



MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairman Jim Hyatt at 12:31 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2012, in the Board Room of the Riverside County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, 92501.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ben Benoit, Verne Lauritzen, and Adam Rush led the RCA Board and those present in a flag salute.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Kevin Bash
Ben Benoit
Roger Berg
Randy Bonner
Bob Buster
Maryann Edwards
Jim Hyatt
Linda Krupa
Verne Lauritzen
John Machisic
Scott Miller
Eugene Montanez
Ron Roberts
Adam Rush

Board Members Absent

Marion Ashley
Bill Batey
John Benoit
Tom Fuhrman
Mike Gardner
Alan Long
Melissa Melendez
John Tavaglione
Mark Yarbrough

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Board Member announcements.

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5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

There were no additions/revisions to the agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C (BERG/EDWARDS) to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2012 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors, as submitted.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Verne Lauritzen requested Agenda Item 8.1 be pulled, *Authorization to Write Off Receivable Greater than \$1,000*, from the Consent Calendar.

M/S/C (EDWARDS) to approve the following Consent Calendar Items:

8.2 PRELIMINARY FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 (UNAUDITED)

Receive and file the Preliminary Fourth Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2012 (Unaudited).

8.3 CONSULTANT REPORT – DAVE KENNETT FISCAL YEAR 2012 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT

Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2012 Fourth Quarter report for Dave Kennett.

8.1 AUTHORIZATION TO WRITE OFF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE GREATER THAN \$1,000

Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, said that in accordance to RCA policy, the write-off of uncollectible accounts over \$1,000, requires Board approval. The RCA cost to complete applicant BFW Corona's Joint Project Review (JPR) exceeded the initial deposit of \$1,500.00 by \$3,095.19. Staff was not successful in their efforts to collect from the applicant. The applicant donated property valued at \$230,000.00 and provided an endowment to the RCA. Staff is requesting Board approval to write off the \$3,095.19. The applicant will be placed on the JPR delinquent list and will be required to pay the balance prior to the initiation of a new JPR.

M/S/C (MONTANEZ/EDWARDS) to approve the write off of \$3,095.19 in accounts deemed uncollectible.

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9. CONSULTANT REPORT – DAVE DRISCOLL

Chairman Hyatt introduced Dave Driscoll, RCA Consultant. He said that Mr. Driscoll was a former CALFire Chief. As RCA's Consultant, he performs comprehensive reviews of RCA lands, develops management and fire response plans, and conducts post fire reviews.

Dave Driscoll briefed the RCA Board on the strategy of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management, which included creating fire-adapted communities, responding to wildfires, and restoring and maintaining resilient landscapes. The August 24, 2012 Buck Fire was caused by lightning and damaged 2,700 acres. Efforts to extinguish the fire included 400 firefighters, 11 air tankers (including a DC 10), seven water-dropping helicopters, and 50 engine crews from across Southern California. The Cordova property was one of the properties that suffered fire damage. He then showed pictures to illustrate the acreage destroyed by the fire and the Cordova property. He noted that the Cordova property had not burned since 1928 when a fire burned 60,000 acres. He also reported on the fire damage to the Goodhart property as a result of the Cactus fire in 2010.

On behalf of the RCA Board, Chairman Hyatt thanked Dave Driscoll for the presentation.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

10.1 Federal Section 6 Land Acquisition Grant

The Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition Grants by the State included a \$4 million grant to the RCA. The grant will support acquisition in Riverside County. The award was significant, in that the total grant amount nationwide was \$33 million and of that amount, \$15 million was designated for acquisition of which \$4 million (or approximately 27%) was awarded to RCA. He acknowledged Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congressman Ken Calvert for their support.

10.2 Loan Program Update

No activities are expected until after the November election. In the meantime, a number of meetings are being scheduled in order to strategize on how to reintroduce the legislation and garner support from other HCPs, agencies, etc.

11. LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

Brian Beck, Land Acquisition Analyst, reported that 191 acres were added to the reserve, bringing the total reserve to 45,714 acres. He then showed the locations of the added reserves on the map.

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12. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

There were no requests for agenda items for the next meeting.

Steve DeBaun, Legal Counsel announced the Closed Session items. Chairman Hyatt convened the meeting to Closed Session.

At this time, Bob Buster left the meeting.

13. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

13.1 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	940-140-011	Anthony "Toby" Carr
2	569-050-019 569-050-024	Edward Arthur O'Connor & Jennie Amelia O'Connor, Trustees of the O'Connor Living Trust

13.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9

- **RIC 1203353 Albert Thomas Paulek**
- **RIC 532973 Empire Homes**

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items to be considered, Chairman Hyatt adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2012, at 12:30 p.m., at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, Board Room, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California.

Respectfully submitted,



Honey Bernas
Clerk of the Board