



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
JUNE 30, 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 12:09 p.m. in the RCA Conference Room located at 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

**Alternate Member Present**

Ella Zanolovic

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**4. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Committee member announcements.

**5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS**

There were no additions/revisions.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***M/S/C (HYATT/MELENDEZ) approve the minutes of the May 19, 2010 Executive Committee meeting, as submitted.***

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### **7. WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN (MSHCP) ANNUAL REPORT 2009**

Pat Egetter, Chief of Technical Information, presented the elements of the 2009 MSHCP Annual Report as follows:

- 1) Habitat Gains Acquisitions/Reserve Assembly – 1,473 acres were acquired, donated or obtained through the local development process and since February 2000, RCA has acquired 41,609 acres for conservation;
- 2) Habitat Losses as Reported by Permittees – Since 2004, 82% of the development is occurring outside of the criteria cells and 18% within the cells;
- 3) Rough Step – 4 out of 37 vegetation communities are out of Rough Step in 4 Rough Step Units and one vegetation category in Rough Step 5 was moved back into Rough Step;
- 4) Major Activities - Redesigned RCA website; completed five PSE applications which provided \$3,324,460 in revenue; processed documentations for the two new incorporated cities; continue permittee training; and, processed minor amendment 2007-01;
- 5) Management – Manage 21,696 acres; completed fourteen Management Evaluation Reports; continued focus on property protection/security and habitat enhancement; and,
- 6) Monitoring – Of the 146 covered species, 95 were detected in 2009 totaling 133 detections within the conservation area; surveys were only conducted within the existing conservation area of PQP and ARL lands; and, continued with mapping vegetation communities, gathering existing species information and conducting field surveys.

***M/S/C (HYATT/MELENDEZ) to:***

- 1) ***Recommend that the RCA Board of Directors receive and file the Western Riverside Regional Conservation Authority Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Annual Report 2009; and***
- 2) ***Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the July 19, 2010 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.***

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

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

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### **8.1 Government Relations Contracts and Scope of Services Report**

A review of the services, including presentation of a flow chart illustrating the development of draft legislation, consultations with congressional delegation, governmental agencies and various environmental groups to pass the loan program legislation, provided by David Kennett and Doug Wheeler, RCA's Washington, D.C. lobbyists was presented. He noted that RCA does not have a contract with Tom Mullen for FY 2010-11, but is accessible to provide "pro bono" work and could travel to Washington, D.C. with expense reimbursement arrangement, if requested by RCA. He then reviewed the efforts being made to gain the support of governmental agencies and various environmental groups for the proposed loan program.

Jim Hyatt asked about the likelihood of having the home loan program to be approved by October and Charlie Landry stated that the support and efforts being made by Senator Dianne Feinstein as well as having Doug Wheeler on board provides a very good chance for the program to proceed.

The Executive Committee requested that a report be presented at their meetings on the status of the loan program.

### **8.2 RCA Brochure**

This RCA brochure serves as a guide to property owners and permittees for construction or subdivision of properties up to fifteen acres, how it relates and involves the MSHCP, a step by step process, as well as a list of contact numbers.

### **8.3 Personnel**

Two RCA employees – Ken Graff, Director of Land Acquisition, and Gary Poor, Administrative Services Manager, have elected to take the two-year golden hand shake. The recruitment and selection process for these positions are underway.

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items requested.

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

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**10. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

**10A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9

- RIC 10004733
- RIC 530137
- RIC 532973

There were no announcements from the Closed Session items.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other items before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m. The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 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,



Honey Bernas  
Clerk of the Board