



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ingram at 12:05 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, in the RCA Conference Room, 3403 Tenth Street, Suite 320, Riverside, California, 92501.

2. ROLL CALL – was taken by Rose Haro, Administrative Manager.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Jonathan Ingram, Chairman – City of Murrieta	
Natasha Johnson, Vice Chair. – City of Lake Elsinore	
Larry Greene – City of Canyon Lake	
Lesa Sobek – City of Menifee	
Crystal Ruiz – City of San Jacinto	
Kevin Jeffries – County of Riverside District 1	
Jeff Hewitt – County of Riverside District 5	

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Ingram inquired about the storm affecting the City of Lake Elsinore. Vice Chair Johnson reported that everything was going well and, most importantly, there had been no loss of life. Board Member Jeffries said that the County of Riverside has spent \$7 million to date and more storm related expenses are expected. He also stated that there had been no impact to single-family residences, only to out buildings and barns. Vice Chair Johnson stated that Lake Elsinore is at capacity, and the lake water is contaminated from the debris from the fires and storm water flows. Board Member Greene said that Canyon Lake is also full. Board Member Sobek said that Salt Creek in the City of Menifee was full, and the Menifee Lakes Golf Course is one big lake, but there were no major impacts to residences. Board Member Hewitt reported a water rescue in Cabazon. He further advised that he attended the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) meeting and learned about a program to clean the sand collected by street sweepers for reuse in sand dunes. He referenced CVCC's acquisitions that are taking place and the differences he learned of between the two conservation plans. Board Member Ruiz stated that there were three water rescues in San Jacinto. Chairman Ingram advised that Murrieta Creek was the highest it has been since 2003. He also mentioned that beavers that were building dams in the middle of paved streets. Chairman Ingram asked that RCA staff be notified immediately of any safety issues on RCA land so that they can be addressed.

5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

There were no additions/revisions to the agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 16, 2019

M/S/C (City of San Jacinto/City of Canyon Lake) to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2019, Meeting of the Executive Committee as submitted.

(7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent)

7. PRESENTATION BY JONATHAN REINIG, RESERVE MANAGER, RCA'S MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Jonathan Reinig, Reserve Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled "2018 Highlighted Species Management Activities," highlighting RCA's efforts related to burrowing owl translocations, Delhi Sands flower-loving fly habitat improvements, Spadefoot pond improvements, western pond turtle non-native removals, and Stephens' kangaroo rat management. Several maps and pictures were displayed to explain the different types of species management activities performed by staff on reserve land. Reserve Manager Reinig then presented a second PowerPoint presentation entitled "The Issue of Mountain Bikes within the WRC MSHCP Plan Area" which consisted of the impacts to conservation land resulting from extensive mountain bike usage. He displayed several maps and pictures which illustrated impacts

throughout the reserve, staff's management efforts, and how the problem has gotten worse with many new trails appearing during the past few years.

After his presentation, Jonathan Reinig invited and responded to questions from the Executive Committee Members.

Chairman Ingram and Executive Committee Members thanked Jonathan Reinig for his presentations.

8. WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP FEE COLLECTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 2019

Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, reported that for the month of January 2019, the total of fee collection receipts was \$1,614,535.

M/S/C (County District 5/City of San Jacinto) to approve this item as recommended:

- 1) Recommend that that RCA Board of Directors receive and file the Western Riverside County MSHCP Fee Collection Report for January 2019; and***
- 2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the March 4, 2019 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.***

(7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent)

9. REPORT BACK CONCERNING WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP FEE COLLECTIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PERMITS FOR THE PAST 30 MONTHS

Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, reported that at the January 16, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting, it was requested that RCA staff return with a summary of fee collections for the last 12 months for residential/commercial permits. She referenced a list by month, from July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018, of residential units, commercial/industrial acreage and total fees remitted. The total of fees remitted was \$37,791,680, with a monthly average of \$1,259,723. She also provided graphs depicting the number of residential units and commercial/industrial acreage for the past 30 months, including the fees collected each month. There were no questions from Executive Committee members, and Chairman Ingram thanked staff for the report.

10. FISCAL YEAR 2019 SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, presented the Fiscal Year 2019 Second Quarter Financial Report, which included an Executive Summary (cash balance summary and financial statement overview), detailed financial statements, and MSHCP Fee Collections Report. She stated that as of December 31, 2018, the

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cash balance was \$34.7 million, which represents a \$6.7 million decrease from the prior fiscal year ending cash balance. Cash receipts were \$16.1 million and cash disbursements were \$22.7 million. The cash balance as of February 15, 2019, was \$44.4 million, and an additional \$5.8 million is set aside as restricted for the endowment. She further reported that in the Operations Program, revenues of \$473 thousand exceeded expenditures of \$155 thousand by \$318 thousand. The excess revenue is primarily attributable to interest being higher than projected at about 2% instead of 1.5%. In the Land Management and Monitoring Program, revenues of \$2.5 million exceeded expenditures of \$1.4 million by \$1.1 million. For the first six months of the fiscal year, tipping fee revenue of \$1.3 million was approximately 4.5% higher than the same prior year period. Staff anticipates that tipping fees will exceed budgeted revenues for the year by about \$529 thousand. In the Land Acquisition Program, expenditures of \$22.6 million exceeded revenues of \$17 million by \$5.6 million. During the first six months of the fiscal year, the RCA acquired 13 properties totaling 585 acres, valued at approximately \$20 million. Additionally, RCA received two land donations one of 33.4 acres from RCTC valued at \$1.16 million, and another of 19 acres from a developer, the value of which is pending.

Honey Bernas advised that budget adjustments are necessary in the Land Acquisition Program. Staff recommended increasing revenues by \$2.348 million due increased infrastructure contributions, development mitigation fees and TUMF, and money received for the sale of real estate to Caltrans for a right-of-way expansion and median improvement project. Staff further recommended an increase in appropriations for land acquisition in the same amount.

M/S/C (City of Canyon Lake/City of Lake Elsinore) to approve this item as recommended:

- 1) Recommend that the RCA Board of Directors:**
 - A) Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2019 Second Quarter Financial Report;**
 - B) Approve the budget adjustments contained in Exhibit A; and**
 - C) Authorize the Chairman to direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments contained in Exhibit A;**

and

- 2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the March 4, 2019, meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.**

(7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent)

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- 11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** *(Committee members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for future discussion.)*

Chairman Ingram requested a discussion regarding fire management planning prior to the approaching high fire season considering the region's wet winter. He would also like to discuss planning for future California poppy blooms in the reserve area.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items before the Executive Committee, Chairman Ingram adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Executive Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. at the RCA offices in Riverside, 3403 Tenth Street, Suite 320, Third Floor, Riverside, California, 92501.

Prepared by:



Rose Haro
Administrative Manager

Respectfully submitted:



Honey Bernas
Clerk of the Board