



## ***SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES***

**Monday, January 10, 2011**

### **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 Jeff Stone at 1:03 p.m., in the Auditor-Controller's Conference Room, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Riverside, California, 92501.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

#### **Board Members/Alternates Present**

Bill Batey  
Ben Benoit  
Bob Buster  
Maryann Edwards  
Thomas Fuhrman  
Mike Gardner  
Jim Hyatt  
Alan Long  
John Machisic  
Melissa Melendez  
Scott Miller  
Eugene Montanez  
Karen Spiegel  
Jeff Stone  
Mark Yarbrough

#### **Board Members Absent**

Marion Ashley  
Kevin Bash  
John Benoit  
Roger Berg  
Randy Bonner

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **4. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Chairman Stone welcomed the new Board Members. A self introduction of the Board Members and those present at the meeting followed.

### **5. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Board Member announcements.

## **RCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

Page 2 of 3

January 10, 2011

### **6. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS**

There were no additions/revisions to the agenda.

### **7. RESOLUTION NO. 11-001, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TAX DEFAULT PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

Brian Beck, Land Acquisition Analyst, presented the proposal to purchase 2,987.47 acres of tax default properties from the County of Riverside at a cost of \$988,983.68 plus title and due diligence costs, which is estimated at \$348.00/acre.

Melissa Melendez asked which of the Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) listed on the staff report are tax default properties located in the Lake Elsinore area. She requested that staff, in future acquisitions or purchase of tax default properties, provide a brief explanation of why the properties are important to the MSHCP.

Using a map, Brian Beck identified the Lake Elsinore properties and reviewed the properties' contribution to the reserve assembly goals. He added that it would take approximately fifteen (15) months to complete the process and that the RCA is first in line to purchase the properties. However, property owners have the availability to pay back taxes to regain their properties.

***M/S/C (GARDNER/MONTANEZ) to approve Resolution No. 11-001, Resolution Approving the Purchase of Tax Defaulted Property from the County of Riverside Tax Collector's Office.***

### **8. RATIFICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT OF THE 2011 RCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chairman Stone stated that the proposed membership provides an opportunity for other members to serve on the Executive Committee.

***M/S/C (BATEY/LONG) to ratify Chairman Jeff Stone's appointment of the 2011 RCA Executive Committee.***

### **9. LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE**

Brian Beck informed the RCA Board of Directors that since the last meeting, 163 acres were acquired and the total reserve land stands at 43,034 acres.

### **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items requested.

**RCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

**Page 3 of 3**

**January 10, 2011**

Chairman Stone adjourned the meeting to closed session. At this time, Chairman Stone left the meeting and Vice Chairman Jim Hyatt assumed the Chair.

**11. CLOSED SESSION ITEM:**

**11.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
**Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9**  
**■ RIC 10015716 Wilhelm Ranch**

Vice Chairman Hyatt reconvened the meeting. There were no announcements from the closed session. With no other items before the RCA Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2011, 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