



Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority

Funding Coordination Committee

Minutes of Action Items

Meeting of February 24, 2005

**Riverside County Administrative Center
12th Floor Conference Room A
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92501**

1. CALL TO ORDER (*Chairman Kelly Seyarto*)

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Funding Coordination Committee was called to order by Chairman Kelly Seyarto at 10:10 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members/Alternates Present

Kelly Seyarto, Chairman
Charles White, Alternate
Chuck Washington
John Field, Alternate
Darcy Kuenzi, Alternate
Jim Bartel
Jeff Drongeson

Committee Members Absent

John Machisic
Eugene Montanez
Robin Lowe
Mark Yarbrough

Roll call of the RCA Funding Coordination Committee showed six member agencies present with the Cities of Banning, Corona, Hemet and Perris absent.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Committee members, staff, and attendees introduced themselves.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. OVERVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE FCC

Mr. DeBaun, Legal Counsel, provided a brief overview of the role of the FCC. He explained that the MSHCP requires the RCA to create the Committee and that the role of the Committee is to provide advice to the RCA Board, when requested, on the priorities for the acquisition of land. He also advised that the role of the Committee is advisory only, and its actions are subject to the review of the RCA Board.

6. RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Mr. Rempel, General Manager, gave an overview of the land acquisitions the RCA has completed to date.

7. RCA ACQUISITION PROCESS

Mr. Rempel, General Manager, provided an overview of the acquisition process established by the RCA Board. Ms. Parks, Supervising Real Property Agent, explained the role of the Real Property Division in the land acquisition process. Chairman Seyarto emphasized to committee members that the RCA's land acquisition process does not utilize eminent domain.

8. ROUGH STEP REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Rempel, General Manager, gave a presentation explaining the rough step requirements of the Plan, which included the rough step formula, rough step areas and rough priorities by area.

9. SPECIES GOALS

Mr. Rempel, General Manager, provided an overview of the species goals laid out in the MSHCP.

10. ACQUISITION BUDGET – PLAN AND RCA FOR 2004/05

Mr. Rempel, General Manager, gave an overview of the acquisition and RCA budgets for 2004/05. He advised the Committee that the Plan identified approximately \$50 million for implementation during the first year. He stated that approximately \$23 million was identified for land acquisition using primarily development fees. In addition to development fees, we anticipate Measure A funds may be utilized this year and will definitely be utilized next year. Ms. Bechtel, Riverside County Transportation Commission, advised that the Commission and Caltrans have been working together to provide some Caltrans mitigation funded by the Riverside County Transportation Commission.

11. ACQUISITION FUNDING CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Mr. Rempel, General Manager, provided the Committee with an overview of the acquisition funding currently available to the RCA. Charles White recommended and the committee unanimously agreed that a small pot of money be should be established and set aside for land that needs to be acquired quickly.

12. ACQUISITION PRIORITIES

State Parks, the County, Cities, and Wildlife Agencies discussed their respective land acquisition priorities.

13. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The committee opted to schedule monthly FCC meetings for the remainder of 2005 and to cancel meetings when there is not a need for the committee to meet. The committee directed RCA staff to determine if all FCC members are available the fourth Thursday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Funding Coordination Committee was adjourned by Chairman Kelly Seyarto at 11:40 a.m.