



The Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority was established in 2004 as a joint powers authority to administer the 2003 Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. Currently, the Authority consists of eighteen (18) cities and the county.

MEETING

Monday October 2, 2017
12:30 p.m.
Riverside County Administrative Center
Board Room, First Floor, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501

OFFICERS

Marion Ashley, Chairman
County of Riverside, District 5

Jonathan Ingram, Vice-Chairman
City of Murrieta

BOARD MEMBERS

Daniela Andrade
City of Banning

Kevin Bash
City of Norco

Julio Martinez
City of Beaumont

David Starr Rabb
City of Perris

Jeffrey Hewitt
City of Calimesa

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Larry Greene
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Maryann Edwards
City of Temecula

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City of Eastvale

Timothy Walker
City of Wildomar

Michael Perciful
City of Hemet

Kevin Jeffries
County of Riverside, District 1

Verne Lauritzen
City of Jurupa Valley

John Tavaglione
County of Riverside, District 2

Natasha Johnson
City of Lake Elsinore

Chuck Washington
County of Riverside, District 3

Matt Liesemeyer
City of Menifee

V. Manuel Perez
County of Riverside, District 4

Jeffrey Giba
City of Moreno Valley

Charles Landry, Executive Director



MEETING AGENDA*

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**Monday, October 2, 2017
12:30 p.m.
Riverside County Administrative Center
First Floor Annex – Board Hearing Room
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92501**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public can address the RCA Board of Directors regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Each individual speaker is limited to speak three (3) continuous minutes or less. Any person wishing to address the Board on any matter, whether or not it appears on this agenda, is requested to complete a "Request to Speak" form from the Clerk of the Board. The completed form is to be submitted to the Clerk of the Board prior to an individual being heard. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board in writing and only pertinent points presented orally. Any written documents to be distributed or presented to the RCA Board of Directors shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board.

- 5. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(This item provides the opportunity for the Board Members to report on attended meetings/conferences and any other items related to RCA activities.)*

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6. **ADDITIONS/REVISIONS** *(The Board may add an item to the Agenda after making a finding that there is a need to take immediate action on the item and that the item came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda. An action adding an item to the agenda requires 2/3 vote of the Board. If there are less than 2/3 of the Board Members present, adding an item requires a unanimous vote. Added items will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.)*

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES — September 11, 2017**

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR** *(All matters listed under the Consent Calendar will be approved in a single motion unless a Board Member requests separate action on specific Consent Calendar item. The item will be pulled from the Consent Calendar and placed for discussion.)*

8.1 **WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP FEE COLLECTION REPORT FOR August 2017**

Overview — **Staff Report**

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to receive and file the Western Riverside County MSHCP Fee Collection Report for August.

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-006, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN**

Overview — **Staff Report**

This item is for RCA Board of Directors to adopt Resolution No. 2017-006, *Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Declaring Support for the Establishment of a National Wildlife Refuge within the Boundaries of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.*

10. **LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE**

11. **FEATURED SPECIES OF THE MONTH**

12. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Board Members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for future discussion.

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13. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

13.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Negotiating Parties: RCA – Executive Director of Designee

Under Negotiation: Price/Terms

Item	Assessor Parcel No.	Property Owner(s)/Agent
1	432-150-001	MRD Development, LLC, Adam Bennecke, Jason Bennecke
2	Portion of 465-100-011	George Godas, Phil Percival

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for the Monday, November 6, 2017, at 12:30 p.m., at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, Board Room, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California.

Acronyms

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

MINUTES

September 11, 2017



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MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairman Ashley at 12:31 p.m. on September 11, 2017, in the Board Room of the Riverside County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, 92501.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Ingram led the RCA Board Members and meeting attendees in a flag salute.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Ashley announced that after the meeting, the RCA Board of Directors would adjourn in memory and honor of the victims of September 11, the victims and first responders of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, and the victims of Mexico and Guatemala's horrific tropical storm that had killed to date over 80 people.

3. ROLL CALL

Member Agency	Board Member Name	Status	Arrived
City of Banning	Daniela Andrade	Present	11:31 AM
City of Beaumont	Julio Martinez	Present	11:29 AM
City of Calimesa	Jeffrey Hewitt	Present	11:31 AM
City of Canyon Lake	Larry Greene	Absent	
City of Corona	Eugene Montanez	Present	11:30 AM
City of Eastvale	Joseph Tessari, Alternate	Present	11:23 AM
City of Hemet	Michael Perciful	Present	11:33 AM
City of Jurupa Valley	Verne Lauritzen	Present	11:21 AM
City of Lake Elsinore	Natasha Johnson	Present	11:25 AM
City of Menifee	Matt Liesemeyer	Present	11:29 AM
City of Moreno Valley	Jeffrey Giba	Present	11:29 AM
City of Murrieta	Jonathan Ingram	Present	11:28 AM
City of Norco	Kevin Bash	Present	11:33 AM
City of Perris	David Starr Rabb	Present	11:24 AM
City of Riverside	Andy Melendrez	Absent	
City of San Jacinto	Crystal Ruiz	Present	11:33 AM
City of Temecula	Maryann Edwards	Present	11:31 AM
City of Wildomar	Timothy Walker	Present	11:25 AM
District 1	Kevin Jeffries	Present	11:21 AM
District 2	John Tavaglione	Present	11:32 AM
District 3	Chuck Washington	Present	11:19 AM
District 4	V. Manuel Perez	Absent	
District 5	Marion Ashley	Present	12:23 PM

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

5. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (This item provides the opportunity for the Board Members to report on attended meetings/conferences and any other items related to RCA activities.)

Chairman Ashley called for Board Member announcements. There were no Board Member announcements.

6. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS (The Board may add an item to the Agenda after making a finding that there is a need to take immediate action on the item and that the item came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda. An action adding an item to the agenda requires 2/3 vote of the Board. If there are less than 2/3 of the Board Members present, adding an item requires a unanimous vote. Added items will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.)

Rose Haro, RCA Administrative Manager, announced that there were no additions or revisions. She advised that the e-voting system had shut down, and she would be taking the votes manually.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — June 5, 2017 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	City of Murrieta
SECONDER:	City of Temecula
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 1, District 2, District 3, District 5
ABSENT:	Canyon Lake, Riverside, District 4

8. PRESENTATION BY TREASURER- TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY

Jon Christensen, newly appointed Treasurer-Tax Collector, introduced himself and Treasurer's investment staff to the Board of Directors and those present. He gave a brief presentation of the Treasurer's Statement of Investment Policy and the recent changes made. He made copies available for Board Members and the public of the Treasurer's Pooled Investment Report for July 2017 and Fitch Rating information for the County of Riverside. After the presentation, he asked if there were any questions from the Board of Directors. There were no questions. Board Member Tavaglione made brief comments on the appointment of Jon Christensen. He also encouraged Board Members to visit the Treasurer's office to tour "mini Wall Street" and see how

they monitor the investments. Chairman Ashley thanked Jon and staff for their attendance and presentation.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR (All matters listed under the Consent Calendar will be approved in a single motion unless a Board Member requests separate action on specific Consent Calendar item. The item will be pulled from the Consent Calendar and placed for discussion.)

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	City of Murrieta
SECONDER:	City of Lake Elsinore
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 1, District 2, District 3, District 5
ABSENT:	Canyon Lake, Riverside, District 4

9.1 WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP FEE COLLECTION REPORTS FOR MAY, JUNE and JULY 2017

Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to receive and file the Western Riverside County MSHCP Fee Collection Reports for May, June and July 2017.

9.2 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-007, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY

Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to adopt Resolution No. 2017-008, Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority adopting a statement of Investment Policy.

9.3 FISCAL YEAR 2017 PRELIMINARY FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT (UNAUDITED)

Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2017 Preliminary Fourth Quarter Financial Report.

9.4 FISCAL YEAR 2017 FOURTH QUARTER CONSULTANT REPORTS

Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2017 Fourth Quarter Consultant Reports.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

10.1 Report on August 28, 2017 RCA/RCTC Special Meeting/Workshop

Charles Landry, Executive Director, reported that the workshop was well attended. Positive comments were received. Vice Chairman Ingram and Chairman Ashley both agreed that the information presented and testimony received from the public was positive.

11. LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

Charles Landry, Executive Director, stated that at the last RCA Board of Directors' meeting, it was reported that RCA had acquired 56,143 acres. Escrow has closed on nine additional properties totaling approximately 801 acres, bringing the reserve total to approximately 56,944 acres.

12. FEATURED SPECIES OF THE MONTH

Elizabeth "Betsy" Dionne, Ecological Resources Specialist, stated that the featured species for the month of September is the Golden Eagle. She gave an overview of the eagle and reported on the monitoring and management activities and goals for this species. The eagles nest on cliffs and have been located in the southern Santa Ana Mountains and the Potrero area overlooking Soboba and north of Vail Lake. The challenge in monitoring is their area of nesting, in canyons and cliffs, which presents a challenge for biologists. This summer they tracked a female eagle using Radio Telemetry. The eagle had flown to the southern end of the Sequoia National Park where she spent the summer. In the span of one day, the eagle flew to central Nevada and perched on a hilltop. Then the next day, she flew non-stop to Lake Perris.

After her presentation, she invited questions from the Board Members. Board Members thanked Betsy for a well-informed presentation.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Chairman Ashley asked if any Board Member had items for the next meeting. There were no requested items. Chairman Ashley requested that the board room be cleared for closed session, and that the recording be turned off.

14. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

14.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Negotiating Parties: RCA – Executive Director of Designee

Under Negotiation: Price/Terms

Item	Assessor Parcel No.	Property Owner(s)/Agent
1	571-280-038	Willa Holdings, LLC Brian Bechtel
2	366-320-012	William Katz
3	470-400-013	Mark Allred, Linda Allred

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items before the RCA Board, Chairman Ashley adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m. The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017, at 12:30 p.m. at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, Board Room, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California.

Prepared by:



Rose Haro
RCA Administrative Manager

Respectfully submitted:



Honey Bernas
Director of Administrative Services

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.1

**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY
MSHCP FEE COLLECTION
REPORT FOR AUGUST 2017**

Regional Conservation Authority

**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY
MSHCP FEE COLLECTION REPORT FOR
AUGUST 2017**

Staff Contact:

**Honey Bernas
Director of Administrative Services
(951) 955-9700**

Background:

The RCA Executive Committee directed staff to report on Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) Local Development Mitigation Fee (LDMF) Collection and Civic/Infrastructure Contribution on a monthly basis.

Attached is the report for August 2017. The report was prepared on a cash basis and, therefore, reflects the cash received by RCA during that month.

Executive Committee and Staff Recommendation:

That the RCA Board of Directors receive and file the Western Riverside County MSHCP Fee Collection Report for August 2017.

Attachment

- 1) Western Riverside County MSHCP LDMF Collection and Civic/Infrastructure Contribution Report for August 2017

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.1
Attachment 1

**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY
MSHCP LDMF COLLECTION AND
CIVIC/INFRASTRUCTURE
CONTRIBUTION REPORT FOR
AUGUST 2017**

**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP LDMF COLLECTION AND
CIVIC/INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION REPORT FOR AUGUST 2017
CASH BASIS**

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT MITIGATION FEE COLLECTIONS						
		REMITTED			EXEMPTIONS & FEE CREDITS	
		Residential Permits	Commercial/Industrial Acres	Amount Remitted	Residential Permits	Amount
City/County	Month					
City of Banning	July - No Activity					
City of Beaumont	July - No Activity					
City of Calimesa	July - No Activity					
City of Canyon Lake	July - No Activity					
City of Corona	July received in September					
City of Eastvale	July - No Activity					
City of Hemet	July	3		\$5,935		
City of Jurupa Valley	July	26		\$52,806		
City of Lake Elsinore	July	13		\$26,403		
	Summerly Project ¹				28	\$56,868
City of Menifee	June	90	17.4	\$297,184		
	July	15	11.6	\$110,355		
City of Moreno Valley	July	31		\$63,546		
City of Murrieta	July received in September					
City of Norco	June		1.02	\$6,916		
	July - No Activity					
City of Perris	June	104	68.99	\$674,920		
	July - No Activity					
City of Riverside	June	9	5.7	\$56,617		
City of San Jacinto	July	23		\$46,713		
City of Temecula	July	5	6.52	\$51,579		
City of Wildomar	July - No Activity					
County of Riverside	August	73	2.57	\$166,032		
Total LDMF Collections		392	113.80	\$ 1,559,007	28	\$56,868

CIVIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS		
Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District	Norco MDP Line N-1F Storm Drain	\$15,020
	Monroe Channel, Stage 4	\$74,672
Total Civic/Infrastructure Contributions		\$89,692

TOTAL AUGUST 2017 \$ 1,648,699

1) Summerly Project - Development agreement dated 8/24/04. Expiration date 9/23/14. Under review.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-006
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY
REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL WILDLIFE
REFUGE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY
MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT
CONSERVATION PLAN**

Regional Conservation Authority

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-006,
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT
CONSERVATION PLAN**

Staff Contact:

**Charles V. Landry, Executive Director
Executive Director
(951) 955-9700**

Background:

The MSHCP funding plan for acquisitions obligates the federal and state governments to provide funding to acquire one-third and local government to acquire two-thirds of the total acres required to assemble the MSHCP reserve. Currently, the only federal funding available to the MSHCP is through the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund Section 6 grant program. The level of funding for Section 6 has been less than \$20 million per year nationwide for the past few years. This small amount of funding also has a cap of \$2 million per year, per grantee. RCA has been awarded \$2 million in federal grant funds annually for the past five years. In addition, RCA staff has been exploring other federal programs which may provide additional grant funding. The one program which staff and RCA loan program and government affairs consultants have identified that provides acquisition funding is the National Wildlife Refuge System. The National Wildlife Refuge System administers a national network of lands and waters for conservation, management, and when appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States. Many of the other Habitat Conservation Plans in California and throughout the U.S. have National Wildlife Refuges within their plan boundaries.

Establishing a federal Wildlife Refuge could provide significant additional federal funding. The Refuge would be established within the MSHCP boundaries and incorporate existing Additional Reserve Lands (ARL). The MSHCP would be used to add land already described for conservation. The Refuge would not increase the size or the footprint of the MSHCP or the MSHCP reserve. The Refuge would be located within the eastern portion of the Plan Area. There would still be access for hiking and other trails consistent with the MSHCP. There is an added benefit of establishing the Refuge in that the USFWS would manage the property within the Refuge boundaries, moving that obligation from the RCA to the federal government, which would result in significant long-term savings.

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Acquisition of MSHCP Additional Reserve Land which will be incorporated into the Refuge will continue to be performed by the RCA. The process to establish a Refuge by the USFWS will include a study to determine which area or areas would best fulfill the Refuge criteria. The study and final approval and funding of the Refuge will take a few years and will include public outreach and comment.

On June 5, 2017, the RCA Board of Directors considered this matter and expressed concerns with regard to the possible imposition of land use restrictions that could affect firefighting, fire roads, use of air tankers and access to trails, and protecting private property rights within and adjacent to the boundaries of the proposed Refuge.

The public also raised concerns with regard to private property rights and requested that RCA include language which assures that private property will not be included within the boundaries of the National Wildlife Refuge without the permission of the property owner.

Staff was directed to address the Board's concerns and bring the matter back for reconsideration. Staff has revised the resolution to address the concerns raised by the Board and the public. Attached for the Board's consideration is a revised resolution supporting the establishment of a Wildlife Refuge within the existing boundaries of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. Staff will regularly report to the Board on the ongoing negotiations with the USFWS and the status of the Refuge planning process. Final terms and conditions will be brought before the Board for consideration and approval prior to execution of any agreement.

Executive Committee and Staff Recommendation:

That the RCA Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2017-006, *Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Declaring Support for the Establishment of a National Wildlife Refuge within the Boundaries of the Western Riverside County MSHCP.*

Attachment:

Resolution No. 2017-006, *Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Declaring Support for the Establishment of a National Wildlife Refuge within the Boundaries of the Western Riverside County MSHCP*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-006

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-006

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MSHCP

WHEREAS, the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (“RCA”) is a public agency of the State of California formed by a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (“JPA”); and

WHEREAS, the RCA is composed of the County of Riverside and the 18 cities in western Riverside County (“Member Agencies”); and

WHEREAS, the Member Agencies are all Permittees under the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (“MSHCP”) and parties to the MSHCP Implementing Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MSHCP is to establish habitat reserves for the conservation and protection of species while expediting the construction of infrastructure and other projects; and

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (“USFWS”) is an agency of the United States Department of the Interior and has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, restoration, enhancement and management of fish, wildlife, native plants and habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species to the extent set forth in the Federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq.) (“FESA”) and other relevant federal laws; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the USFWS is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people; and

WHEREAS, the National Wildlife Refuge System is a program operated and implemented under the auspices of the USFWS; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the USFWS is considering establishing a National Wildlife Refuge (the “Proposed Refuge”) that would be located entirely within the

existing boundaries of the MSHCP Conservation Area in order to secure additional federal funding for the MSHCP; and

WHEREAS, designating a portion of the MSHCP Conservation Area as the Proposed Refuge would allow for an additional source of federal funding from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

WHEREAS, no additional conservation land beyond what is currently required by the MSHCP would be required for the Proposed Refuge; and

WHEREAS, private property will not be included within the boundaries of the National Wildlife Refuge without the permission of the property owner. Private properties where the owners desire to be included after the initial National Wildlife Refuge boundaries have been defined, as well as new public or RCA acquisitions which appropriately should be included in the National Wildlife Refuge, can be part of regular amendments to the boundaries by Congress or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service through administrative action; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Refuge would continue to provide public access on trails and roads consistent with the MSHCP; and

WHEREAS, the RCA has the power to adopt such policies as the Board may deem necessary for the conduct of the RCA's affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors ("Board") declares that the mission and purpose of the MSHCP is consistent with the mission and goals of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and also hereby resolves to support the establishment of a National Wildlife Refuge within the existing boundaries of the MSHCP. The Board directs staff to work with USFWS to negotiate the terms and conditions of a Proposed Refuge to be approved by the RCA Board of Directors and ensure that: (1) the Refuge would have no adverse impacts on existing trails, roads and fire roads located within the Refuge boundaries; (2) private property rights within and adjacent to the boundaries of the Proposed Refuge would be fully protected; (3) any issues associated with fire and/or police protection services are fully addressed to ensure that no additional burdens or risks are placed on the RCA Member Agencies; and (4) USFWS will utilize RCA to acquire the property to assemble the Refuge. The Board directs staff to regularly report on the ongoing negotiations with USFWS and the status of the Refuge planning process. Final terms and conditions will be brought before the Board for approval prior to execution of any agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority held this 2nd day of October, 2017.

By: _____
Marion Ashley, Chairman
Western Riverside County
Regional Conservation Authority

ATTEST:

By: _____
Honey Bernas, Clerk of the Board
Western Riverside County
Regional Conservation Authority

2017 RCA - Commonly Used Acronyms

ARL	Additional Reserve Lands
BUOW	Burrowing Owl
CALFIRE	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
CALTRANS	California Department of Transportation
CD	Consistency Determination
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife (<i>formerly CDFG</i>)
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CETAP	Community and Environmental Transportation Acceptability Process
CHD	Critical Habitat Designation
CIP	Capital Improvement Program
CNLM	Center for Natural Lands Management
EMWD	Eastern Municipal Water District
EPD	Environmental Programs Department (<i>Riverside County</i>)
ERP	Expedited Review Process
FY	Fiscal Year
HANS	Habitat Evaluation and Acquisition Negotiation Strategy
HMU	Habitat Management Unit
IC	Interchange
JPR	Joint Project Review
LDMF	Local Development Mitigation Fee
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSHCP	Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
OHV	Off-Highway Vehicle
PCL	Proposed Constrained Linkage
PQP	Public/Quasi-Public
PSE	Participating Special Entities
RCA	Regional Conservation Authority
RCD	Resource Conservation Districts
RCRCD	Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District
RCOE	Riverside County Office of Education
RCTC	Riverside County Transportation Commission
RCTD	Riverside County Transportation Department
RMOC	Reserve Management Oversight Committee
ROVE	Recreation Off-Highway Vehicle Enforcement
SAWA	Santa Ana Watershed Association
SB	San Bernardino
SR	State Route
SWG	State Wildlife Grant
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TIFIA	Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act
TUMF	Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
UTM Nad 83 Zone 11	Meter Coordinate System for Maps
WIFIA	Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act
WIIN	Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation
WA	Wildlife Agencies (<i>USFWS & CDFW</i>)
WCB	Wildlife Conservation Board
WPT	Western Pond Turtle
WRDA	Water Resources Development Act