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FUNDING COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the RCA Funding Coordination Committee was called to order by Chairman Ingram at 10:14 a.m., Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at the RCA Conference Room, 3403 Tenth Street, Suite 320, Riverside, California, 92501.

2. ROLL CALL– was taken by April Boydd.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Jonathan Ingram, Chairman – City of Murrieta	Natasha Johnson, Vice Chair – City of Lake Elsinore
Lesa Sobek – City of Menifee	
Crystal Ruiz – City of San Jacinto	
**Kevin Jeffries – County of Riverside, District 1	
Jeff Hewitt – County of Riverside, District 5	
*Karin Cleary-Rose – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Joanna Gibson – California Department of Fish and Wildlife	

***Arrived after start of meeting ** Departed before meeting adjourned**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Committee Member announcements.

5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

There were no additions or revisions.

6. OVERVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE FCC

Charles Landry, Executive Director, 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.

Representative from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service arrived during this item.

7. RECENT ACQUISITIONS AND UPDATE ON ACQUISITION TOTALS AND TRENDS

John Field, Director of Land Acquisitions, gave an overview of the land acquisitions that the RCA has completed and the acquisitions that are pending.

8. RCA ACQUISITION PROCESS

John Field, Director of Land Acquisitions, provided an overview of the acquisition process established by the RCA Board. He also explained the role of the County's Real Property Division in the land acquisition process.

9. ROUGH STEP REQUIREMENTS

Tricia Campbell, Director of Reserve Management and Monitoring, 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.

10. ACQUISITION BUDGET – PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

Honey Bernas, Deputy Executive Director, gave an overview of the Land Acquisition budget for 2020. She advised the Committee that the approved budget included approximately 1,220 acres and approximately \$21.7 million budgeted. She stated that as of November 19, 2019, RCA acquired approximately 191.51 acres totaling approximately \$3.6 million. RCA estimates by year-end RCA will acquire approximately 1,342 acres totaling approximately \$23.1 million. She advised that RCA will be going to the Board of Directors in December to request a budget adjustment of \$2.5 million to acquire property.

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11. ACQUISITION FUNDING CURRENTLY AVAILABLE (FED/STATE/LOCAL)

John Field, Director of Land Acquisitions, provided the Committee with an overview of the acquisition funding currently available to the RCA. He stated that mitigation fees are the main funding source for RCA. Followed by Section 6 grant funding, other grants, state match funding, and Prop 68 funding. RCA requested \$20 million in Section 6 funding from Fiscal Year 2018/2019, but only received \$10 million. Assembly Member Sabrina Cervantes was able to secure grant funding totaling \$15 million for purchase of lands in the Jurupa Mountains. RCA received 1/3 state match funding of \$3.3 million related to the Section 6 funding. RCA is projecting approximately \$14.6 million in fee collections for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Representative from County District 1 departed the meeting during this Item.

12. STAFF FUNDING PRIORITIES

Charles Landry, Executive Director, stated that RCA will continue to focus on purchasing Habitat Conservation lands and linkages.

13. DISCUSSION

RCA Funding Coordination Committee, with input from staff discussed the MSHCP.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more items before the Funding Coordination Committee, Chair Ingram adjourned the meeting at 11:55 p.m.

Prepared by:



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Respectfully submitted:



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