



The Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (RCA) was established in 2004 as a joint powers authority to administer the 2003 Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. The RCA Board is currently comprised of representatives from eighteen (18) cities in Western Riverside County and the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors.

MEETING

12:30 P.M., Monday, October 1, 2012
Riverside County Administrative Center
Board Room, First Floor, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501

OFFICERS

Jim Hyatt, Chairman
City of Calimesa

Marion Ashley, Vice Chairman
County of Riverside, District 5

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John Machisic
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City of Menifee

Jeff Stone
County of Riverside District 3

Bill Batey
City of Moreno Valley

John Benoit
County of Riverside District 4

Alan Long
City of Murrieta

Charles Landry, Executive Director

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6. **ADDITIONS/REVISIONS** *(The Board may add an item to the Agenda after making a finding that there is a need to take immediate action on the item and that the item came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda. An action adding an item to the agenda requires 2/3 vote of the Board. If there are less than 2/3 of the Board Members present, adding an item requires a unanimous vote. Added items will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.)*

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

8. **FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 FIRST QUARTER CONSULTANT REPORTS FOR DOUGLAS P. WHEELER, HOGAN LOVELLS US LLP, AND DAVID KENNETT, CAPITAL ALLIANCE CONSULTING**

Overview

RCA consultants Doug Wheeler and Dave Kennett will report on their activities for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2012-13.

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR** *(All matters listed under the Consent Calendar will be approved in a single motion unless a Board Member requests separate action on specific Consent Calendar item. The item will be pulled from the Consent Calendar and placed for discussion.)*

9.1 **WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT MITIGATION FEE COLLECTION AND CIVIC/INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION REPORTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2012**

Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to receive and file the MSHCP Development Mitigation Fee Collection and Civic/Infrastructure Contribution Reports for July and August 2012.

9.2 **FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 FIRST QUARTER CONSULTANT REPORTS FOR DUDEK, GEOGRAPHICS, RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT, AND SANTA ANA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**

Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2012-13 First Quarter Consultant Reports for Dudek, Geographics, Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District, and Santa Ana Watershed Association.

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10. WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Overview

Pat Egetter, RCA Chief of Technical Information, will give a brief overview of the Annual Report. This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to receive and file the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Annual Report 2011.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

11.1 March Joint Powers Authority

12. LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Board Members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for discussion.

14. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

14.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9

- **One (1) Potential Case**

15. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2012, at 12:30 p.m. at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, Board Room, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

**MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**



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.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.1

**WESTERN RIVERSIDE
COUNTY MSHCP LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT MITIGATION
FEE COLLECTION AND
CIVIC/INFRASTRUCTURE
CONTRIBUTION REPORTS
FOR
JULY AND AUGUST 2012**

Regional Conservation Authority

**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY
MSHCP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT MITIGATION FEE COLLECTION
AND CIVIC/INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION REPORTS FOR
JULY AND AUGUST 2012**

Staff Contact:

**Honey Bernas
Director of Administrative Services
(951) 955-9700**

Background:

The RCA Executive Committee directed staff to report on Western Riverside County MSHCP Local Development Mitigation Fee Collections and Civic/Infrastructure Contributions on a monthly basis.

Attached are the reports for July and August 2012. The reports were prepared on a cash basis and, therefore, reflect the cash received by RCA during these months.

Executive Committee and Staff Recommendation:

That the RCA Board of Directors receive and file the attached Western Riverside County MSHCP Local Development Mitigation Fee Collection and Civic/Infrastructure Contribution Reports for July and August 2012.

Attachments:

Western Riverside County MSHCP Local Development Mitigation Fee Collection and Civic/Infrastructure Contribution Reports for July and August 2012

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.1

Attachment 1

**Western Riverside County
MSHCP Local Development
Mitigation Fee Collection and
Civic/Infrastructure
Contribution Reports for
July and August 2012**

**MSHCP LDMF AND INFRASTRUCTURE/CIVIC CONTRIBUTION
CASH RECEIPTS JULY 2012
CASH BASIS**

DEVELOPMENT FEES						
City/County	Month	Residential Permits		Commercial Permits		Total Remitted
		No. Permits	Amount	No. Permits	Amount	
City of Banning	June 2012					\$0
City of Beaumont	June 2012	30	\$58,140			\$58,140
City of Calimesa	June 2012					\$0
City of Canyon Lake	June 2012					\$0
City of Corona	June 2012					\$0
City of Eastvale	June 2012	31	\$60,078			\$60,078
City of Hemet	June 2012					\$0
City of Jurupa Valley	June 2012	6	\$11,628			\$11,628
City of Lake Elsinore	June 2012	8	\$15,504			\$15,504
City of Menifee	June 2012	14	\$27,132			\$27,132
City of Moreno Valley	June 2012					\$0
City of Murrieta	June 2012					\$0
City of Norco	June 2012					\$0
City of Perris	June 2012	4	\$7,752	1	\$8,444	\$16,196
City of Riverside	June 2012	19	\$31,943			\$31,943
City of San Jacinto	June 2012	6	\$11,628			\$11,628
City of Temecula	May 2012	9	\$17,442	1	\$3,364	\$20,806
City of Temecula	June 2012	65	\$100,878	1	\$3,035	\$103,913
City of Wildomar	June 2012	3	\$5,814			\$5,814
County of Riverside(TLMA)	July 2012	54	\$104,652			\$104,652
Total Cities and County		249	\$452,591	3	\$14,843	\$467,434

CIVIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS				
City/County	Date Contract Approved	Project Name/Location	Description	Amount
City of Temecula	3/13/2012	Calle Fiesta Storm Drain	Install 240' of Storm Drain Pipe. 3% contribution of total project cost of \$145,596	\$4,368
Total Infrastructure				\$4,368

TOTAL RECEIPTS - JULY 2012 **\$471,802**

**MSHCP LDMF AND INFRASTRUCTURE/CIVIC CONTRIBUTION
CASH RECEIPTS AUGUST 2012
CASH BASIS**

DEVELOPMENT FEES						
City/County	Month	Residential Permits		Commercial Permits		Total Remitted
		No. Permits	Amount	No. Permits	Amount	
City of Banning	July 2012					\$0
City of Beaumont	Prior Years		\$570,131		(\$21,250)	\$548,881
City of Beaumont	July 2012	20	\$38,760			\$38,760
City of Calimesa	July 2012					\$0
City of Canyon Lake	July 2012					\$0
City of Corona	July 2012	1	\$1,938			\$1,938
City of Eastvale	July 2012	40	\$77,520			\$77,520
City of Hemet	July 2012					\$0
City of Jurupa Valley	July 2012	5	\$9,690			\$9,690
City of Lake Elsinore	July 2012-exempt	58	\$0	1	\$0	\$0
City of Menifee	July 2012	92	\$178,296	1	\$61,946	\$240,242
City of Moreno Valley	July 2012					\$0
City of Murrieta	July 2012					\$0
City of Norco	July 2012					\$0
City of Perris	July 2012	6	\$11,628			\$11,628
City of Riverside	July 2012	6	\$8,840			\$8,840
City of San Jacinto	July 2012	9	\$17,442			\$17,442
City of Temecula	July 2012 rpt 9/12					\$0
City of Wildomar	July 2012					\$0
County of Riverside(TLMA)	August 2012	40	\$68,335	1	\$66	\$68,401
Total Cities and County		277	\$982,580	3	\$40,762	\$1,023,342

CIVIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS				
City/County	Date Contract Approved	Project Name/Location	Description	Amount
City of Temecula	9/13/2011	Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge over Santa Gertrudis Creek to Chaparral High School and City Trail System	Total Capital Project Cost subject to MSHCP fee of 5% was \$550,147	\$27,507
Total Infrastructure				\$27,507

TOTAL RECEIPTS - AUGUST 2012 **\$1,050,849**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.2

**FISCAL YEAR 2012-13
FIRST QUARTER
CONSULTANT REPORTS
FOR DUDEK,
GEOGRAPHICS, RIVERSIDE
COUNTY REGIONAL PARK
AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT,
AND SANTA ANA WATERSHED
ASSOCIATION**

Regional Conservation Authority

**FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 FIRST QUARTER
CONSULTANT REPORTS FOR DUDEK, GEOGRAPHICS,
RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT,
AND SANTA ANA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**

Staff Contact:

**Charles Landry
Executive Director
(951) 955-9700**

Background:

Attached are the Fiscal Year 2012-13 First Quarter Consultant Reports for Dudek, Geographics, Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District, and Santa Ana Watershed Association.

Executive Committee and Staff Recommendations:

That the RCA Board of Directors receive and file the Fiscal Year 2012-13 First Quarter Consultant Reports for Dudek, Geographics, Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District and Santa Ana Watershed Association.

Attachments:

Fiscal Year 2012-13 First Quarter Consultant Reports

- Attachment 1 – Dudek
- Attachment 2 – Geographics
- Attachment 3 – Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District
- Attachment 4 – Santa Ana Watershed Association

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.2

Attachment 1

Dudek Fiscal Year 2012-13 First Quarter Consultant Report

**CONSULTANT REPORT
DUDEK
FISCAL YEAR 2013 FIRST QUARTER REPORT**

Report Covers Period: 07/01/12 – 09/30/12

Fiscal Year 2013 Contract Amount: \$525,000

Services Provided During Current Work Period:

Joint Project Reviews

As part of our ongoing duties related to MSHCP compliance and implementation review of the RCA, Dudek provided review of biological reports, analysis and submittals related to Joint Project Reviews (JPRs) submitted by Permittees. In July and August, Dudek attended meetings related to the City of Riverside Public Utility's (RPU) Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP) which included JPR submittal reviews, coordination and meetings with the RCA and RPU Staff. Dudek also reviewed and completed several other JPRs for Permittees in this reporting period.

Permittee Trainings and Support

Within the reporting period, Dudek prepared two Permittee training presentations and conducted separate 3.5 hour training sessions for Caltrans and Riverside Public Utility-Electrical Staff. Training for these two Permittees had not taken place in many years and training presentations were updated to provide more specific information tailored to address their issues.

Dudek Staff continued to provide ongoing support for Permittees on MSHCP implementation and compliance questions. Dudek Staff is often point of contact for Permittee Staff related to MSHCP compliance and Dudek fields questions on an ongoing basis related to either new projects or ongoing projects.

Wildlife Agency Coordination and Meetings

Dudek coordinated and attended three monthly meetings with US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) Staff. Duties included preparing the agenda, coordinating with attendees and review of materials ahead of the meeting.

Dudek also attended and participated in three Pre-Application meetings with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, CDFG, and FWS Staff. Projects, represented by Permittees and their project representatives, are presented for review to the various regulatory agencies and RCA related to permitting and MSHCP compliance issues on wetlands/waters, state streambeds and MSHCP Riparian/Riverine areas. The meetings are meant to provide a forum for Permittees and applicants to coordinate with all agencies that have related oversight.

In this reporting period Dudek also provided documentation and support to CDFG and FWS related to ongoing projects and questions on MSHCP implementation.

RCA Support

Dudek Staff provided various analysis and support in the form of attending meetings, conference calls and research via email related to ongoing and past projects such as Spring Mountain Ranch, Legacy Highlands, Lake Elsinore Back Basin and County Waste Management projects.

Dudek prepared a draft Minor Amendment related to the Reserve Management Oversight Committee (RMOC) for RCA Staff which included analysis of RMOC references throughout the Plan and written analysis following the requirements of the MSHCP related to Minor Amendments.

Dudek Staff provided support and coordination related to pending and existing Participating Special Entities on Southern California Edison (SCE) projects. Issues related to SCE projects and the MSHCP are ongoing and require support related to MSHCP implementation.

Saddleback Munz's Onion Monitoring

Dudek Staff continued its monitoring of the relocated Munz's Onion populations at the project site known as Saddleback.

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Attachment 2

Geographics Fiscal Year 2012-13 First Quarter Consultant Report

**CONSULTANT REPORT
GEOGRAPHICS
FISCAL YEAR 2013 FIRST QUARTER REPORT**

Report Covers Period: 07/01/12 – 09/30/12

Fiscal Year 2013 Contract Amount: \$30,768.00

Services Provided During Current Work Period:

Final development of newsletter on job creation as a result of MSHCP covered projects.

Move RCA website to cloud server.

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Attachment 3

Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District Fiscal Year 2012-13 First Quarter Consultant Report

**CONSULTANT REPORT
RIVERSIDE COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2013 FIRST QUARTER REPORT**

Report Covers Period: 07/01/12 – 09/30/12

Fiscal Year 2013 Contract Amount: \$782,064.00

Services Provided During Current Work Period:

Patrol/Access Control

Ranger Enforcement on Metal Theft Incidents: More metal theft activity in the Gavilan HMU over two weekends. Reynolds was accessed by thieves who cut locks in the night, as was Gritton parcel. Reynolds thieves targeted metal water pipe in the ground and the Gritton thieves targeted cable gate and support poles, which required a tractor to remove. We have been in contact with the sheriff office out of Lake Elsinore, and have placed cameras on the Reynolds parcel. No usable footage in August recorded. During patrol thieves were stopped on site at Reynolds, and confronted. After a tense exchange of words, Ranger Williams and Chagolla escorted the thieves of site to a waiting Riverside Sheriff Office deputy (RSO). The thieves were questioned by RSO, but not detained due to insufficient evidence and eye witness accounts. The next day another group of thieves were found at Reynolds. The perpetrators eluded Rangers and RSO by driving into the backcountry roads.

Staff participated in realignment of the Archer property access easement. Conducted site visits and GPS/GIS ground truthing with surveyor.

Staff worked at length with the FAA and NTSB on the El Sol helicopter crash on RCA El Sol property.

Ranger patrol and placement of remote cameras on Mulder and Delgado properties.

Staff responded to a 9-acre fire in the Gavilan HMU (North Peak property) which was caused by individuals parting out a stolen vehicle.

Fencing - Completed the installation of fencing on the Bell Weigel property; installed the south gate on the Reden 2 property along Tule Valley Road; fencing was repaired in two areas on the north boundary of Teledyne property, including one area leading directly onto the dunes.

EMWD SBKR Relocation: provided security detail for biologists working on the SBKR relocation effort. Security was provided in the form of two County Rangers on-site for the duration of the effort that took place during the night.

Habitat/Species Management

Western Pond Turtle Relocation: The young turtles that were bred in captivity at the RCRCDC were released at Win Mur 700. Three young and one adult from another RCRCDC project were released. WPT habitat improvements were completed on the WIN MUR 700 property. Telemetry data suggest the turtles are hanging out in areas with open canopy (on private property). Efforts to mimic this open canopy were completed in two phases in August. Phase 3 will take place in September. Water temperature of Warm Springs Creek averaged 75° @ 2 foot depth in shaded canopy (n = 6).

Burrowing Owl: Concluded breeding pair survey at the El Sol property. This last effort implemented remote camera techniques on natural burrows and many successful breeding pairs were documented. A total of six (6) breeding pairs and 29 individuals were documented during our survey.

Reserve Manager continued efforts to establish a grazing allotment on the McElhinney-Stimmel property with Circle Bar C Ranch Cattle (Valerie and Don Chase) to improve burrowing owl habitat on site.

Staff installed three wildlife guzzlers on Kramer, Winchester Reed Valley 700 and Anza Knolls. Two of the three guzzlers are seasonally self filling and one will require two filling trips per year. The guzzlers are already being utilized by deer, turkey, bear, pig, upland birds and various reptiles.

Reynolds Habitat Restoration: Staff determined that wire fencing surrounding the trunk is the most successful treatment to deter the rabbits and deer from foraging on the plants. Twenty five more willows were placed in the ground on the second water line. Pest barriers were placed on the new plants. The tamarisk cutting continued on the north side of the creek bed. Weekly watering is on-going.

CALMAT OHV Restoration Project: Fencing contract awarded by County Parks to install 3 strand fencing on site. Fencing work has begun on the east boundary along Jack Rabbit trail. The Natural Resource Specialist is currently working on putting together a restoration plan to fix the OHV damage on-site.

Wolfskill-Driscoll Restoration Project: Continued work and collaboration on the Wolfskill-Driscoll project with SAWA and DFG. The Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan has been submitted to by SAWA to DFG for review. Cutting and basal bark herbicide treatment has commenced.

Mulder Restoration/Creation: Major issues addressed on the Mulder/Wilson Creek restoration project as the neighbor and the contractors were not getting along.

Conducted and concluded Golden Spotted Oak Borer trapping on RCA lands at the Santa Rosa Plateau.

Reserve Manager participated in discussions and research concerning the March JPA Conservation Easement.

Fire Management

Buck Fire: On site residence of Ranger Johnny Garcia (Cordova house) was burned. Ranger Rodriguez and Reserve Manager McLain coordinated with Garcia to evacuate by 1630 on the first day of the fire. Staff returned the next day to inventory the three outbuildings that didn't burn and started removal of RCA equipment. In addition to the residence and Garcia's personal effects, other equipment lost was a computer, FAX machine, keys to equipment and a cell phone. All items of value have been removed from the site except solar panels and power inverter unit which are difficult to move. Property is checked frequently until it can be better secured. No trespass issues to report. Other staff will assist in helping patrol the Sage HMU. A walk through with the insurance appraiser was conducted and basic information exchanged. The inspection was brief since the residence was 100% damaged by the fire.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.2

Attachment 4

SAWA – Biological Monitoring Program Fiscal Year 2012-13 First Quarter Consultant Report

**CONSULTANT REPORT
SAWA - BIOLOGICAL MONITORING PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2013 FIRST QUARTER REPORT**

Report Covers Period: 07/01/12 – 09/30/12

Fiscal Year 2013 Contract Amount: \$815,749

Services Provided During Current Work Period:

Conducted biological monitoring surveys for:

- Western pond turtle via live-trapping
- Delhi Sands flower-loving fly via visual encounter survey
- Black swift via visual/auditory surveys at nesting locations listed in MSHCP
- Small mammals (targeting Dulzura kangaroo rat and San Diego pocket mouse) via nocturnal live-trapping
- Carnivores (mountain lion, coyote, bobcat, long-tailed weasel) via motion-triggered cameras
- Rare plants (targeting rainbow manzanita and beautiful hulsea) at historically occupied locations

Collaborated with:

- MSHCP Management Program to monitor condition and occupancy of burrowing owl artificial burrows,
- Santa Ana Watershed Association to monitor herpetofauna arrays at Santa Rosa Plateau targeting Covered reptile species,
- CA Department of Fish and Game to remove trout from mountain yellow-legged frog habitat in the San Jacinto Mountains.

Accomplishments:

- Gathered necessary data to confirm Western pond turtle and Delhi Sands flower-loving fly monitoring species objectives are met for current reporting periods.
- Gathered useful data for Dulzura kangaroo rat, San Diego pocket mouse, coyote, bobcat, rainbow manzanita, and beautiful hulsea along with several other Covered Species documented via incidental observation.
- Worked with RCA to get two new RCA trucks on the road to replace of CA Department of Fish and Game vehicles.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

**WESTERN RIVERSIDE
COUNTY REGIONAL
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

Regional Conservation Authority**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN
ANNUAL REPORT 2011****Staff Contact:****Pat Egetter
Chief of Technical Information
(951) 955-9700****Background:**

Each year, RCA staff prepares an Annual Report for the Regional Conservation Authority and its Permittees to meet the requirements of the MSHCP and Implementing Agreement.

The Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Annual Report 2011 covers the activities of the Regional Conservation Authority, including acquisitions, and summarizes the development activities of its Permittees for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. This 2011 Annual Report represents the Authority's seventh full year of operation.

In 2011, a total of 1,664 acres were acquired, donated or obtained through the local development process contributing to Additional Reserve Lands. During the period of February 2000 to December 31, 2011, a total of 44,699 acres have been acquired for conservation for the Plan. In 2011, the RCA Board of Directors completed the process to amend the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, Implementing Agreement, and RCA Bylaws to add the new City of Eastvale as a Permittee and started the process to add the new City of Jurupa Valley.

Consistent with previous years' actions, it is requested that the RCA Board of Directors receive and file the MSHCP Annual Report 2011.

The Annual Report for 2011 was distributed or mailed to the Wildlife Agencies, RCA Board Members, and all Permittees on September 19, 2012. In addition, the Annual Report for 2011 has been posted to the RCA Website at the following locations:

http://www.wrc-rca.org/AnnualReport_2011/Annual_Report_2011.html

http://www.wrcrca.com/AnnualReport_2011/Annual_Report_2011.html

Executive Committee and Staff Recommendation:

That the RCA Board of Directors receive and file the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Annual Report for 2011.