

**REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES
MAY 03, 2004**

1. CALL TO ORDER – SUPERVISOR ROBIN LOWE

The meeting of the Regional Conservation Authority was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Robin Lowe in the County Administrative Center Board Hearing Room.

2. ROLL CALL

Supervisor Marion Ashley
Supervisor Bob Buster
Supervisor Jim Venable
Supervisor Roy Wilson
Barbara Hanna, City of Banning
Sheena Moqheet, City of Calimesa
Robin Lowe, Chair, City of Hemet
Robert Schiffner, City of Lake Elsinore
William Batey, City of Moreno Valley
Kelly Seyarto, Vice Chair, City of Murrieta
Frank Hall, City of Norco
Mark Yarbrough, City of Perris
Dom Betro, City of Riverside
Chuck Washington, City of Temecula

Guests:

Cathy Bechtel	Trent Pulliam	Gail Wanczuk Barton
Richard Lashbrook	Jane Block	Katherine Gifford
Darcy Kuenzi	John Field	Bob Edmunds
Patricia Dawson	Chris Ormsby	

Staff:

Rick Bishop
Chris Brickel
David Huynh
Carolyn Luna
Steve DeBaun, Legal Counsel
Michelle Ouelette, Legal Counsel

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

4. MINUTES

M/S/C (Seyarto/Batey) Approve minutes dated April 5, 2004 as presented.
Mr. DeBaun advised that the cities of Calimesa and Lake Elsinore will not be voting today.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (Item 5.A)

M/S/C (Seyarto/Batey) Approve Consent Calendar. Approved by unanimous vote of those members present.

Adopt Resolution 04-02 appointing the Treasurer-Tax collector of the County of Riverside as the RCA Treasurer.

Adopt Resolution 04-03 appointing the Auditor-Controller of the County of Riverside as the RCA Controller.

6. POLICY CALENDAR

6.1 Status Report – Jurisdiction Joint Powers Agreement Execution

Mr. DeBaun, Legal Counsel, advised that Calimesa is making some minor changes to the JPA which will be resolved very soon. With respect to the City of Lake Elsinore, meetings have generated positive results, and a first draft of an MOU with some policy and legal changes to the JPA have resulted. Parties are still in negotiation.

6.2 Report – JPA and By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee

The JPA and By-Laws Ad-Hoc Committee met to discuss the Lake Elsinore and Calimesa policy issues. A draft of the By-Laws can be found in the agenda materials today. This draft is still being revised, and comments are welcome. Supervisor Buster inquired as to whether the power of Eminent Domain will be excluded for conservation purchases. Mr. DeBaun advised there is no exclusion of this method. He reviewed the powers of the Executive Director to execute single signature contracts, specifying the dollar amount caps in any one year. After some discussion, language changes were suggested and Mr. DeBaun advised he would provide some change to language relative to projects and duties of officers to assure clarification and protection. Additional items reviewed by Mr. DeBaun focused on:

- Timeframe for public individuals addressing the board be limited to 3 minutes;
- Article IX – Standing Committees -
 4. Administrative Committee – 7 Members.
 5. Implementation and Administration Guidelines Committee - Up to 10 members;
- Article XII – Bylaw Amendments. Amendments to be submitted 4 weeks in advance to Board Members for review.

6.3 USFWS – CDFG Western Riverside County MSHCP 10A Permit Issuance Status and signing date.

Michelle Ouelette provided an update on the permit issuance status, reporting that the process remains on schedule for a May 28, 2004 issuance date with a formal signing ceremony planned for June 11, 2004.

6.4 Funding Coordination Committee (FCC) Appointments

6.5 Reserve Managers Oversight Committee (RMOC) Appointments

Carolyn Luna recommended that the Board postpone these items until the City of Calimesa and the City of Lake Elsinore have finalized their Joint Powers Agreements. This item will be brought back to the next meeting, at which time appointments would be made.

M/S/C (Washington/Seyarto) Postpone Item 6.4 and Item 6.5 until the next RCA Meeting which will be held June 7, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

7. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Chairman Robin Lowe advised of an upcoming event to be hosted by the RCHCA. The date will be June 10th and the location will be the Mission Inn. She advised that invitations to the jurisdictions will be sent out shortly.

8. CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Seyarto/Ashley) Motion to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.