



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Executive Committee was called to order by Vice Chairman Ingram at 12:05 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at the RCA Conference Room, 3403 Tenth Street, Suite 320, Riverside, California, 92501.

**2. ROLL CALL – was taken by Rose Haro, Administrative Manager.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Jonathan Ingram, Vice Chairman – City of Murrieta	Marion Ashley, Chairman – County of Riverside District V
Jeffrey Hewitt – City of Calimesa	Eugene Montanez – City of Corona
Natasha Johnson, City of Lake Elsinore	John Tavaglione, County of Riverside District II
Maryann Edwards - City of Temecula	

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Vice Chairman Ingram called for public comments regarding items not listed on the agenda. There were no public comments.

**4. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Chairman Ingram called for Committee Member announcements. There were no announcements.

**5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS**

There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 15, 2017**

***M/S/C (CITY OF TEMECULA/CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE) to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2017 Meeting of the Executive Committee as submitted.***

***(4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent)***

**7. WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP FEE COLLECTIONS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2017**

Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, presented the MSHCP Fee Collections Report for February 2017. The RCA received fees in the amount of \$1,014,988 for 208 residential permits and 90.0 commercial acres. There were 4 reported exemptions totaling \$7,968 in the City of Temecula. There were two reported civic/infrastructure projects. The City of Moreno Valley remitted \$12,679 for the Kitching-Electrical Substation 1.87 acres. The Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District remitted \$94,013 for Banning MDP Line D-2, Stages 1 and 2 Lateral D-2A, Stage 1. Total civic/infrastructure contributions were \$106,692. For the month of February 2017, the total receipts were \$1,121,680.

**M/S/C (CITY OF CALIMESA/CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE) to approve this item as recommended and authorize staff to agendize this matter to the April 3, 2017 meeting of RCA Board of Directors:**

- 1) Recommend that that RCA Board of Directors receive and file the Western Riverside County MSHCP Fee Collections Report for February 2017; and
- 2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the April 3, 2017 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

***(4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent)***

**8. NON-DEVELOPMENT HANS FUNDING LEVEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, presented this item. She said that MSHCP requires that a separate fund be established for Non-Development HANS projects. The current funding level is set at 3%, and RCA policy requires that the Board of Directors set the level every year. Currently, there are no properties on the priority listing. However, staff recommends continuing the 3% funding level for FY2017 to allow the fund to grow for future potential Non-Development HANS properties. If there are no HANS projects next year, the Board of Directors will be asked to reduce the amount so the funds can be used for other acquisitions.

Board Member Hewitt asked if staff could explain the HANS process in more detail. Laurie Correa replied and said that HANS stands for Habitat Evaluation and Acquisition Negotiation Strategy. Charles Landry said it's the first step in the process if a

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discretionary action is needed. It allows property owners who do not intend to file a development application to submit their properties for evaluation and possible acquisition under the HANS process. Board Member Hewitt asked if it only applies to a few properties. Charles Landry stated this applies to non-development properties that are submitted for review, where there is no specific project. Laurie Correa added that the property owner may just want to know up front if the property is described for conservation and if RCA would like to acquire it.

**M/S/C (CITY OF TEMECULA/CITY OF CALIMESA) to approve this item as recommended and authorize staff to agendize this matter to the April 3, 2017 meeting of RCA Board of Directors:**

- 1) Recommend that the RCA Board of Directors direct staff to continue to set aside no more than three percent (3%) of Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Local Development Mitigation Fees received, effective July 1, 2017, to purchase Non-Development HANS properties under Section 1.13 as of the Land Acquisition Policies; and
- 2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the April 3, 2017 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

**(4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent)**

### 9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

9.1 Section 6 Update – Charles Landry, Executive Director, gave an update on the Section 6. He advised that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in Carlsbad suggested that it would be a good idea to coordinate a tour for Congressional elected officials. The Regional Conservation Authority is in support of such a tour. The tour will take place on April 20, 2017. Prior to the tour, a briefing will be held at Temecula City Hall. The tour is for elected officials with HCP's in their districts. Congressmen Calvert, Issa, Ruiz and Takano have been invited. This is the first of such tours, and others will take place in San Diego. Invitations will be sent to RCA's Chairman, Vice Chairman, and to host Board Member Edwards. Board Member Edwards volunteered to place a follow-up call to each Congressional Member to remind them of the invitation and encourage them to attend. Charles Landry further stated that this tour will afford RCA an opportunity to discuss Section 6 funding and what Federal help is needed. Lunch will be provided to attendees. Vice Chairman Ingram asked if invites are going out to all of the Member Agencies. Charles Landry answered that they were not invited due to limited seating in the tour vans provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

9.2 Member Agency Agreed Upon Procedures Update – Charles Landry, Executive Director, gave an update on the status of agreed-upon procedures. He reminded the Committee Members that a report was given at the last Executive Committee meeting. He advised that City of Lake Elsinore signed a Tolling Agreement. In

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addition, RCA staff and Vice Chairman Ingram met with the City of Riverside and a tentative agreement for resolution is being drafted. Vice Chairman Ingram commended RCA staff and Counsel for a job well done.

- 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** *(Committee members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for future discussion.)*

Vice Chairman Ingram called for future agendas. There were no future agenda items.

**11. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

**11.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

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

- **Case No. MCC1300351 JPR, Inc., dba Silverado Ranch Estates vs. California Department of Fish and Game; County of Riverside; Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority**

**11.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

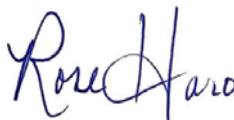
Pursuant to paragraph 2 of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One (1) potential case.

After closed session, the meeting was reconvened. There were no announcements from closed session.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other items before the Executive Committee, Vice Chairman Ingram adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m. The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 12:00 p.m., at the Riverside Centre, 3403 Tenth Street, Suite 320, Third Floor, RCA Conference Room, Riverside, California, 92501.

Prepared by:



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Administrative Manager

Respectfully submitted:



Honey Bernas  
Clerk of the Board