



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 Chairman Montanez at 12:03 p.m., Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 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
Eugene Montanez, Chairman – City of Corona	Natasha Johnson - City of Lake Elsinore
Marion Ashley, Vice Chairman – County of Riverside District V	John Tavaglione County of Riverside District II
Jonathan Ingram, City of Murrieta	
Maryann Edwards - City of Temecula*	
Ben Benoit – City of Wildomar	

**Arrived after roll call*

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Benoit announced that that he will be reassigned to RCA as an alternate Board Member. He further stated that Council Member Tim Walker will be the primary representative for RCA in 2017 for the City of Wildomar. This will be his last meeting as the primary representative.

5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

There were no additions/revisions to the agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 16, 2016

M/S/C (INGRAM/ASHLEY) to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2016 meeting of the Executive Committee as submitted.

(4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain)

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

Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, presented the LDMF Collection and Civic/Infrastructure Contribution Report for November 2016. The RCA received fees in the amount of \$677,273 for 265 residential permits and 22.4 commercial acres. There were 43 reported exemptions totaling \$85,656; 24 reported exemptions in the City of Lake Elsinore and 19 in the City of Temecula. There were no reported Civic/Infrastructure projects.

M/S/C (INGRAM/ASHLEY) to approve this item as recommended and authorize staff to agendize this matter to the February 6, 2017 meeting of RCA Board of Directors instead of January 9, 2017:

- 1) Recommend that that RCA Board of Directors receive and file the Western Riverside County MSHCP LDMF Collection and Civic/Infrastructure Contribution Report for November 2016; and
- 2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the January 9, 2017 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

(4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain)

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

- 8.1 Loan Program Update – Charles Landry, Executive Director, gave an update on the loan language contained in the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), which is part of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). He said the language in the act states, “a project to prevent, reduce or mitigate the effects of drought, including projects that enhance resilience of drought stricken watersheds is eligible for loans and loan guarantees by the Federal Government.” He explained that this will provide the ability to access loans for said purposes under the WIFIA provision. He stated that RCA could apply for those funds or work in conjunction with the water districts. The RCA received support for this provision from Metropolitan Water District of Southern

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California. He advised that the Act was signed by the President of the United States on December 19, 2016. There will be other legislation being supported by the transportation piece through the WIFIA program which will continue in 2017. There will be more grants sought as opposed to loans because with a loan, there is a limit on how much can be done because there is no steady income. With the loan program being approved and funded, rules will now be drafted for how the program will be implemented. He further stated that he, RCA's Chairman, and Vice Chairman will continue their efforts in Washington, D.C. He added that this is good news regarding a new program that can be accessed.

Charles Landry, Executive Director, advised that he was in West Virginia a week ago at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Training Center to participate in the National Coalition of HCP's. This is the second year RCA participated to jointly support additional federal funding and funding sources, along with assuring that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife does not place excess regulations that will harm HCPs.

- 8.2 2017 Executive Committee Appointment by Chairman - Charles Landry, Executive Director, reminded Chairman-elect Ashley that he needs to appoint two Board Members to the 2017 RCA Executive Committee at the next RCA Board of Directors meeting.

A discussion was held concerning the lack of substantive agenda items for the January 9, 2017 Board of Directors meeting. The Executive Committee decided to cancel the January 9, 2017 meeting due to lack of substantive agenda items and move Agenda Item No. 7 on this agenda to the February 6, 2017 meeting. A second motion was taken on the item. Board Member Ingram made the motion, Board Member Ashley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Further discussion was held regarding moving the January 18, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting, due to lack of a quorum, to January 25, 2017. Rose Haro, Administrative Manager, advised that she would check the availability of and follow up with the Executive Committee Members.

Board Member Edwards arrived during the discussion of this item.

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

There were no requests for future agenda items by the Executive Committee. Chairman Montanez announced before Closed Session began that Agenda Item No. 10.1 is taken off calendar.

10. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

10.1 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

10.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

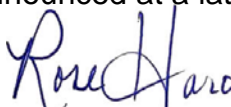
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items before the Executive Committee, Chairman Montanez adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Executive Committee scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 12:00 p.m., at the Riverside Centre, 3403 Tenth Street, Suite 320, Third Floor, RCA Conference Room, Riverside, California, 92501, is canceled. A special meeting of the Executive Committee will be announced at a later date.

Prepared by:



Rose Haro
Administrative Manager

Respectfully submitted:



Honey Bernas
Clerk of the Board