



**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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**MINUTES**

**Monday, November 5, 2007**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Jeff Stone at 1:02 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, First Floor, Riverside, California, 92501.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Board Members/Alternates Present**

Marion Ashley\*  
Bob Buster  
Larry Dressel  
Maryann Edwards  
Frank Hall\*  
Jim Hyatt  
Robin Lowe  
John Machisic  
Eugene Montanez  
Robert Schiffner  
Dale Stubblefield  
Gary Thomasian  
Charles White  
Roy Wilson  
Mark Yarbrough  
John Zaitz

**Board Members Absent**

Dom Betro  
John Tavaglione

\*Arrived after start of the meeting.

**3. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Board Member announcements.

**4. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS**

There were no additions/revisions.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*M/S/C (STUBBLEFIELD/ZAITZ) to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2007 meeting, as presented.*

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*M/S/C (LOWE/MACHISIC ) to approve the following Consent Calendar items:*

**7.1 PROPOSED 2008 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE RCA BOARD AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Adopt the 2008 meeting schedule for the RCA Board and the Executive Committee.

**7.2 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-10 APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF SUBGRANTS FROM THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD**

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 07-10, which approves the acceptance of subgrants from the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Kobashi, Lancina and Wilson Creek Inc. properties; and
- 2) Authorize the Chairman, pursuant to Legal Counsel's review, to execute subgrant agreements on behalf of the Authority.

**7.3. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND NATY KOPENHAVER**

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Naty Kopenhaver extending the agreement for a period of six months until June 30, 2008, increasing the hourly rate from \$75.00 to \$80.00 per hour, and increasing the total contract amount by \$38,400; and
- 2) Authorize the Chairman to execute said Amendment on behalf of the Authority.

**7.4 APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND THE RAND CORPORATION**

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract with RAND Corporation; and
- 2) Authorize the Chairman, pursuant to Legal Counsel's review, to execute the agreement on behalf of the Authority.

**8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**8.1 AMENDMENT TO JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT**

Steve DeBaun, Legal Counsel, reported that the proposed changes to the JPA would allow the RCA to issue promissory notes for the purchase of real property which would permit the agency to pay for the property over time. He requested that financing authority be incorporated into the previous JPA amendment that was endorsed by the RCA Board at their meeting last month.

Steve DeBaun continued and reviewed the memorandum from Karin Watts-Bazan, Deputy County Counsel, dated November 5, 2007 requesting that the RCA incorporate revisions to the Joint Powers Agreement related to the appointment of alternate members by the County Board of Supervisors, as follows: 1) That each regular member and alternate City *appointed* member hold an elective office on the respective governing body appointing the regular or alternate member; and, 2) The Board of Supervisors may appoint a city council member of a member city to represent *each Board of Supervisor member as an alternate* at meetings of the RCA Board or committees. The proposed changes will require a bylaw amendment since the RCA Board and Committee memberships and appointments are incorporated in the bylaws.

Jim Hyatt asked about the possibility of having three representatives from one city when a Supervisor appoints an alternate from their jurisdiction and Steve DeBaun responded stated that this could occur under the proposed change.

***M/S/C (LOWE/ZAITZ) to:***

- 1) ***Endorse the proposed changes to the RCA bylaws and joint powers agreement amendment, as discussed herein, and***
- 2) ***Submit the joint powers agreement amendment to the RCA member agencies for their adoption.***

## 8.2 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING MSHCP MINOR AMENDMENT

Stephanie Standerfer of Dudek, RCA Consultant, stated that this item is for a minor amendment to the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan requesting authorization to distribute it to the Wildlife Agencies and member agencies for their review and comment. There are two major components of the minor amendment which includes a technical correction to the rough step formula as well as accounting of the reserve lands and public quasi-public lands, which required updating certain tables and data in the MSHCP.

In response to Gary Thomasian if the proposed minor amendment has been discussed with the Center for Biological Diversity, who presented public comments at the last meeting, Joe Richards stated that staff is recommending that the proposed minor amendment first be distributed to the wildlife agencies, cities, and the County for comments. The proposed amendment will be discussed after received of the comments from the agencies.

***M/S/C (LOWE/ZAITZ) to authorize staff to distribute the proposed minor amendment to the Wildlife Agencies and Permittees for review and comment.***

## 9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### 9.1 Election of Officers

Joe Richards stated that election of officers will be held next month. The election of Chairman and Vice Chairman annually alternate between a regular member of the Board representing a City and a regular member of the Board who is a member of the Board of Supervisors. With the 2007 Chairman being a member of the County Board of Supervisor, the 2008 Chairman shall be a City representative.

### 9.2 Winchester 700

Joe Richards informed the Board that the letter received from Winchester 700 will be agendized as a closed session item next month.

## 10. LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

Ken Graff, Director of Land Acquisition, informed the Board that since its last meeting, three additional properties (326 acres) closed escrow and RCA has a total of 39,759 acres to date.

**11. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Bob Buster noted that the Consent Calendar included an amendment to the RAND contract. He requested that staff provide a report on the work being provided by RAND which includes economy forecast and how it affects the RCA.

At this time, Chairman Stone adjourned the meeting to Closed Session to discuss property acquisition item listed on the agenda.

Mark Yarbrough abstained from participation in the Closed Session due to possible conflict of interest.

**12. CLOSED SESSION:**

**Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

<b>12.1</b>	<b>Property:</b>	Assessor's Parcel Nos. 583-120-088, 583-140-006, 583-140-007, 583-180-001
	<b>Negotiating Parties</b>	
	<b>Agency Negotiator:</b>	Executive Director or Designee
	<b>Property Agent:</b>	Geller #2/Ed Sauls
	<b>Under Negotiation:</b>	Price/Terms

At 1:29 p.m., the meeting reconvened. There were no announcements from the Closed Session item.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled to be held on Monday, December 3, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administrative Center, First Floor, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California.

Respectfully submitted



Honey Bernas  
Clerk of the Board