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Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Seeks New Members for Stakeholders Committee

The Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority, also known as the RCA, is seeking volunteer members for its Stakeholders Committee. Applications are due October 18.

RCA Chair Natasha Johnson will appoint members to the committee with ratification by the RCA Board of Directors. The Committee will meet as requested by the Chair or Board -- at least twice per year. Johnson, who also serves as Lake Elsinore City Mayor, encouraged qualified potential members to apply.

"Building community requires the voices of its people. This holds true, especially as the RCA works to preserve our beautiful open space and natural resources in western Riverside County in order to shape our growing region," she said. "As the Chair of RCA, I invite members of the public who believe in this work to apply to serve on the RCA's Stakeholders Committee. The preservation of our lands, the protection of our threatened species, and the future development and prosperity of the region is in our hands. Will you join us?"

The Stakeholders Committee, which will be appointed annually, will include up to 16 members, with membership from the following:

- Groups representing property owners affected by the MSHCP
- Groups representing environmental interests implicated by the MSHCP
- Groups representing the building industry within the area affected by the MSHCP

Committee members will give input to the RCA Board of Directors on agenda topics as directed by the Board, which aims to preserve 500,000 acres of habitat in western Riverside County to protect 146 animal and plant species. This habitat conservation helps communities and species thrive, accelerates construction of needed infrastructure like transportation projects and housing, and bolsters the local economy.

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To apply, go to <u>wrc-rca.org/stakeholders-application</u>. Prospective members can submit the completed form online or can print a copy and submit by email to <u>igarcia@rctc.org</u> or by U.S. mail to:

Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Attn: Italia Garcia 4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor Riverside, CA 92501

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