

REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
December 6, 2004
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority was called to order by Vice Chairperson Kelly Seyarto at 1:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Barbara Hanna, City of Banning
Larry Dressel, City of Beaumont
Sheen Moqet, City of Calimesa
John Zaitz, City of Canyon Lake
Eugene Montanez, City of Corona
Robert Schiffner, City of Lake Elsinore
Bill Batey, Moreno Valley
Kelly Seyarto, City of Murrieta
Mark Yarborough, City of Perris
Dom Betro, City of Riverside
Dale Stubblefield, City of San Jacinto
Chuck Washington, City of Temecula
Supervisor Bob Buster
Supervisor Jim Venable
Supervisor Marion Ashley

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Comments

4. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: No Comments

5. MINUTE APPROVAL – November 1, 2004

Action: Approved minutes from November 1, 2004.

M/S/C (Ashley/Montanez) Unanimous

6. CONSENT CALENDAR: No Items

7. POLICY CALENDAR:

7.1 Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution No. 04-11 in Support of an Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program Grant Application for Wilson Valley Conservation Resource Acquisition Project

Ron Rempel discussed draft Resolution No. 04-11 approving the submittal of a Grant for Environmental Enhancement Program funds from the State of California which total about \$237,000. The grant proposal has been submitted to accommodate the submittal deadline. The Resolution will be added to the grant package and transmitted to the State to attach to the grant proposal.

Action: Approved Resolution No. 04-11.

M/S/C (Buster/Washington) 13/3/0

7.2 Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution No. 04-12 Establishing a Fee Credit and Waiver Policy

Action: Continued to February 7, 2005 meeting.

M/S/C (Hanna/Schiffner) 16/0

7.3 Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution No. 04-13 Establishing Procedures and Requirements for Implementation of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

Michelle Ouelette spoke regarding Section 11.1 of the MSHCP which requires that the County, the Cities, and the RCA adopt an implementation mechanism by December 22, 2004. The County and all the Cities have adopted implementation mechanisms which state that they will comply with the MSHCP. The RCA is being asked to adopt a similar resolution that states that support the MSHCP.

Action: Approved Resolution No. 04-13 Establishing Procedures and Requirements for Implementation of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

M/S/C (Yarbrough/Batey) 16/0

7.4 Consideration and Possible Approval of the 2005-06 Legislative Platform

Mr. Bill Hodge reported on the draft Legislative Platform for 2005-06 for the Regional Conservation Authority. The document is similar to the one reviewed last month except for the Technical Advisory Committee's concerns relative to the item that addressed working with other parties in the development of regulations that would allow the issuance of citations for illegal use of the MSHCP reserve lands. That was modified to make the language more generic. It deleted a reference to the Department of Fish and Game as the entity issuing citations.

Action: Approved 2005-06 Legislative Platform.

M/S/C (Montanez/Ashley) 15/0

7.5 Consideration and Possible Approval of the 2005 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Ron Rempel introduced the proposed meeting schedule for 2005 and stated that the RCA would be dark in January to match the WRCOG Executive Committee schedule. The next scheduled meeting would be February 7, 2005.

Action: Approved the RCA 2005 meeting schedule.

M/S/C (Zaitz/Yarbrough) 15/0

7.6 Consideration of Ratification of Implementation and Administration Guidelines Committee Membership

Ms. Michelle Ouelette reported that RCA bylaws state that the Chair needs to appoint the subsequent members and that this Board ratify those new members.

Action: Ratified Implementation and Administration Guidelines Committee Membership.

M/S/C (Batey/Montanez) 15/0

8. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

8.1 Monthly Financial Report

Ron Rempel presented a report on mitigation fees collected. The total on the meeting date was approximately \$3.8 million. Expenditures to date have been approximately \$102,000. There are several member jurisdictions that have not reported to the RCA regarding fee collection.

Action:

1. Received report.
2. Requested that staff transmit letters to jurisdictions who have yet to provide information related to mitigation fee collection reporting.

M/S/C (Buster/Montanez) 15/0

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 Funding Coordination Committee – Land Acquisition Prioritization

Mr. Ron Rempel provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Funding Coordination Committee – Land Acquisition Prioritization. Mr. Rempel covered the need for willing sellers and fund source limitations, such as Federal Section Six funds that must be expended in a specific area. Parcel size must be considered, the larger the parcel the easier to manage over time. Parcelization is a major consideration across all areas. Geographic areas, called rough step areas in the plan, have goals laid out by vegetation communities that need land use review.

Action: Received report.

9.2 Update on Land Acquisitions

Mr. Rempel stated that during the last month there were no land acquisitions completed. Staff has been looking at the land data base, reevaluating lands that are available for acquisition, public, private and BLM.

Action: Received report.

9.3 Update on Formation of Committees/Meetings

Ron Rempel updated the Committee meeting scheduling for 2005. The RMOC will meet after the first of the year. The FCC continues to work on a workable schedule for participants. The Implementation and Administration Guidelines Committee, chaired by Gail Barton, will also meet after the first of the year.

Action: Received report.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Supervisor Ashley suggested considering a retreat at the next meeting.

11. CLOSED SESSION:

There was closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Washington/Batey) the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.