10B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: Executive Director

10C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Subdivision c of Government Code Section 54956.9

RIC 532973 – Empire Homes vs. City of Beaumont

After Closed Session, Chairman Thomasian reconvened the meeting. There were no announcements from the Closed Session items.

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11. ADJOURNMENT

With no other items before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at 12:00 p.m., at the Riverside Centre, 3403 Tenth Street, Suite 320, Third Floor, RCA Conference Room, 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 initial "H" and a long, sweeping tail.

Honey Bernas
Clerk of the Board