

REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
June 13, 2005
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairman Robin Lowe at 1:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

John Machisic, City of Banning
Larry Dressel, City of Beaumont
Shenna Moqet, City of Calimesa
John Zaitz, City of Canyon Lake
Eugene Montanez, City of Corona
Robin Lowe, City of Hemet
Kelly Seyarto, City of Murrieta
Frank Hall, City of Norco
Mark Yarborough, City of Perris
Dom Betro, City of Riverside
Chuck Washington, City of Temecula
Supervisor Buster
Supervisor Tavaglione
Supervisor Ashley
Supervisor Wilson
Supervisor Stone

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no comments.

4. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS (The Board may add an item to the Agenda after making a finding that there is a need to take immediate action on the item and that the item came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda. An action adding an item to the agenda requires 2/3 vote of the Board. If there are less than 2/3 of the Board Members present, adding an item requires a unanimous vote. Added items will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.)

6. MINUTE APPROVAL – May 2, 2005

Action: Approved minutes from May 2, 2005.

M/S/C (Stone/Seyarto) Unanimous vote of those members present.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR:

7.1 Consideration and Possible Approval of a License Agreement between the Regional Conservatio9n Authority and County of Riverside Department of Facilities Management Concerning Office Space

Action: Approved a License Agreement between the Regional Conservation Authority and County of Riverside Department of Facilities Management Concerning Office Space.

M/S/C (Ashley/Stone) Unanimous vote of those members present.

7.2 Discussion Concerning Status of Transfer of Reserve Assembly Lands from County to Regional Conservation Authority.

Action: Informational item, receive and file.

M/S/C (Stone/Zaitz) Unanimous vote of those members present.

7.3 Consideration and Possible Approval of an Agreement between the Regional Conservation Authority and County of Riverside Department of Facilities Management for Real Property Services

Action: Approve agreement between the Regional Conservation Authority and County of Riverside Department of Facilities Management for Real Property Services.

M/S/C (Stone/Seyarto) Unanimous vote of those members present.

7.4 Discussion Concerning an Agreement between the Regional Conservation Authority and the Regional Parks and Open Space District concerning Management of RCA Lands

Action: Continued to July 11 meeting.

M/S/C (Stone/Machisic) Unanimous vote of those members present.

7.5 Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Potential Agreement with the Conservation Fund

Action: Continued item to July meeting with the addition of issue paper on agencies that perform land acquisition as well as agencies that manage conservation lands.

M/S/C (No vote required)

7.6 Consideration and Possible Adoption of Resolution No. 05-06 Amending the Fee Collection and Remittance Policy

Action: Information item, reflected by staff report.

M/S/C (No vote required)

8. PRESENTATIONS:

8.1 Presentation by Rick A. Hopkins, Ph.D., Live Oak Associates, Inc., Concerning Conservation of Mountain Lions/Cougars

Action: No action required: Dr. Hopkins reported on preliminary findings from work being done with colleagues in terms of modeling habitat for Riverside County. The work being done has been funded mainly by Vicki Long with assistance from Live Oak

Associates, Inc. and the Cougar Fund and my co-authors are Bret Dixon, Brad McCray and Paul Byer. The main focus of his presentation was how we conflict with the cougar and his habitat.

9. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

9.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Rempel presented that financial status of the RCA for the months of April and May 2005, as reflected in the staff report.

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

10.1 Report on Committee Meetings

10.1.1 Reserve Manager's Oversight Committee

The Reserve Management Oversight Committee meets on June 14 at the CAC covering vegetation mapping, budget, monitoring program and land acquisition.

10.1.2 Implementation and Administration Guidelines Committee

Gail Wanczuk Barton will chair the IAGC meeting on June 15, looking at frequency and scheduling of IAGC meetings.

10.1.3 Funding Coordination Committee

The Funding Coordination Committee met and discussed Fiscal Year 06-07 and 07-08 and acquisition needs for those years and identifying budget focal areas.

10.2 Update on land acquisitions: Clark properties closed escrow.

Borre Winckel of the Building Industry Association addressed the Board asking if the RCA has a program that is so restrictive that if the Agency were to come into an accelerated funding mode, for example, that the industry found a way to deliver 100 to 200 million dollars extra to the RCA, whether the program is capable of dialing those dollars into an acquisition mode.

11. CLOSED SESSION:

Closed session was held in the Fifth Floor Conference Room "C".

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.