



# **WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, February 4, 2008

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairman Eugene Montanez at 1:02 p.m. in Conference Room C of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Fifth Floor, in 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  
Andy Melendrez  
Robert Schiffner  
Jeff Stone  
John Tavaglione  
Gary Thomasian  
Charles White  
Mark Yarbrough  
John Zaitz

#### **Board Members Absent**

Dale Stubblefield  
Roy Wilson

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- A. Phil McElhinney, representing the McElhinney and Stimmel family, spoke protesting the possible land swap transaction between Anheuser-Busch, County of Riverside and RCA. He requested that this action be rescinded and that public hearings be scheduled. He proposed working with the County of Riverside in order to reach a mutually agreeable solution to this problem. With this action, the County is promising to process entitlements for dense development of the property and, therefore, the public should be notified to provide them an opportunity to comment. If the County and RCA do not rescind their actions before February 20, 2008, they request that they enter into an agreement to extend the deadline so that a lawsuit may be filed to

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allow them the opportunity to negotiate an amicable solution to this problem. They are prepared to protect themselves against the negative consequences of the MOU and any subsequent agreement between County, RCA and Anheuser Busch.

- B. Garry Grant, representing the Meadowbrook Community, said that he agreed wholeheartedly with the previous speaker. His concern related to the properties within the Meadowbrook area that have been purchased or acquired by the County and are being abused everyday by off-road vehicles. Management and control of acquired lands is a major problem. He said that if public agencies are not able to manage the properties, they should relinquish them.

### 4. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Board Member announcements.

### 5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

Robin Lowe requested to add a late breaking item to the agenda which relates to the RCA Vice Chairman position. This matter has arisen subsequent to the publication of the agenda and the matter needs attention by the Board because the Vice Chairman is a member of a Committee with a scheduled meeting before the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors' meeting.

Steve DeBaun, Legal Counsel, stated that to add a late breaking item on the agenda, the Board needs to make a finding that there is an immediate need for an action on the item and that it arose subsequent to the publication of the agenda.

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

- 1) ***Find that the information regarding the resignation of the Vice Chairman arose subsequent to the publication of the agenda and there is immediate need to elect a Vice Chairman because the Vice Chairman is a member of the Executive Committee that has a scheduled meeting prior to the next RCA Board meeting; and***
- 2) ***Add the selection of a Vice Chairman to the agenda.***

John Tavaglione said that he appreciated the opportunity to serve as RCA's Vice Chairman. However, he was requested to serve as a member of a committee of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) to address the State budget situation and its potential impact to local governments. Therefore, he asked RCA to allow him to step down as its Vice Chairman to provide time to serve on the CSAC Committee.

*M/S/C (LOWE/ASHLEY) to elect Bob Buster as RCA's Vice Chairman.*

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*M/S/C (BUSTER/WHITE) to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2008 and January 16, 2008 minutes, as presented.*

*Abstained: Tavaglione (January 7, 2008 minutes)  
Edwards (January 16, 2008 minutes)*

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**7.1 APPROVAL OF POLICY NO. RCA-GA001 ESTABLISHING YEAR-END ACCRUAL PERIOD**

Approve Policy No. RCA-GA001 which is a policy establishing the year-end accrual amount and period.

**7.2 FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**

Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2007-08 First Quarter Financial Report.

**7.3 APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND THE USFWS FOR A POSITION DEDICATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MSHCP**

- 1) Approve the revised Agreement between the RCA and USFWS for a GS-14 Policy Level Position; and
- 2) Authorize the Chairman, pursuant to legal counsel review and approval, to execute said agreement on behalf of the Authority.

**7.4. AMENDMENT NO. 2A TO AGREEMENT NO. 070106 BETWEEN THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND THE CENTER FOR CONSERVATION BIOLOGY**

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 2A to Agreement No. 070106 between the RCA and Center for Conservation Biology; and
- 2) Authorize the Chairman, pursuant to legal counsel review and approval, to execute said amendment on behalf of the Authority.

**7.5 RESCIND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE AN APPROXIMATELY 70-ACRE PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

Rescind authorization to purchase approximately 70 acres from the County of Riverside, as shown on the exhibit attached to the staff report.

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

At this time, Chairman Montanez introduced Charles Landry, RCA's newly appointed Executive Director.

Charles Landry thanked the RCA Board of Directors for being appointed as its Executive Director. He reviewed his work experience that included 23 years with the Army Corp of Engineers with the last two years working with the County of Riverside on the Riverside County Integrated Plan (RCIP). Prior to joining the RCA, he continued working on the RCIP and was the lead consultant for the RCTC on the Mid County Parkway project.

**8.1 Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Yvonne Moore**

Joe Richards, Deputy Executive Director, presented a token of appreciation from RCA, which is a framed collage of reserved lands with a picture of the Monitoring Program staff, to Yvonne Moore, for a great job as the Program Administrator for RCA's monitoring efforts. Under the MSHCP, the Department of Fish and Game is charged with monitoring the reserved lands. It was four years ago that the monitoring effort was assigned by the Department of Fish and Game to Yvonne Moore.

**9. LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE**

Ken Graff, Director of Land Acquisition and Monitoring, reported that RCA has acquired an additional 191 acres and the total acres conserved is 39,954 acres.

**10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

There were no items suggested by the Board members for the next meeting.

At this time, Chairman Montanez adjourned the meeting to closed session

**11. CLOSED SESSION:**

**11A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

**Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

**Negotiating Parties:** RCA – Director of Land Acquisition and Property Management or Designee

**Under Negotiation:** Price/Terms

<b>Item</b>	<b>Assessor Parcel Nos.</b>	<b>Property Owners</b>
1	366-320-008 366-310-006	Casa Modelo
2	569-060-051	Jeffrey Miller, Agnes Turrell, Powell Financial Services
3	579-420-004 579-160-026 579-160-027	Gregory/Carol Reden
4	Portion of 362-150-023	Arnold Schleuniger
5	932-140-027	Marlyn/Rachel Stockdale

**11B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

**Pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9**

**Exposure to Litigation**

**Number of Potential Cases: One**

At 1:48 p.m., the meeting reconvened. There were no announcements from the Closed Session items.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other items to be considered, Chairman Montanez adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled to be held on Monday, March 3, 2008, 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