

RESOLUTION No. 04-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. TITLE

This Resolution shall be known as the “Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Implementation Policy.”

SECTION II. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

- A.** The Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (“RCA”) finds that the ecosystems of western Riverside County and the vegetation communities and sensitive species they support are fragile, irreplaceable resources that are vital to the general welfare of the region; these vegetation communities and natural areas contain habitat value which contributes to the region’s environmental resources; and special protections for these vegetation communities and natural areas must be established to prevent future endangerment of the plant and animal species that are dependent upon them. This Resolution will help protect the biological resources, vegetation communities, and natural areas in western Riverside County. Adoption and implementation of this Resolution will enable the RCA to assist in achieving the conservation goals set forth in the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (“MSHCP”), to implement the associated Implementing Agreement executed by the RCA on February 2, 2004, and to preserve the ability of the RCA assist in MSHCP implementation consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”), the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), the Federal Endangered Species Act (“FESA”), the California Endangered Species Act (“CESA”), the California Natural Community Conservation Planning Act (“NCCP Act”), and other applicable laws.
- B.** The purpose and intent of this Resolution is to assist in maintaining and restoring biological diversity and the natural ecosystem processes which support this diversity, to protect vegetation communities and natural areas within western Riverside County which support species covered under the MSHCP, to maintain the future of economic development within western Riverside County by providing a streamlined regulatory process from which development can proceed in an orderly process, and to protect the existing character of western Riverside County through the implementation of a system of reserves which will provide for permanent open space, community edges, and habitat conservation for species covered by the MSHCP.

SECTION III. APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS

The RCA shall be required to comply with the procedures set forth in this Resolution consistent with the MSHCP, the Implementing Agreement, and the Section 10(a) and the California Natural Community Conservation Planning ("NCCP") Act Permits.


SECTION IV. PROCEDURES

- A. As set forth in Section 6.6 of the MSHCP, the RCA shall oversee and administer the MSHCP. In furtherance of these duties, the RCA shall establish bylaws and other appropriate administrative policies.
- B. The RCA shall ensure compliance with the MSHCP, the Implementing Agreement, the Section 10(a) and NCCP Permits, and all applicable requirements, policies and procedures when granting Take Authorization as contemplated by the MSHCP.
- C. The RCA shall manage land that it owns or holds easements for that is within the MSHCP Conservation Area and that has been set aside for conservation purposes as set forth in Sections 5.0 and 8.0 of the MSHCP.
- D. The RCA shall grant applications to Participating Special Entities as set forth in Section 11.8 of the MSHCP.
- E. The RCA shall carry out all other applicable requirements and policies of the MSHCP, the Implementing Agreement, and the Section 10(a) and NCCP Permits.


SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the RCA shall sign this Resolution and the Clerk of the RCA shall attest thereto, and thereupon and thereafter this Resolution shall take effect and be in force according to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority held this 6th day of December, 2004.

By: 
Robin Lowe, Chairman
Western Riverside County
Regional Conservation Authority

ATTEST:

By: 
Honey Bernas, Clerk
Western Riverside County
Regional Conservation Authority