

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 9, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Chair Natasha Johnson at 12:31 p.m., in the Board Room at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, First Floor, Riverside, California, 92501.

2. ROLL CALL

Board of Directors/Alternates Present

Kevin Jeffries
Karen Spiegel
Chuck Washington
Yxstian Gutierrez
Colleen Wallace
Mike Lara
Jennifer Dain
Tony Daddario
Todd Rigby

Joe Males
Natasha Johnson
Ricky Estrada
David Marquez
Kevin Bash
David Starr Rabb
Patricia Lock Dawson*
James Stewart
Joseph Morabito

Board of Directors Absent

V. Manuel Perez
Jeff Cervantez
Leslie Altamirano
Crystal Ruiz

*Arrived after the meeting was called to order.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Washington.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak from the public.

5. ADDITIONS / REVISIONS

There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

6. CLOSED SESSION

At this time, Steve DeBaun, legal counsel, announced the Board will be going in to Closed Session to discuss the items on the agenda.

Lisa Mobley, Administrative Services Director/Clerk of the Board, noted that written correspondence was received on Agenda Item 6B.

6A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
 (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
 Case No RIC1901547

At this time, Board Member Lock Dawson Arrived.

6B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
 Agency Negotiator: Executive Director or Designee

Item	Property Description	Property Owner	Buyer(s)
1	393-020-003, 393-060-005, 393-060-006, 393-060-007, 393-060-008, 393-070-002, 393-080-002, 393-080-003, 393-080-011, 393-080-008 & 393-070-004	EHOFF II Lakeside, LLC	RCA
2	290-060-007, 290-060-017, 290-060-019, 290-080-012, 290-080-014, 290-080-015, 290-080-016, & 290-080-017	Asgard LP., a California limited partnership and Indusi, LP., a California limited partnership,	RCA

6C. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

There were no announcements from Closed Session.

At this time, Board Member Males left the meeting.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR - All matters on the Consent Calendar will be approved in a single motion unless a Board Member(s) requests separate action on specific item(s).

M/S/C (Jeffries/Spiegel) to approve the following Consent Calendar items.

7A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 5, 2022

7B. AB 361 DETERMINATION

- 1) Reaffirm the findings in Resolution No. 2022-003, "A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Authorizing Virtual Board and Committee Meetings Pursuant to AB 361". The findings are as follows:
 - a. The Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020, related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which continues to exist today; and
 - b. State or local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing.

7C. WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN FEE COLLECTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2022

This item is for the Board of Directors to receive and file the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) Fee Collection Report for October 2022.

7D. JOINT PROJECT REVIEW STATUS REPORT

This item is for the Board of Directors to receive and file the Joint Project Review (JPR) monthly status report as of November 30, 2022.

7E. ACQUISITIONS STATUS REPORT

This item is for the Board of Directors to receive and file the acquisition status report as of October 31, 2022.

7F. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-001 RELATED TO REVISED INVESTMENT POLICY

- 1) Approve the revised investment policy for the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority; and
- 2) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-001, *“Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Adopting a Statement of Investment Policy”*.

8. 2023 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Tyler Madary, Legislative Affairs Manager, provided a report on the Proposed 2023 State and Federal Legislative Platform. The RCA annually adopts the legislative platform that serves as a framework for the policy positions that the Board of Directors take through various pieces of legislation, administrative policies, and regulations.

The platform addresses broad themes that are critical both in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. The platform points will allow the Board of Directors, RCA’s lobbyists, and staff to communicate in a timely, effective manner with state and federal agency officials as well as elected officials as issues arise. The Proposed 2023 Platform builds on previously adopted platforms and includes recommended adjustments from the 2022 Board adopted platform based on lessons learned from the last year.

Most of the proposed revisions are technical and clarifying in nature, however, staff proposes broadening the language to demonstrate RCA’s support beyond critical funding for land acquisition to also include support for policies and programs that protect, expand, or streamline RCA’s ability to acquire and manage reserve lands, monitor habitat loss, and review applications for infrastructure or development projects. This update will maximize the ability of RCA to

engage in any opportunities to pursue funding, resources, or favorable policies to expeditiously fulfill the goals of the MSHCP.

M/S/C (Gutierrez/Bash) to:

- 1) Adopt RCA's 2023 State and Federal Legislative Platform; and**
- 2) Receive and file a state and federal legislative update.**

9. RATIFICATION OF CHAIR'S APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Johnson appointed Board Member Spiegel, Board Member Jefferies, and Board Member Lock Dawson to the Executive Committee.

M/S/C (Wallace/Washington) to ratify the appointments to the Executive Committee.

10. SELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Board Member Marquez, seconded by Board Member Spiegel, selected Board Member Stewart to serve on the Executive Committee.

Board Member Washington, seconded by Board Member Spiegel, selected Board Member Ruiz to serve on the Executive Committee.

The selections for the Executive Committee were approved by unanimous vote.

At this time, Board Member Jefferies left the meeting.

11. PRESENTATION – GETTING TO KNOW THE MSHCP

Tricia Campbell, Regional Conservation Deputy Director, provided a presentation on Major Amendments. To date, there has not been a major amendment to the MSHCP. A major amendment is the formal process to change the MSHCP in a manner where the effect on MSHCP covered species, level of take, or a permittees ability to implement the plan is significantly altered. Examples include changing the plan boundary, adding additional species, adjusting reserve assembly or funding strategies or schedules.

Any signatory to MSHCP's implementation agreement can propose a major amendment. A major amendment would open the MSHCP like when it was created. All the same processes would be done, amending the implementing agreement, federal and state permits, as well as any environmental documentation. Any major amendment would be reviewed and approved by the RCA and any other permittees that would be affected by the amendment. The ultimate approval of any major amendment would come from the Wildlife Agencies.

Board Member Lock Dawson wanted to know if a major amendment would necessarily trigger an entire review of the whole permit. Ms. Campbell confirmed that would be the case.

12. BOARD OF DIRECTORS / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Anne Mayer, Executive Director, invited all Board Members, particularly the new members, to call on staff at any time for a briefing on RCA and the MSHCP. Staff is available and able to help answer any questions.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration by the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to be held on **Monday, February 6, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lisa Mobley
Administrative Services Manager/
Clerk of the Board