

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

MINUTES
July 11, 2016

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairman Eugene Montanez at 12:35 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2016, in the Board Room of the Riverside County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, 92501.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Edwards led the RCA Board Members and meeting attendees in a flag salute.

3. ROLL CALL - Taken by Rose Haro, RCA Administrative Manager.

Board Members Present

Board Members Absent

Brenda Knight, *City of Beaumont*
 Jeffrey Hewitt, *City of Calimesa*
 Tim Brown, *City of Canyon Lake*
 Eugene Montanez, *City of Corona*
 Clint Lorimore, *City of Eastvale*
 Linda Krupa, *City of Hemet*
 Verne Lauritzen, *City of Jurupa Valley*
 Natasha Johnson, *City of Lake Elsinore*
 Matt Liesemeyer, *City of Menifee*
 D. LaDonna Jempson, *City of Moreno Valley*
 Jonathan Ingram, *City of Murrieta*
 Kevin Bash, *City of Norco*
 Mark Yarbrough, *City of Perris***
 Mike Gardner, *City of Riverside***
 Crystal Ruiz, *City of San Jacinto*
 Maryann Edwards, *City of Temecula*
 Kevin Jeffries, *Riverside County District I*
 Marion Ashley, *Riverside County District V*

George Moyer, *City of Banning*
 Ben Benoit, *City of Wildomar*
 John Tavaglione, *Riverside County District II*
 Chuck Washington, *Riverside County District III*
 John Benoit, *Riverside County District IV*

*Arrived after roll call. **Alt. – Alternate Board Member

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4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Montanez called for public comments on items not listed on the agenda.

Pam Nelson, representing the Santa Margarita Group/Sierra Club, submitted a request to speak regarding the RCA Reserve Management team. She commended the team of biologists and rangers for donating their time in the evenings to educate the community at the general meetings in Temecula. She said that Dustin McLain spoke about the MSHCP and efforts to protect local habitats and organisms. Parks Department staff member Betsy Dionne delivered a fascinating presentation on western pond turtles. The biologists also assisted with the Quino checkerspot butterfly habitat restoration grant that Sierra Club is partnering with in the Beauty Mountain wilderness area. She further indicated that the rangers responded when residents surrounding Temecula's wine country and Vail Lake called regarding illegal off-road vehicles in protected areas. The Sierra Club appreciates the scientifically based comments and recommendations that are provided about purposed land use projects. They also appreciate the efforts to protect the wildlife corridors and support crossing studies for the I-15 area in Temecula. They are hopeful that more funding can be directed toward management for more staff and safety measures. She further indicated that it is her understanding that rangers need to be able to write citations and be protected with body armor. Trespassers and poachers are not as supportive of conservation as the Sierra Club is.

She further indicated her belief that regarding Closed Session Items 11.2 A and B, that the Sierra Club supports Paulek.

5. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Montanez called for Board Member announcements.

Board Member Lorimore announced that the City of Eastvale will be hosting their first California League of Cities Division meeting that evening and encouraged everyone to attend.

Chairman Montanez stated that the board room is in the process of being upgraded with a new voting and sound system. All Board Members will need to be trained. The new system will be in place by the next Board meeting on September 12. Training announcements will be forthcoming.

6. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

Chairman Montanez asked if there were any additions/revisions for the record.

Rose Esparza, Administrative Manager, stated that there were no other additions or revisions.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 6, 2016

M/S/C (INGRAM/EDWARDS) to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

Ayes 17, Nays 0, Abstain 0

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairman Montanez pulled agenda item 8.2 at the request of Board Member Krupa for discussion.

M/S/C (ASHLEY/JEMPSON) to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda Item Nos. 8.1, 8.3 and 8.4.

Ayes 17, Nays 0, Abstain 0

8.1 WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN (MSHCP) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT MITIGATION FEE (LDMF) COLLECTION AND CIVIC/INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION REPORT FOR MAY 2016

Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to receive and file the Western Riverside County MSHCP LDMF Collection and Civic/Infrastructure Contribution Report for May 2016.

8.3 FISCAL YEAR 2016 THIRD QUARTER CONSULTANT REPORTS

Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2016 Third Quarter Consultant Reports.

8.4 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-010, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ADOPTING A FUND BALANCE POLICY

Overview

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This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to adopt Resolution No. 2016-010, *Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Adopting a Fund Balance Policy.*

At this time Chairman Montanez addressed the following pulled Consent Calendar item:

8.2 WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 1386

Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to authorize the Chairman to sign the attached letter in support of Senate Bill 1386.

Board Member Krupa stated that she is in favor of the bill, but had some concerns regarding the wording and lack of explanation regarding requiring “all relevant state agencies” and the “management of natural and working lands.” She asked how this this pertained to future updates of cities’ general plans that are currently agricultural, but will be rezoned for industrial business park or residential in the future and if there will be any impact.

Michelle Ouellette, General Counsel, answered that because it’s not relevant to RCA, it is not known, but staff and legal counsel will try to obtain additional information.

Board Member Krupa said that she would like to know if the bill negatively impacts a city’s ability to change or update their general plan. The City of Hemet has quite a bit of agricultural land within the city limits. When a landowner decides to leave the agricultural business, the city should have the ability to rezone for business park, rural residential and/or industrial.

Board Member Jeffries had the same concerns. On the surface it appears to be a good bill to support, but he would like to hear about what the opposition is saying about the unintended consequences of this bill. Does it make it harder to get certain projects approved? Does it make it harder to get funding for infrastructure? He would like to know what the opposition has to say about the consequences of the bill.

Chairman Montanez asked what the timing is on this bill.

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Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, stated that the Assembly Committee approved the bill in June by a vote of 7-1; the Senate passed it with by a vote of 26-7 in early May; and next step is the State Assembly Committee on Appropriations, and then likely the Assembly floor.

Chairman Montanez suggested continuing the matter until the next meeting in order that the Board Members questions can be answered.

Board Member Krupa suggested asking the League of Cities if they have a position on this bill.

Board Member Lorimore asked for an analysis of the bill.

Chairman Montanez suggested that since City of Eastvale is hosting the League of Cities event that Board Member Lorimore could lead the cause.

Board Member Edwards will send a copy of the bill to a political analyst and find out what she can.

Board Member Brown asked that when this item returns to the Board, that the Senators who opposed the bill be identified.

Board Member Edwards stated that she will try to obtain the list.

M/S/C (INGRAM/EDWARDS) to continue this item to September 12, 2016 Board Meeting to allow for an analysis of this senate bill.

Ayes 18, Nays 0, Abstain 0

Board Member Yarbrough arrived during the discussion of this item at 12:45p.m.

9. LAND ACQUISITION

Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, reported that as of the last RCA Board of Directors' meeting, 252 additional acres were acquired, bringing the reserve total to approximately 53,347 acres.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Chairman Montanez asked if any Board Members had items for the next meeting. There were no items requested.

Board Member Ruiz requested that Board meeting be adjourned in the memory of fallen law enforcement officers in Dallas, Texas, and nationwide.

Chairman Montanez suggested that this take place prior to Closed Session. He called for a moment of silence for the law enforcement officers in Dallas, Texas.

11. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

11.1. 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 No.	Property Owners
A	581100012 581100049	Terra Investment, Reza Shera
B	287200009 287200010	Iglesia de Cristo Buenos Samaritanos, Nilson Ordonez

11.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

A. Case No. RIC1600058 A.T. Paulek; Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley vs. Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority, Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, California Department of Fish & Wildlife

B. Case No. RIC1605515 A.T. Paulek; Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley; Center for Biological Diversity vs. County of Riverside; County of Riverside Board of Supervisors; Castle & Cooke Commercial-CA Inc.; Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority

C. Case Number RIC10004733 Calvary Chapel of Murrieta vs. Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority; City of Murrieta

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items before the RCA Board, Chairman Montanez adjourned the meeting 1:10 p.m., in the honor of fallen Law Enforcement Officers in Dallas, Texas, and nationwide. The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2016, at 12:30 p.m., at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, Board Room, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California

Prepared by:



Rose Haro
Administrative Manager

Respectfully submitted:



Honey Bernas
Clerk of the Board