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MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairman Gary Thomasian 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

Bob Buster
Kevin Bash
John Denver
Steve Di Memmo
Maryann Edwards
Jordan Ehrenkranz
Mike Gardner
Jim Hyatt
Robin Lowe
John Machisic
Melissa Melendez
Eugene Montanez
Jeff Stone
John Tavaglione*
Gary Thomasian
Ella Zanowic

Board Members Absent

Bill Batey
John Benoit
Bob Cashman
Mark Yarbrough

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Board Member announcements.

*Arrived after start of the meeting.

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5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

There were no additions/revisions to the agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C (HYATT/MONTANEZ) to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2010 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/C (LOWE/GARDNER) to approve the following Consent Calendar item:

7.1 "GRANT FUNDS" PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (RCA) AND SANTA ANA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION (SAWA)

- 1) Approve the "Grant Funds" Professional Services Agreement between the RCA and SAWA (Agreement No. 11004); and
- 2) Authorize the Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review and approval, to execute the agreement.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Charlie Landry, Executive Director, reported on the following items:

8.1 Quarterly Report – Doug Wheeler

RCA engaged Doug Wheeler to develop, process, and secure support for a federal loan guarantee program. A discussion draft of the legislative proposal was developed and worked on for the past three months. Efforts were focused on gaining concurrence from Senator Dianne Feinstein, Congressman Ken Calvert, Congressional staff of Committees with jurisdiction to approve such items, representatives of the Executive Branch agencies with responsibility for administering the loan program, Senate and House Legislative Counsels, and budget analysts of the Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Management and Budget. A second draft bill was developed to eliminate the revolving loan feature and incorporates suggestions from the various meetings and telephone calls. A third draft, proposed by Senator Feinstein's staff in cooperation with the congressional legislative counsel, was developed. The latest draft considers a ten-year loan guarantee program which would be administered by the Secretary of Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Treasury. This is being scored by the Congressional Budget Office and if found to have minimal budget impact and meets RCA's objective, will be introduced by Senator Feinstein and Congressman Calvert prior to adjournment of the current Congress.

8.2 City of Eastvale

Staff will be meeting with City staff to commence processing their participation and membership in the RCA.

9. LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

Brian Beck, Land Acquisition Analyst, reported that since the last meeting, RCA acquired one additional property of approximately 13 acres, bringing the total reserve land to 42,175 acres.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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

At this time, Chairman Thomasian adjourned the meeting to Closed Session.

11. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

11.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Negotiating Parties: RCA – Executive Director or Designee

Under Negotiation: Price/Terms

Item	Assessor Parcel No.	Property Owners
1	940-140-012	Lowe Family Trust, John P. Lowe, Shirley G. Lowe

11.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9

- **RIC 530137 Anheuser Busch**
- **RIC 10015716 Wilhelm Ranch**

There were no announcements from the Closed Session items and the meeting reconvened.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items to be discussed, Chairman Thomasian adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, November 1, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, Board Room, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California.

Respectfully submitted,



Honey Bernas
Clerk of the Board