



MINUTES

Monday, June 4, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairman Jim Hyatt at 12:33 p.m., in the Board Room of the Riverside County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, 92501.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alan Long of Murrieta led the RCA Board Members and those present in a flag salute.

3. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Kevin Bash
Bill Batey
Ben Benoit
Randy Bonner
Bob Buster
Maryann Edwards
Thomas Fuhrman
Mike Gardner
Jim Hyatt
Linda Krupa
Verne Lauritzen
Alan Long
John Machisic
Scott Miller
Eugene Montanez
Adam Rush
Jeff Stone
Mark Yarbrough
Ella Zanowic

Board Members Absent

John Benoit
Roger Berg
Melissa Melendez
John Tavaglione

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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5. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Board Member announcements.

6. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

There were no additions/revisions to the agenda.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C (STONE/EDWARDS) to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2012 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors, as submitted.

Abstentions: Long, Zanowic

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/C (GARDNER/BBENOIT) to approve the following Consent Calendar items:

8.1 INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-005, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AMENDING ITS BYLAWS TO UPDATE DELIVERY METHOD OF AGENDAS

1) Introduce Resolution No. 12-005, Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Amending Its Bylaws to Update Delivery Method of Agendas; and

2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

8.2 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND VAVRINEK, TRINE, DAY & COMPANY, LLP, FOR AUDITING SERVICES

1) Approve the Professional Services Agreement between the RCA and Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Company, LLP, for audit services for the year ended June 30, 2012, with an option to extend the term of the agreement for additional one year terms not to exceed four years; and

2) Authorize the Chairman to execute said agreement on behalf of the Authority.

8.3 FISCAL YEAR 2011-12 THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT, APPROPRIATIONS TRANSFER REPORT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

- 1) *Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Third Quarter Financial Report and Appropriations Transfer Report;*
- 2) *Approve the budget adjustments contained in Exhibit A; and*
- 3) *Authorize the Chairman to direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments contained in Exhibit A.*

8.4 REPORT REGARDING CONSULTANT CONTRACTS

Receive and file the report regarding Consultant contract amounts and termination clauses.

9. BIOLOGICAL MONITORING PROGRAM WORK PLAN AND COST ESTIMATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13

Laurie Correa, Director of Reserve Management and Monitoring, presented the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Biological Monitoring Program Work Plan and budget to the RCA Board for approval. The objective of the Biological Monitoring Program is to collect data on the MSHCP's 146 covered species and associated habitats on approximately 400,000 acres of conserved lands, as required by the MSHCP. She reviewed the monitoring schedule for the various species and associated habitats. The proposed budget for the FY 2012-13 Work Plan is \$1,122,267 which includes \$122,737 CDFG funds and \$999,530 RCA funds. There is an increase of \$212,185 in RCA funds compared to the previous year's budget in order to lessen the impact of a \$773,472 loss in CDFG funds. The proposed RCA funding will maintain the minimum level of staff needed to comply with MSHCP monitoring standards and reflects the end of SWG funds and CDFG support, including vehicles. She reviewed the monitoring budgets from FY 2007 through FY 2013 (Attachment 1).

M/S/C (HYATT/BONNER) to approve the Monitoring Program Work Plan and Cost Estimate for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Charlie Landry reported on an infrastructure project that is underway (I-215 from Scott Road to Nuevo Road) and the following items:

10.1 Loan Program Update

Staff and its consultants are working toward including the loan program in the transportation bill which is currently in the Congressional Conference Committee. They are also working with Senator Kay Hutchinson's staff and the Texas HCPs in an effort to secure bipartisan support of the legislation.

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He reported that in the broader look at the nexus between infrastructure and the Endangered Species Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has formed a task force under presidential directive to look at expediting infrastructure projects. A report is due to the Council on Environmental Quality this week.

10.2 Section 6 Funding

According to the Regional Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Riverside has met the required criteria and should be successful. Staff and its consultants will continue to pursue for Section 6 funding.

In response to Adam Rush's question about how the MSHCP interfaces with Corps of Engineers 404(b) permits, Charlie Landry said that in the early stages of the Riverside County Integrated Project, the integration of Corps coverage was attempted but did not happen. Even so, the expedited Section 7 process under the MSHCP has worked fairly well on MSHCP projects within the Corps' jurisdiction.

11. LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

Brian Beck, Land Acquisition Analyst, informed the RCA Board that there were two conservation easements (Eastern Municipal Water District and Lake Hemet Water District), located south of Lake Park and north of Ramona Expressway in the cities of San Jacinto and Hemet. A total of 253 acres were added to the reserve, bringing the total to 45,523 acres. Another 209 acres, as part of a conservation easement, were designated as Public/Quasi-Public lands. The easements were donated to the RCA along with an endowment of approximately \$2 million from EMWD for management and monitoring.

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

There were no items requested to be agendaized for the next meeting.

At this time, Chairman Hyatt convened the meeting to Closed Session.

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13. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

13.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Negotiating Parties: RCA – Executive Director of Designee

Under Negotiation: Price/Terms

Item	Assessor Parcel Nos.	Property Owners
1	900-390-001, 900-390-002, 900-390-003, 900-390-004, 900-390-005, 900-390-006, 900-390-007, 900-390-008, 900-390-009, 900-390-010, 900-390-011, 900-390-012, 900-390-013, 900-390-014, 900-390-015, 900-391-001, 900-391-002, 900-391-003, 900-391-004, 900-391-005, 900-391-006, 900-391-007, 900-391-008, 900-391-009, 900-391-010, 900-391-011, 900-391-012, 900-391-013, 900-391-014, 900-391-015, 900-391-016, 900-391-017, 900-391-018, 900-400-001, 900-400-002, 900-400-003, 900-400-004, 900-400-005, 900-400-006, 900-400-007, 900-400-008, 900-400-009, 900-401-001, 900-401-002, 900-401-003, 900-401-004, 900-401-005, 900-401-006, 900-401-007, 900-401-008, 900-401-009, 900-401-010, 900-401-011, 900-401-012, 900-401-013, 900-401-014, 900-401-015, 900-401-016, 900-401-017, 900-401-018, 900-401-019, 900-401-020, 900-401-021, 900-401-022, 900-401-023, 900-401-024, 900-401-025, 900-401-026, 900-401-027, 900-401-028, 900-401-029, 900-401-030, 900-401-031, 900-401-032, 900-401-033, 900-401-034, 900-401-035, 900-401-036, 900-401-037, 900-401-038, 900-401-039, 900-401-040, 900-401-041, 900-401-042, 900-401-043, 900-401-044, 900-401-045, 900-401-046, 900-401-047, 900-401-048, 900-401-049, 900-401-050, 900-401-051, 900-401-052, 900-401-053	RAFCO Company
Item	Assessor Parcel No.	Property Owners
2	940-300-026	Donald D. Fisher Family Trust
Item	Assessor Parcel No.	Property Owners
3	932-160-028	TNC/Richard and Pamela Johnson
Item	Assessor Parcel No.	Property Owners
4	932-160-027	TNC/Affordable Housing

13.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9

- RIC 1203353 Albert Thomas Paulek
- RIC 1100822 Friends of Riverside’s Hills

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After the Closed Session, Chairman Hyatt reconvened the RCA Board meeting. There were no announcements from the Closed Session items.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items before the RCA Board of Directors, Chairman Hyatt adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, July 2, 2012, at 12:30 p.m., at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, Board Room, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Honey Bernas". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Honey Bernas
Clerk of the Board