

*Regional Conservation Authority***APPROVAL OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF A SUBGRANT
FROM THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AND
MATCH FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF TEMECULA
FOR THE FRANCIS PROPERTY ACQUISITION****Staff Contact:****Brian Beck, Land Acquisition Analyst
(951) 955-0039****Background:**

On December 7, 2009, the Board of Directors approved the acquisition of real property owned by Nassef M. Francis and Julie C. Francis, of N & A Development and Leasing Company for a purchase price of \$485,000. The subject property is approximately 49.62 acres in size, and is located east of Camino Gatillo and north of Via Horca, within Assessor Parcel Numbers 940-080-002 and 940-090-001, in the Temecula escarpment area and also within the City of Temecula Sphere of Influence.

The Francis property is eligible for Section 6 funding, pursuant to entering into a subgrant agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board. The Section 6 grant is anticipated to pay approximately 45% of the purchase price. The remaining 55% of the purchase price funds must be provided by a non-federal match. On January 12, 2010, the City of Temecula approved providing the match funds, since they would like to preserve the escarpment ridgeline above their City as much as possible. The grant also provides a credit for the costs of the appraisal and phase 1 environmental hazards assessment previously obtained by RCA staff. The proposed funding breakdown consists of \$223,500 of Section 6 grant funds and \$261,500 of funds from the City of Temecula.

In order to receive federal funding, the Board is required to adopt a resolution approving the acceptance of the federal funds. With legal counsel's concurrence, staff has prepared Resolution 10-001 attached as Exhibit 1.

Staff Recommendation:

That the Executive Committee:

- 1) Recommend that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 10-001 authorizing the acceptance of a subgrant from the Wildlife Conservation Board and match funds from the City of Temecula; and
- 2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the February 1, 2010 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

Attachments:

- 1) Resolution No. 10-001
- 2) Francis property exhibit

FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
In Fiscal Year 2010 Budget: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cost: \$ 0 Annual Cost: \$ N/A
Source of Funds: Section 6 Grant Funds City of Temecula Funds	Budget Adjustment: Yes
Approved by: <i>Honey Bernas</i>	Date: January 12, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

ATTACHMENT 1

**Resolution No. 10-001,
Resolution Approving the
Acceptance of a Subgrant
From the Wildlife
Conservation Board and
Match Funds from the City of
Temecula for the
Francis Property**

RESOLUTION NO. 10-001

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A SUBGRANT FROM THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AND MATCH FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF TEMECULA FOR THE FRANCIS PROPERTY ACQUISITION

WHEREAS, Nassef M. Francis and Julie C. Francis, President and Vice-President, respectively, of N & A Development and Leasing Company, Inc., have offered to sell, for the sum of \$485,000, property located east of Camino Gatillo and north of Via Horca, within Assessor Parcel Numbers 940-080-002 and 940-090-001, in the Temecula escarpment area ("Francis Property");

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2009, the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority authorized the acquisition of the Francis Property and approved the expenditure of RCA MSHCP Funds to pay for the purchase price or as a match for a grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board, if necessary;

WHEREAS, on or about February 25, 2010 the Wildlife Conservation Board will consider approving a subgrant agreement to assist the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority in acquiring the Francis Property by granting funds in the amount of approximately 45% of the purchase price;

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2010 the City of Temecula, a member agency of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority, approved a funding agreement to provide the required 55% match for the grant funding;

WHEREAS, the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority is willing to accept the subgrant from the Wildlife Conservation Board and the match funds from the City of Temecula;

WHEREAS, the acceptance of the subgrant and match funds will assist the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority in providing open space for preservation of wildlife and plant life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority as follows:

1. That the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority hereby finds and declares that the above recitals are true and correct.

2. That the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority approves a subgrant agreement from the Wildlife Conservation Board for approximately 45% of the purchase price to assist in the acquisition of the Francis Property, Assessor Parcel Numbers 940-080-002 and 940-090-001, in the Temecula escarpment area, for habitat conservation.

3. That the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority approves a funding agreement from the City of Temecula for the required 55% match for the grant funding.

4. That the Executive Director of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority is authorized to execute the documents necessary to accept the subgrant from the Wildlife Conservation Board and the match funding from the City of Temecula.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority held the First day of February, 2010.

By: _____
Gary Thomasian, Chairman
Western Riverside County
Regional Conservation Authority

ATTEST:

By: _____
Honey Bernas, Clerk of the Board

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ATTACHMENT 2

Francis Property Exhibit

