

**REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2004**

1. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIR ROBIN LOWE

The meeting of the Regional Conservation Authority was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Chair 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
Supervisor John Tavaglione
Barbara Hanna, City of Banning
Larry Dressel, City of Beaumont
Sheena Moqet, City of Calimesa
Martin Gibson, City of Canyon Lake
Eugene Montanez, City of Corona
Robin Lowe, Chair, City of Hemet
Robert Schiffner, City of Lake Elsinore
Charles White, City of Moreno Valley
Kelly Seyarto, Vice Chair, City of Murrieta
Frank Hall, City of Norco
Dom Betro, City of Riverside
Jim Conner, City of San Jacinto

Guests:

Bob Edmund
Garry Grant
Gail Wanczuk Barton
Greg Neal

Brian Smith
Laurie Dobson Correa
Darcy Kuenzi
Tony Carstens

Staff:

Rick Bishop
Chris Brickel
David Huynh
Carolyn Luna
Steve DeBaun, Legal Counsel
Michelle Ouelette, Legal Counsel
Patricia Lock-Dawson

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

4. MINUTES

M/S/C (Seyarto/Montanez) Approve minutes dated May 03, 2004 as presented.

Motion carried 8 Yes/ 3 Abstentions

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – No Items

6. POLICY CALENDAR

6.1 Status Report – Jurisdiction Joint Powers Agreement Execution

Mr. Steve DeBaun advised there is a full Board now as both the City of Lake Elsinore and the City of Calimesa have signed the JPA.

6.2 Verbal Report-USFWS/CDFG Western Riverside County MSHCP 10A Permit Signing Date.

Michelle Ouelette provided a brief report on the 10A Permit advising of a slight delay as the Department of Interior and the Department of Justice have not signed. The delay involves some remaining litigation to be resolved relative to the Santa Ana Sucker. They anticipate resolve soon. The signing ceremony is scheduled for June 11, 2004. Since this day has been designated as the National Day of Mourning for President Reagan, the RCA agreed to postpone the signing ceremony to a more appropriate date.

6.3 MSHCP Implementation

Carolyn Luna introduced the new RCA Staff Person, Patricia Lock-Dawson, who provided a brief description on the implementation process; "Interim Process", Instructional Memo, Flow Chart, Maps and a Contact List. Workshops will be provided in the future along with access to a Technical Website. She finalized by providing a brief description of what will be presented at the June 10th Luncheon for all RCA Members. Chairman Robin Lowe questioned if there was a printed copy of the HANS Report available for the jurisdictions at this time. Mr. Bob Johnson, Director of Planning, Riverside County, responded that Kristi Lovelady is currently working on this document with highest priority. Mr. Johnson will make every attempt to have this information available for the members at their Wednesday meeting. Chairman Robin Lowe suggested that the Board recommend the cities not contact the Legal Counsel offices directly to avoid excessive legal costs. Any legal questions are to be filtered through Carolyn Luna.

M/S/C (Seyarto/Montanez) Approve Staff Recommendations.
Motion Carried: 16-0

6.4 Consideration and possible approval of JPA By-Laws

Mr. Steve DeBaun advised of recent changes to the By-Laws in the area of contracts and description of the respective roles of the Executive Director and General Manager. Mr. DeBaun requests consideration and approval of these changes.

M/S/C (Ashley/Seyarto) Approve the JPA By-Law revisions as shown in Agenda Item 6.4
Motion Carried: 15-0-1

6.5 RCA Budget FY 04/05

Staff provided a brief review of budget for Fiscal Year 2004/2005.

M/S/C (Seyarto/Hall) Approve the RCA Operational Budget FY 2004/2005 and approve the RCA Land Acquisition Budget FY 2004/2005.

Motion Carried: 16-0

6.6 RCA Committee Appointments

Carolyn Syms Luna briefly reviewed the duties of the four standing committees and how members were selected. She welcomed and discussed questions from members.

M/S/C (Seyarto/Montanez) Adopt the Standing Committees in accordance with the RCA By-Laws.

Motion Carried: 16-1

Follow-up comments from Legal Counsel focused on the Chair of the RMOG to be the General Manager or designee and he requested the motion be amended.

M/S/C (Ashley/Seyarto) Amend the motion for approval of the By-Laws to include language as outlined by legal counsel; "the Executive Director or designee will serve as the Chairperson of the RMOG" as shown in the By-Laws, Article IX, Section A-2, Page 7.

Motion Carried: 11-2

7. General Announcements

1. June 10, 2004 meeting to be held at the Mission Inn at 9:30 a.m. sponsored by RCHCA/RCA.
2. June 11, 2004 signing ceremony will be cancelled due to the National Day of Mourning for former President Ronald Reagan.

8. Items for next meeting

No items

9. Closed Session – to follow adjournment

10. Adjournment

M/S/C (Betro/Hall) Meeting adjourned to closed session.

Next Meeting: July 12, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.