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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*The Executive Committee, consisting of the RCA Board Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, past Chairperson, and four members of the RCA Board of Directors, who oversee Authority administrative functions, staff functions, recommend staff positions, job descriptions and salaries, and consider such other matters as delegated to it by the Board.*

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**August 15, 2018, at 12:00 p.m.**  
**Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority**  
**Riverside Centre, RCA Conference Room**  
**3403 Tenth Street, Suite 320**  
**Riverside, California 92501**

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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Jonathan Ingram, Chairperson**  
*City of Murrieta*

**Maryann Edwards, Vice Chairperson**  
*City of Temecula*

**Jeffrey Hewitt**  
*City of Calimesa*

**Natasha Johnson**  
*City of Lake Elsinore*

**Crystal Ruiz**  
*City of San Jacinto*

**John Tavaglione**  
*County of Riverside, District 2*

**Marion Ashley**  
*County of Riverside, District 5*

**Charles Landry, Executive Director**



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA\*

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**Wednesday, August 15, 2018  
12:00 P.M.  
Riverside Centre, RCA Conference Room  
3403 Tenth Street, Suite 320  
Riverside, CA 92501**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT** *At this time, members of the public can address the Executive Committee regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the RCA that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have the 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 Executive Committee on any matter, whether or not it appears on this agenda, is requested to complete a Request to Speak Form available 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 Executive Committee in writing and only pertinent points presented orally. Any written documents to be distributed or presented to the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board.*
- 4. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS** *(The Committee 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 Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. An action adding an item to the agenda requires 2/3 vote of the Committee. If there are less than 2/3 of the Committee Members present, adding an item requires a unanimous vote. Added items will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.)*

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 20, 2018

7. WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP FEE COLLECTION REPORTS FOR JUNE and JULY 2018

Overview – STAFF REPORT

This item is for the RCA Executive Committee to:

- 1) Recommend that the RCA Board of Directors receive and file the Western Riverside County MSHCP Fee Collection Reports for June and July; and
- 2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the September 10, 2018 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

8. FISCAL YEAR 2018 PRELIMINARY FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT (UNAUDITED)

Overview – STAFF REPORT

This item is for the RCA Executive Committee to:

- 1) Recommend that the RCA Board of Directors to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2018 Preliminary Fourth Quarter Financial Report; and
- 2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the September 10, 2018 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

9. FISCAL YEAR 2018 FOURTH QUARTER CONSULTANT REPORTS

Overview – STAFF REPORT

This item is for the RCA Executive Committee to:

- 1) Recommend that the RCA Board of Directors to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2018 Fourth Quarter Consultant Reports; and
- 2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the September 10, 2018 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: (Committee members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for future discussion.)

**11. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

**11.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

**Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

**Negotiating Parties:** RCA – Executive Director or Designee

**Under Negotiation:** Price/Terms

<b>Item</b>	<b>Assessor No.</b>	<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Property Owner(s)/Agent</b>
1	384-270-010		Anheuser Busch

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 12:00 p.m., at the Riverside Centre, 3403 Tenth Street, Suite 320, Third Floor, RCA Conference Room, Riverside, California, 92501.

**ACRONYMS**

# **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

## **MINUTES**

**June 20, 2018**



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ingram at 12:10 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, 2018, in the RCA Conference Room, 3403 Tenth Street, Suite 320, Riverside, California, 92501.

### 2. ROLL CALL – was taken by Rose Haro, Administrative Manager.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Jonathan Ingram, Chairman – City of Murrieta  Maryann Edwards – Vice Chairperson City of Temecula  Jeffrey Hewitt – City of Calimesa  Crystal Ruiz – City of San Jacinto  Marion Ashley, County of Riverside District 5	Natasha Johnson, City of Lake Elsinore  John Tavaglione, County of Riverside District 2

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

### 4. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairperson Edwards thanked Board Member Ashley for attending Mount San Jacinto's sneak preview.

**5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS**

There were no additions/revisions to the agenda.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 23, 2018**

***M/S/C (CITY OF CALIMESA/CITY OF TEMECULA) to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2018 Meeting of the Executive Committee as submitted.***

***(5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent)***

**7. WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP FEE COLLECTION REPORT FOR MAY 2018**

Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, reported that for the month of May 2018, the total of fee collection receipts was \$1,766,586.

**M/S/C (CITY OF SAN JACINTO/CITY OF CALIMESA) to approve this item as recommended and authorize staff to agendize this matter for the July 2, 2018 meeting of RCA Board of Directors:**

- 1) Recommend that that RCA Board of Directors receive and file the Western Riverside County MSHCP Fee Collection Report for May 2018; and
- 2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the July 2, 2018, meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

***(5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent)***

**8. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-XXX, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY CONFIRMING THE CELL CRITERIA ANALYSIS PROCEDURE REQUIRED BY THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN (MSHCP)**

Michelle Ouellette, General Counsel, presented the Cell Criteria Analysis Procedure required by the MSHCP. She gave a brief overview of the reserve assembly requirements, stating that the MSHCP requires that a reserve of approximately 500,000 acres be assembled for conservation, which allows take for the construction of infrastructure, housing, and other development in western Riverside County. Approximately 350,000 acres were already in conservation or public ownership, leaving a 153,000-acre acquisition obligation to complete the reserve. The RCA's goal is to complete assembling the reserve so that RCA's obligations shift to management and monitoring of the reserve. Chairman Ingram asked for a breakdown on the acreage to be acquired by the state, federal and local governments. Charlie Landry, Executive Director, answered that the state and federal government are required to acquire 56,000 acres, and 97,000 acres are to be funded locally by RCA with MSHCP

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fees collected by its Member Agencies. Michelle Ouellette advised that most of the acreage that RCA is required to acquire comes from the Criteria Area. The Criteria Area consists of 310,000 acres, and RCA is required to acquire approximately half of said acres. The cells that overlay the Criteria Area describe how the conservation is to take place for that particular area. She gave examples of conservation requirements in each cell and the percentages needed to assemble the reserve for specific species. She further stated that when a project is proposed within a Criteria Cell, the Member Agency within which the Cell is located must look at the consistency with the cell criteria and make an MSHCP consistency determination. The consistency determination is typically called the HANS process. The consistency determination is then forwarded to RCA as part of the Joint Project Review (JPR) process for RCA to make its consistency determination. Part of the consistency analysis that RCA does is look at the Cell Criteria language. This has been the process since the inception of the MSHCP, and all of the Permittees have followed the same process until very recently. Recently, a couple of projects have taken a different approach and not looked at the Cell Criteria, but have looked at a broader Area Plan or Subunit analysis. The rationale in doing this has to do with language in the Plan, which RCA believes is being taken out of context. If MSHCP consistency is looked at, not based on the Cell Criteria, but based on the bigger Area Plans and Subunits, RCA will not be able to obtain the acreage that is needed to complete the Reserve Assembly and transition to the next step of management and monitoring. This policy is being brought before the Executive Committee so that the process is clear. Most of the Permittees are complying with the Cell Criteria consistency determination, but because there has been some recent confusion on a few projects, RCA believes the policy is necessary.

Chairman Ingram stated that this issue has been a quagmire, and the policies are convoluted and not very clear, which RCA takes responsibility for. Every now and then this will give cause for abusing the Criteria Refinement and other processes because of not wanting to deal with the process. Chairman Ingram stated that this creates a clear, concise policy that everyone can understand.

Laurie Correa, Director of Reserve Management and Monitoring, gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the MSHCP Plan Area and Criteria Area, from which RCA needs to acquire the reserve. All discretionary projects within the Criteria Area are subject to HANS and JPR and then must be submitted to the Wildlife Agencies for concurrence. She advised that the Plan Area is further broken down by Area Plans, and within each Area Plan, there are Subunits. Each Area Plan contains one to seven Subunits. She showed an example of Subunit 5, which is in the French Valley, lower Sedco Hills area. This large Subunit area contains over 12,000 acres; however, the midpoint range of the reserve assembly goal is approximately 5,800 acres. Therefore, within that 12,000-acre area, RCA needs to acquire 5,800 acres and assemble a number of reserve features. Subunit 5 contains Core 2 and four different linkages (Linkages 15, 16, 17, and 18). She reviewed the Subunit language which shows planning species, reserve size, and general goals. The Subunits mainly focus on planning species and general biological objectives. She provided a handout showing the sequential process for reviewing projects. Review starts at the broad landscape level proceeding to individual Cell Criteria. The process is meant to be a sequential process starting with



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Area Plans and Subunits and then proceeding to Cell or Cell Group. She referred to the language which is being used in a few projects to justify why it is acceptable to consider a project's consistency with the Plan in the context of the Subunit. The language is in Section 3.0 Conservation Planning Process/Description and Area Plan Criteria of the MSHCP Conservation Area, Page 3-123, paragraph one which states: *"While achieving the precise percentage conservation criterion for each Cell or Cell Group would ultimately result in assembly of 153,000 acres of Additional Reserve Lands as envisioned in the MSHCP, it should be noted that achievement of the variable target acreages will be measured on a Core and Linkage or Area Plan and Area Plan Subunit basis, not on an individual project or Cell/Cell Group basis."* She further stated that this text has been used in a few projects to justify why it is acceptable to consider a project's consistency in the context of a Subunit. From RCA's perspective, given all the other language in the MSHCP, and the fact that there is Cell and Cell Group Criteria, this is a misapplication of the sentence. This language is intended to apply when reaching the end of reserve assembly for review in a more holistic fashion to determine if the goals of that Subunit have been met.

Chairman Ingram and Vice Chairperson Edwards gave examples of the Cell Criteria analysis procedure used on different projects in the Southwest area of the MSHCP and the implications of shifting Cell Criteria onto another property.

Laurie Correa stated that as the reserve is assembled, the more difficult it becomes to make adjustments. Chairman Ingram stated that shifting the criteria puts an undue burden on property owners that have the right to access and develop their property.

Laurie Correa stated that the purpose of the policy is to reaffirm the Cell Criteria Analysis Procedure required by the MSHCP in order to complete Reserve Assembly.

Chairman Ingram asked what happens to an area that has more latitude with regard to the policy, and if this policy still allows Criteria Refinements to be done. Laurie Correa stated that she will discuss where in the Plan there is flexibility later in the presentation.

Laurie Correa continued her presentation showing examples of projects and the Consistency Analysis process required by the MSHCP which exemplified why the acreage range and location of property is required in order to assemble the reserve in a meaningful manner. Her examples included areas where there is flexibility and adjustments can be made while still meeting reserve assembly goals, and areas where there is no longer flexibility.

Michelle Ouellette stated that legal counsel and RCA staff do not believe there is a flaw in the Plan with regard to MSHCP Consistency Analysis, but rather than one sentence in the Plan is being misinterpreted. Chairman Ingram stated that the flaw is that there is not clear policy, which leaves room for misinterpretation. Laurie Correa stated that the advantage of taking the one sentence referenced above out of context is that if a project is clearly in conflict with the Cell Criteria and one does not want to use the other tool that the Plan allows, which is a Criteria Refinement, one can

determine the project consistent when it is clearly not. Using the Criteria Refinement process, if findings about biological equivalency can be made, applicants can potentially exchange lands that are described for conservation for other lands that are not described, but will also contribute to the reserve in a biologically equivalent manner or superior manner and reach MSHCP consistency.

**M/S/C (COUNTY DISTRICT 5/CITY OF TEMECULA) to approve this item as recommended and authorize staff to agendize this matter for the July 2, 2018 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.**

- 1) Recommend that the RCA Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2018-XXX, *Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Confirming the Cell Criteria Analysis Procedure Required by the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan; and*
- 2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the July 2, 2018, meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

***(5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent)***

**9. DISCUSSION CONCERNING DELHI SANDS FLOWER-LOVING FLY MSHCP RESERVE ASSEMBLY REQUIREMENTS IN AGUA MANSA**

Charles Landry, Executive Director, discussed with the Executive Committee the reserve assembly requirements for the Delhi sands flower-loving fly (fly) in the Agua Mansa area. The Agua Mansa area is described for conservation for the fly. In other areas within the Plan that also have fly are not described for conservation, only surveys are required. The Plan requires that RCA acquire 220 acres of fly habitat. Of those, 50 acres are supposed to be acquired in the Agua Mansa area. Most of the Agua Mansa has been developed. He advised that Viridian Partners has proposed a major development at the former Riverside Cement Company plant in the City of Jurupa Valley. Viridian plans to cap the plant. The site is contaminated, and Viridian has agreed to clean up the hexavalent chromium on the site at no cost to the City of Jurupa Valley or County of Riverside. He further stated that a biologist has surveyed the area for the fly for over nine months with no sightings. Because the property is described for conservation, 50 acres of replacement fly habitat are needed for this development to go forward. RCA been unable locate any properties that are occupied with the fly or that are described for conservation that have not already been developed within the Plan Area. He explained that the MSHCP contains unusual provisions for the fly, which allow RCA to purchase land in San Bernardino County. The potential properties RCA was able to locate in San Bernardino were cost prohibitive. There is a fly bank that is held by Vulcan Materials in San Bernardino which RCA can also purchase credits from to satisfy its obligation. The cost of each credit is usually \$250 thousand; however, RCA was able to negotiate a 50% reduction in the cost. Staff recommends that 50 acres be purchased at \$125 thousand per acre,

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totaling \$6.25 million. The funding for the credits will be provided by several sources: Vulcan owes \$750 thousand in MSHCP fees for a project in Corona, which will be applied toward the purchase; Viridian will pay \$3 million; RCA has \$100 thousand set aside specifically for the fly as a result of a lawsuit involving other parties; and RCA will contribute \$2.4 million. Staff proposes bringing two agreements, when finalized, to the RCA Board of Directors for approval. Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, stated that this transaction was not contemplated in the FY2019 RCA Budget and will require that she request that the RCA Board of Directors approve a \$2.4 million budget adjustment.

**M/S/C (CITY OF SAN JACINTO/CITY OF TEMECULA) to authorize staff to agendize the two agreements, as soon as received, for the next meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.**

***(5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent)***

- 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** *(Committee members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for future discussion.)*

Chairman Ingram advised that the Nexus Study will be a future agenda item.

Vice Chairperson Edwards suggested that the RCA have a Board Workshop, which should include the history of RCA, accomplishments, challenges, and how the MSHCP works. Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, suggested and the Executive Committee concurred that the workshop should be held in February or March 2019 after new Board Members have been appointed and perhaps be held at the City of Temecula.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other items before the Executive Committee, Chairman Ingram adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m. in memory of Verla Rulison, beloved mother of Board Member Ruiz.

The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Executive Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. at the Riverside Centre, 3403 Tenth Street, Suite 320, Third Floor, RCA Conference Room, Riverside, California, 92501.

Prepared by:



Rose Haro  
Administrative Manager

Respectfully submitted:



Honey Bernas  
Clerk of the Board

# **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
MSHCP FEE COLLECTION  
REPORTS FOR  
JUNE and JULY 2018**

***Regional Conservation Authority***

**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
MSHCP FEE COLLECTION REPORTS FOR  
JUNE AND JULY 2018**

**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 are the reports for June and July 2018. The reports were prepared on a cash basis and, therefore, reflect the cash received by RCA during that month.

**Staff Recommendations:**

That the RCA Executive Committee –

- 1) Recommend that the RCA Board of Directors receive and file the Western Riverside County MSHCP Fee Collection Reports for June and July 2018; and
- 2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the September 10, 2018 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

**Attachment**

- 1) Western Riverside County MSHCP LDMF Collection and Civic/Infrastructure Contribution Report for June 2018
- 2) Western Riverside County MSHCP LDMF Collection and Civic/Infrastructure Contribution Report for July 2018

# **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

## **Attachment 1**

### **Western Riverside County MSHCP LDMF Collection and Civic/Infrastructure Contribution Report for June 2018**

**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP LDMF COLLECTION AND  
CIVIC/INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION REPORT FOR JUNE 2018  
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	May- No Activity					
City of Beaumont	May	111	0.2	\$227,100		
City of Calimesa	May	13		\$26,403		
City of Canyon Lake	May	2		\$4,062		
City of Corona	May	4		\$5,200		
City of Eastvale	May- No Activity					
City of Hemet	May- No Activity					
City of Jurupa Valley	May	40		\$81,240		
City of Lake Elsinore	May Summerly Project <sup>1</sup>	1		\$2,031	4	\$8,124
City of Menifee	May	110	2.3	\$239,589		
City of Moreno Valley	May	211		\$275,622		
City of Murrieta	May- No Activity					
City of Norco	May- No Activity					
City of Perris	May received in July					
City of Riverside	April	10		\$20,193		
	May	15	2.6	\$48,216		
City of San Jacinto	May	34		\$69,054		
City of Temecula	May	9		\$18,279		
City of Wildomar	May	10		\$20,310		
County of Riverside	June	144	9.1	\$355,312		
<b>Total LDMF Collections</b>		<b>714</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>\$1,392,611</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$8,124</b>

CIVIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS	
No Activity	
<b>Total Civic/Infrastructure Contributions</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**TOTAL JUNE 2018    \$1,392,611**

1) Summerly Project - Development agreement dated 8/24/04. Expiration date 9/23/14. Settlement Agreement with RCA per MOA dated 11/6/17.

# **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

## **Attachment 2**

**Western Riverside County  
MSHCP LDMF Collection and  
Civic/Infrastructure Contribution  
Report for July 2018**



**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP LDMF COLLECTION AND  
CIVIC/INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION REPORT FOR JULY 2018  
CASH BASIS**

<b>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT MITIGATION FEE COLLECTIONS</b>						
		<b>REMITTED</b>			<b>EXEMPTIONS &amp; FEE CREDITS</b>	
<b>City/County</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Residential Permits</b>	<b>Commercial/Industrial Acres</b>	<b>Amount Remitted</b>	<b>Residential Permits</b>	<b>Amount</b>
City of Banning	June - No Activity					
City of Beaumont	June	143	0.9	\$296,725		
City of Calimesa	June - No Activity					
City of Canyon Lake	June	2		\$4,062		
City of Corona	June	13		\$26,403		
City of Eastvale	June - No Activity					
City of Hemet	June	35		\$71,085		
City of Jurupa Valley	June	19		\$38,589		
City of Lake Elsinore	June	1		\$2,031		
	Summerly Project <sup>1</sup>				32	\$64,992
City of Menifee	June	232	0.9	\$477,207		
City of Moreno Valley	June	29	14.3	\$157,714		
City of Murrieta	June	1		\$2,031		
City of Norco	June received in August					
City of Perris	May	1	35.2	\$245,266		
	June	7	11.4	\$93,313		
City of Riverside	June	41		\$46,585		
City of San Jacinto	June	23		\$46,713		
City of Temecula	June	16		\$32,496		
City of Wildomar	June-Received in August					
County of Riverside	July	172	6.8	\$410,365		
	<b>Total LDMF Collections</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>\$1,950,585</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>\$64,992</b>

<b>CIVIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	
No Activity	
<b>Total Civic/Infrastructure Contributions</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**TOTAL JULY 2018    \$1,950,585**

1) Summerly Project - Development agreement dated 8/24/04. Expiration date 9/23/14. Settlement Agreement with RCA per MOA dated 11/6/17.

# **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

**FISCAL YEAR 2018  
PRELIMINARY FOURTH  
QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT  
(UNAUDITED)**

***Regional Conservation Authority*****FISCAL YEAR 2018 PRELIMINARY FOURTH QUARTER  
FINANCIAL REPORT (UNAUDITED)****Staff Contact:****Honey Bernas, Director of  
Administrative Services  
(951) 955-2842****Background:**

Attached is the Fiscal Year 2018 Preliminary Fourth Quarter Financial Report, which includes an Executive Summary (cash balance and financial statement overview), detailed financial statements, and an MSHCP Fee Collections Report.

During the year, the RCA acquired 24 properties totaling approximately 1,205 acres valued at approximately \$11.6 million. Funding for the properties included \$750 thousand in Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fees (TUMF), \$301 thousand in grant funding from the Rivers and Lands Conservancy, \$3.1 million in Measure A funds, and \$7.5 million in MSHCP Local Development Mitigation Fees. In addition, the RCA received eight land donations and two conservation easements totaling 933 conserved acres with an appraised value of approximately \$7.1 million.

Overall, the RCA reports a combined excess of revenues over expenditures of \$7.7 million for Fiscal Year 2018. This is a net increase to the RCA's General Fund balance of \$2.6 million and \$5.1 million to the Capital Projects fund.

The General Fund's increase of \$2.6 million derives from excess of revenue over expenditures of \$374 thousand in the Operations Program and \$2.2 million in the Land Management and Monitoring Program. General fund revenues consisting of tipping fees, joint project review fees, infrastructure fees, and participating special entities contributions were higher than anticipated for the year. Tipping fees of \$4.1 million were generated during the year which surpassed all years since inception. Although General Fund revenues exceeded the budget, the RCA did not increase expenditures. The General Fund's balance as of June 30, 2018 is approximately \$23.9 million, of which \$73 thousand is restricted for burrowing owl related costs and the remaining balance is unrestricted for RCA's operations.

The Capital Project's fund balance at June 30, 2018 is approximately \$17.6 million, which is restricted for land acquisition and related costs. This year's net increase of \$5.1 million resulted from development mitigations fees of \$14.7 million exceeding budgeted revenues of \$10.5 million. In addition, certain land acquisitions previously budgeted and approved to close by June 30, 2018, were delayed by the property owners, resulting in unspent appropriations of \$2.4 million in the land

acquisition account 540040. Those properties may close in Fiscal Year 2019, which may require budget adjustments as they were not anticipated in the current year budget.

Final Fiscal Year 2018 audited financial statements will be presented to the RCA Board at a later date.

**Staff Recommendations:**

That the RCA Executive Committee –

- 1) Recommend that the RCA Board of Directors receive and file the Fiscal Year 2018 Preliminary Fourth Quarter Financial Report; and
- 2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the September 10, 2018 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

**Attachments:**

- 1) Executive Summary (Cash Balance Summary and Financial Statement Overview)
- 2) Detailed Financial Statements
- 3) MSHCP Fee Collections Report

# **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

## **Attachment 1**

**Executive Summary  
(Cash Balance Summary and  
Financial Statement Overview)**



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Western Riverside County

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## **Fiscal Year 2018 Preliminary Fourth Quarter Financial Report (Unaudited)**

**July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018**

*Preserving our open space heritage • Protecting our economy • Building our future*



# Cash Balance Summary

## July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

<b>Balance as of 07-01-17</b>	<b>\$ 33,395,516</b>
<b>Cash Receipts 07-01-17 through 06-30-18</b>	<b><u>27,176,854</u></b>
<b>Cash Available</b>	<b>60,572,370</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements 07-01-17 through 06-30-18</b>	<b><u>(19,242,067)</u></b>
<b>Cash Balance as of 06-30-18</b>	<b><u>\$ 41,330,303</u></b>



# Budget to Actual

## July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

<b>Operations (935100)</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 620,865</b>	<b>\$ 793,359</b>	<b>\$ 172,494</b>
<b>Appropriations:</b>			
<b>Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>141,785</b>	<b>125,488</b>	<b>16,297</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Services</b>	<b>439,080</b>	<b>293,539</b>	<b>145,541</b>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 580,865</b>	<b>\$ 419,027</b>	<b>\$ 161,838</b>
<b>Net Operating Position</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ 374,332</b>	<b>\$ 334,332</b>



# Budget to Actual

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

<b>Land Management &amp; Monitoring (935300)</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,370,480</b>	<b>\$ 4,941,703</b>	<b>\$ 1,571,223</b>
<b>Appropriations:</b>			
<b>Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>551,610</b>	<b>519,588</b>	<b>32,022</b>
<b>Supplies and Services</b>	<b>2,545,870</b>	<b>2,113,941</b>	<b>431,929</b>
<b>Other Charges</b>	<b>46,000</b>	<b>41,555</b>	<b>4,445</b>
<b>Capital Assets</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>73,780</b>	<b>6,220</b>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 3,223,480</b>	<b>\$ 2,748,864</b>	<b>\$ 474,616</b>
<b>Net Operating Position</b>	<b>\$ 147,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,192,839</b>	<b>\$ 2,045,839</b>

# Budget to Actual

## July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Land Acquisition (935201)	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 26,878,038</b>	<b>\$ 28,295,618</b>	<b>\$ 1,417,580</b>
<b>Appropriations:</b>			
Salaries & Benefits	1,723,985	1,484,208	239,777
Supplies & Services	2,140,975	1,148,948	992,027
Principal & Interest	1,075,000	1,056,167	18,833
Capital Assets	21,938,078	19,507,649	2,430,429
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 26,878,038</b>	<b>\$ 23,196,972</b>	<b>\$ 3,681,066</b>
<b>Net Operating Position</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 5,098,646</b>	<b>\$ 5,098,646</b>

# Staff Recommendations

That the RCA Executive Committee –

- 1) Recommend that the RCA Board of Directors receive and file the Fiscal Year 2018 Preliminary Fourth Quarter Financial Report; and
- 2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the September 10, 2018 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.



# **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

## **Attachment 2**

### **Detailed Financial Statements**

**Regional Conservation Authority  
Preliminary Budget vs. Actual Comparison as of June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)  
General Fund - 935100 Operations**

**REVENUE**

Account	Account Description	Adjusted Budget	Actual	% of Actual to Budget	Note No.	Positive (Negative) Variance with Budget
722000	Participating Special Entities	\$ 190,865	\$ 176,614	93%	1	\$ (14,251)
740020	Interest-Invested Funds	90,000	144,395	160%	2	54,395
769240	Other Gov MSHCP Infrastructure	80,000	191,208	239%	4	111,208
769260	Other Gov MSHCP Civic Projects	80,000	14,102	18%	5	(65,898)
771410	Flood Control District	100,000	113,572	114%	6	13,572
777860	Joint Project Review	80,000	153,467	192%		73,467
781360	Other Misc Revenue	-	1	N/A		1
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 620,865</b>	<b>\$ 793,359</b>	<b>128%</b>		<b>\$ 172,494</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

510040	Regular Salaries	\$ 98,605	\$ 88,683	90%		\$ 9,922
510440	Annual Leave Buydown	3,085	2,486	81%		599
515200	Retiree Health Insurance	235	262	111%		(27)
518100	Budgeted Benefits	39,860	34,057	85%		5,803
<b>Total Appropriation 1</b>		<b>141,785</b>	<b>125,488</b>	<b>89%</b>		<b>16,297</b>
520200	Communications	75	68	91%		7
520270	County Delivery Services	30	-	0%		30
520320	Telephone Service	45	3	7%		42
520940	Insurance-Other	1,400	1,196	85%	11	204
521360	Maint-Computer Equipment	1,260	1,177	93%		83
521540	Maint-Office Equipment	225	140	62%		85
521640	Maint-Software	350	331	95%		19
522410	Maint-Tenant Improvements	35,000	-	0%		35,000
523100	Memberships	355	205	58%		150
523230	Miscellaneous Expense	2,520	2,295	91%		225
523620	Books/Publications	15	-	0%		15
523640	Computer Equip-Non Fixed Asset	290	144	50%		146
523660	Computer Supplies	90	36	40%		54
523680	Office Equip Non Fixed Assets	60	51	85%		9
523700	Office Supplies	300	154	51%		146
523760	Postage-Mailing	195	833	427%		(638)
523800	Printing/Binding	120	(12)	-10%		132
523840	Computer Equipment-Software	300	40	13%		260
524560	Auditing and Accounting	13,510	5,324	39%	12	8,186
524900	GIS Services	325	300	92%	13	25
525020	Legal Services	105,000	25,684	24%	14	79,316
525140	Personnel Services	450	421	94%	15	29
525840	RCIT Device Access	940	594	63%	16	346
525850	RCIT Device Public	15	11	73%		4
526700	Rent-Lease Bldgs	6,080	6,077	100%	17	3
527780	Special Program Expense	600	311	52%		289
527840	Training-Education/Tuition	105	14	13%		91
527980	Contracts	266,465	246,164	92%	18	20,301
528120	Board/Commission Expense	1,305	983	75%		322
528140	Conference/Registration Fees	85	46	54%		39
528900	Air Transportation	130	90	69%		40
528960	Lodging	250	93	37%		157
528980	Meals	675	410	61%		265
529000	Miscellaneous Travel Expense	15	15	100%		-
529040	Private Mileage Reimbursement	500	337	67%		163
529080	Rental Vehicles	-	4	N/A		(4)
<b>Total Appropriation 2</b>		<b>439,080</b>	<b>293,539</b>	<b>67%</b>		<b>145,541</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>580,865</b>	<b>419,027</b>	<b>72%</b>		<b>161,838</b>
<b>Net Operating Position</b>		<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ 374,332</b>			<b>\$ 334,332</b>

**Regional Conservation Authority**  
**Preliminary Budget vs. Actual Comparison as of June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)**  
**General Fund - 935300 Land Management and Monitoring**

**REVENUE**

Account	Account Description	Adjusted Budget	Actual	% of Actual to Budget	Note No.	Positive (Negative) Variance with Budget
722000	Participating Special Entities	\$ 592,175	\$ 563,234	95%	1	\$ (28,941)
740020	Interest-Invested Funds	90,695	144,118	159%	2	53,423
741000	Rents	72,610	78,989	109%	3	6,379
771410	Flood Control District	100,000	-	0%		(100,000)
781360	Other Misc. Revenue	15,000	14,927	100%	8	(73)
781520	Tipping Fees	2,500,000	4,140,435	166%	9	1,640,435
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 3,370,480</b>	<b>\$ 4,941,703</b>	<b>147%</b>		<b>\$ 1,571,223</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

510040	Regular Salaries	\$ 380,915	\$ 364,421	96%		\$ 16,494
510440	Annual Leave Buydown	21,865	16,976	78%		4,889
515200	Retiree Health Insurance	910	1,015	112%		(105)
518100	Budgeted Benefits	147,920	137,176	93%		10,744
<b>Total Appropriation 1</b>		<b>551,610</b>	<b>519,588</b>	<b>94%</b>		<b>32,022</b>
520200	Communications	7,375	6,260	85%		1,115
520270	County Delivery Services	15	(11)	-73%		26
520320	Telephone Service	225	15	7%		210
520940	Insurance-Other	13,800	12,733	92%	11	1,067
521360	Maint-Computer Equipment	18,300	10,104	55%		8,196
521500	Maint-Motor Vehicles	8,000	7,301	91%		699
521540	Maint-Office Equipment	1,125	700	62%		425
521640	Maint-Software	1,755	1,657	94%		98
523100	Memberships	1,765	1,105	63%		660
523230	Miscellaneous Expense	2,085	938	45%		1,147
523620	Books/Publications	75	-	0%		75
523640	Computer Equip-Non Fixed Asset	4,120	3,102	75%		1,018
523660	Computer Supplies	450	180	40%		270
523680	Office Equip Non Fixed Assets	300	255	85%		45
523700	Office Supplies	4,500	3,635	81%		865
523760	Postage-Mailing	1,075	640	60%		435
523800	Printing/Binding	600	-	0%		600
523840	Computer Equipment-Software	2,300	198	9%		2,102
524560	Auditing and Accounting	7,030	2,217	32%	12	4,813
524900	GIS Services	1,635	1,500	92%	13	135
525020	Legal Services	130,000	34,447	26%	14	95,553
525140	Personnel Services	2,250	2,106	94%	15	144
525840	RCIT Device Access	4,695	3,296	70%	16	1,399
525850	RCIT Device Public	75	56	75%		19
526700	Rent-Lease Bldgs	114,170	114,165	100%	17	5
526910	Field Equipment-Non Assets	6,500	6,131	94%		369
527100	Fuel	17,000	10,382	61%		6,618
527780	Special Program Expense	3,000	1,557	52%		1,443
527840	Training-Education/ Tuition	525	403	77%		122
527980	Contracts	2,176,755	1,880,344	86%	18	296,411
528120	Board/Commission Expense	6,525	4,917	75%		1,608
528140	Conference/Registration Fees	680	229	34%		451
528900	Air Transportation	945	160	17%		785
528960	Lodging	1,430	465	33%		965
528980	Meals	1,215	266	22%		949
529000	Miscellaneous Travel Expense	75	73	97%		2
529040	Private Mileage Reimbursement	1,400	1,294	92%		106
529080	Rental Vehicles	300	21	7%		279
529500	Electricity	1,800	1,100	61%		700
<b>Total Appropriation 2</b>		<b>2,545,870</b>	<b>2,113,941</b>	<b>83%</b>		<b>431,929</b>
535220	Assessments & HOA	46,000	41,555	90%		4,445
<b>Total Appropriation 3</b>		<b>46,000</b>	<b>41,555</b>	<b>90%</b>		<b>4,445</b>
546320	Vehicles-Cars/Light Trucks	80,000	73,780	92%		6,220
<b>Total Appropriation 4</b>		<b>80,000</b>	<b>73,780</b>	<b>0%</b>		<b>6,220</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>3,223,480</b>	<b>2,748,864</b>	<b>85%</b>		<b>474,616</b>
<b>Net Operating Position</b>		<b>\$ 147,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,192,839</b>			<b>\$ 2,045,839</b>

**Regional Conservation Authority**  
**Preliminary Budget vs. Actual Comparison as of June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)**  
**Capital Projects Fund - 935201 Land Acquisition**

**REVENUE**

Account	Account Description	Adjusted Budget	Actual	% of Actual to Budget	Note No.	Positive (Negative) Variance with Budget
711040	Measure A-Local St & Rds	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,109,946	104%		\$ 109,946
722000	Participating Special Entities	1,845,705	1,755,720	95%	1	(89,985)
740020	Interest-Invested Funds	103,500	256,741	248%	2	153,241
751680	CA-Grant Revenue	1,077,000	-	0%		(1,077,000)
766600	Fed-Capital Grants and Contrib	2,000,000	-	0%		(2,000,000)
769240	Other Gov MSHCP Infrastructure	-	60,838	N/A	4	60,838
769260	Other Gov MSHCP Civic Projects	-	75,929	N/A	5	75,929
771410	Flood Control District	200,000	-	0%		(200,000)
777170	Development Mitigation Fees	10,500,000	14,681,852	140%	7	4,181,852
777600	TUMF Revenue-Developer Fees	700,000	750,000	107%		50,000
781220	Capital Contributions & Donations	7,135,500	7,135,300	100%	20	(200)
781360	Other Miscellaneous Revenue	15,000	167,959	1120%	8	152,959
781850	Grants-Nongovernmental Agencies	301,333	301,333	100%	10	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 26,878,038</b>	<b>28,295,618</b>	<b>105%</b>		<b>\$ 1,417,580</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

510040	Regular Salaries	\$ 1,193,980	\$ 1,036,385	87%		\$ 157,595
510440	Annual Leave Buydown	53,030	50,411	95%		2,619
515200	Retiree Health Insurance	2,855	3,185	112%		(330)
518100	Budgeted Benefits	474,120	394,227	83%		79,893
<b>Total Appropriation 1</b>		<b>1,723,985</b>	<b>1,484,208</b>	<b>86%</b>		<b>239,777</b>
520200	Communications	2,050	1,328	65%		722
520270	County Delivery Services	35	11	31%		24
520320	Telephone Service	1,230	80	7%		1,150
520940	Insurance-Other	34,800	34,327	99%	11	473
521360	Maint-Computer Equip	34,440	32,166	93%		2,274
521540	Maint-Office Equipment	6,150	4,176	68%		1,974
521640	Maint-Software	9,595	9,057	94%		538
523100	Memberships	9,630	5,600	58%		4,030
523230	Miscellaneous Expense	11,395	4,951	43%		6,444
523620	Books/Publications	410	-	0%		410
523640	Computer Equip-Non Fixed Asset	7,745	3,943	51%		3,802
523660	Computer Supplies	2,460	983	40%		1,477
523680	Office Equip Non Fixed Assets	1,640	1,395	85%		245
523700	Office Supplies	8,200	4,199	51%		4,001
523760	Postage-Mailing	5,330	3,361	63%		1,969
523800	Printing/Binding	3,280	-	0%		3,280
523840	Computer Equipment-Software	2,200	1,080	49%		1,120
524560	Auditing and Accounting	121,960	57,609	47%	12	64,351
524900	GIS Services	8,940	8,200	92%	13	740
525020	Legal Services	1,000,000	183,272	18%	14	816,728
525140	Personnel Services	12,300	11,515	94%	15	785
525840	RCIT Device Access	25,665	17,725	69%	16	7,940
525850	RCIT Device Public	410	305	74%		105
526700	Rent-Lease Bldgs	166,110	166,105	100%	17	5
527780	Special Program Expense	16,400	8,512	52%		7,888
527840	Training-Education/Tuition	2,870	372	13%		2,498
527980	Contracts	560,660	540,565	96%	18	20,095
528120	Board/Commission Expense	35,670	26,882	75%		8,788
528140	Conference/Registration Fees	2,235	1,254	56%		981
528280	Imaging Supplies	2,500	1,274	51%		1,226
528900	Air Transportation	15,225	4,490	29%		10,735
528920	Car Pool Expense	500	-	0%		500
528960	Lodging	16,320	5,806	36%		10,514
528980	Meals	5,210	2,196	42%		3,014
529000	Miscellaneous Travel Expense	1,110	590	53%		520
529040	Private Mileage Reimbursement	5,900	5,502	93%		398
529080	Rental Vehicles	400	117	29%		283
<b>Total Appropriation 2</b>		<b>2,140,975</b>	<b>1,148,948</b>	<b>54%</b>		<b>992,027</b>
532600	Principal Payment	1,000,000	1,000,000	100%		-
534000	Interest Notes-Warrants	75,000	56,167	75%	19	18,833
<b>Total Appropriation 3</b>		<b>1,075,000</b>	<b>1,056,167</b>	<b>98%</b>		<b>18,833</b>
540040	Land	21,902,078	19,489,607	89%	20	2,412,471
540060	Improvements-Land	30,000	12,614	42%		17,386
546140	Equipment-Office	6,000	5,428	90%		572
<b>Total Appropriation 4</b>		<b>21,938,078</b>	<b>19,507,649</b>	<b>89%</b>		<b>2,430,429</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>26,878,038</b>	<b>23,196,972</b>	<b>86%</b>		<b>3,681,066</b>
<b>Net Operating Position</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,098,646</b>			<b>\$ 5,098,646</b>

**Regional Conservation Authority**  
**Notes to Financial Reports**  
**Preliminary June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)**

	Operations	Land Management and Monitoring	Land Acquisition	Total RCA
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
1) Participating Special Entities:				
Southern California Edison-West of Devers	\$100,865	\$445,175	\$1,387,705	\$1,933,745
Lockheed Martin- Laborde Canyon	29,536	2,366	7,374	39,276
Southern California Edison-Valley South Project	46,213	115,693	360,641	522,547
	<b>\$176,614</b>	<b>\$563,234</b>	<b>\$1,755,720</b>	<b>\$2,495,568</b>
2) Interest from Riverside County Treasurer Pool Investment Fund:				
1st quarter interest at 1.2%	\$27,567	\$27,782	\$40,848	\$96,196
2nd quarter interest at 1.3%	32,610	32,599	50,903	116,112
3rd quarter interest at 1.5%	34,228	34,276	53,448	121,952
4th quarter interest at 1.8%	49,990	49,461	111,542	210,993
Total Interest	<b>\$144,395</b>	<b>\$144,118</b>	<b>\$256,741</b>	<b>\$545,253</b>
3) Rent revenues from the following sources:				
Goodhart		\$5,160		
KCAA Radio		7,650		
Archery Club		3,000		
Cell Tower Lease		56,299		
Lockheed Lease		1,000		
Beekkeepers		5,880		
Total Rent		<b>\$78,989</b>		
4) Infrastructure contributions from Member Agencies:				
City of San Jacinto - Cawston Ave. Paving Project	\$18,019			\$18,019
City of Murrieta - Whitewood Road Improvement	58,936			58,936
City of Murrieta - Madison Ave. Improvement	59,345			59,345
City of Temecula - Overland Drive Extension	21,968			21,968
City of Perris - Harley Knox Blvd Imprv			\$60,838	60,838
City of Eastvale - Storm Drain Proj. Zone 2	32,940			32,940
Total Infrastructure	<b>\$191,208</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$60,838</b>	<b>\$252,046</b>
5) Civic contributions from Member Agencies:				
City of Menifee - Fire Station #7	\$14,102			\$14,102
City of Perris - Mercado Park			\$14,909	14,909
City of Perris - Patriot Park			61,020	61,020
Total Civic	<b>\$14,102</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$75,929</b>	<b>\$90,032</b>
6) Contributions from Riverside County Flood Control:				
Corona Drain Line 52	\$52,518			
Moreno Valley Sunnymead MDP Line H Project	35,114			
Norco Minor Drain Imprv Line N7 Proj	21,188			
Norco Minor Drain Imprv Andalusian Dr/Spencer	4,752			
Total Flood Control	<b>\$113,572</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$113,572</b>



**Regional Conservation Authority**  
**Notes to Financial Reports**  
**Preliminary June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)**

Operations	Land Management and Monitoring	Land Acquisition	Total RCA
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**REVENUES (Continued):**

7) Mitigation fees through 06/30/18 are as follows:

City of Banning	\$5,127
City of Beaumont	1,302,055
City of Calimesa	67,023
City of Canyon Lake	38,589
City of Corona	305,939
City of Eastvale	124,439
City of Hemet	110,650
City of Jurupa Valley	1,435,053
City of Lake Elsinore	193,047
City of Menifee	1,886,074
City of Moreno Valley	2,617,009
City of Murrieta	797,323
City of Norco	16,121
City of Perris	1,066,785
City of Riverside	477,240
City of San Jacinto	494,234
City of Temecula	316,549
City of Wildomar	261,878
County of Riverside	3,166,717
<b>Total Mitigation</b>	<b>\$14,681,852</b>

8) Miscellaneous Revenues were received as follows:

Deposit Agreements	\$146,321	\$146,321
City of Perris reimbursement fees	8,404	8,404
Other	14,927	28,161
<b>Total Miscellaneous Revenues</b>	<b>\$14,927</b>	<b>\$182,886</b>

9) RCA receives \$1.50 per ton for the out-of-county tonnage. In addition, RCA receives a maximum of \$400,000 annually for the in-county tonnage.

	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>per ton</u>
July 2017	194,225	\$291,338
August 2017	220,921	331,382
September 2017	203,312	304,968
October 2017	211,359	317,038
November 2017	204,207	306,310
December 2017	209,956	314,934
January 2018	222,960	334,440
February 2018	181,823	272,735
March 2018	210,506	315,759
April 2018	200,059	300,089
May 2018	215,832	323,747
June 2018 (Estimated)	215,832	323,748
Prior Year Estimate Adjusted	0	3,948
In-County Contribution	400,000	400,000
	<u>2,490,992</u>	<u>\$4,140,435</u>

10) Grants: Nongovernmental Agencies

Rivers & Lands Conservancy	\$301,333
<b>Total Grants: Nongovernmental Agencies</b>	<b>\$301,333</b>

**Regional Conservation Authority**  
**Notes to Financial Reports**  
**Preliminary June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)**

	Operations	Land Management and Monitoring	Land Acquisition	Total RCA
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
11) Insurance provided by SDRMA:				
General & Property	\$1,196	\$6,372	\$34,327	\$41,895
Vehicle Insurance		6,361		6,361
Total Insurance	<b>\$1,196</b>	<b>\$12,733</b>	<b>\$34,327</b>	<b>\$48,256</b>
12) Auditing and Accounting consists of the following:				
Brown, Armstrong Accountancy Corp	\$5,175	\$1,475	\$53,550	\$60,200
County Auditor-Controller's Office	149	742	4,059	4,950
Total Auditing and Accounting	<b>\$5,324</b>	<b>\$2,217</b>	<b>\$57,609</b>	<b>\$65,150</b>
13) GIS Services				
Digital Globe	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$8,200</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
14) Legal Services as follows:				
Best, Best and Krieger	<b>\$25,684</b>	<b>\$34,447</b>	<b>\$183,272</b>	<b>\$243,403</b>
15) Personnel services by County Human Resources:				
Approx. \$1,080 per employee annually	<b>\$421</b>	<b>\$2,106</b>	<b>\$11,515</b>	<b>\$14,043</b>
16) RCIT Device Charges				
RCIT Monthly \$1,801	<b>\$594</b>	<b>\$3,296</b>	<b>\$17,725</b>	<b>\$21,615</b>
17) Rent & lease building cost:				
RCA office monthly rent \$16,880	\$6,077	\$30,385	\$166,105	\$202,567
Monitoring office monthly rent \$6,982		83,780		83,780
Total Rent	<b>\$6,077</b>	<b>\$114,165</b>	<b>\$166,105</b>	<b>\$286,347</b>
18) Contract services are as follows:				
Dudek	\$244,096	\$13,860	\$80,858	\$338,813
Economic & Planning Systems	1,866	9,328	50,994	62,187
EDA Real Estate Services		45,608	145,975	191,583
Geographics	202	1,011	5,527	6,741
Hess Development*			918	918
Hogan Lovells			150,000	150,000
Kadesh			70,000	70,000
OPR Communications*			15,000	15,000
Parks & Open-Space Dist.-Land Mgmt.		908,234	12,600	920,834
Thomas Mullen (Reimbursable Expenditures)			8,695	8,695
SAWA		902,303		902,303
Total Contracts	<b>\$246,164</b>	<b>\$1,880,344</b>	<b>\$540,565</b>	<b>\$2,667,073</b>
* Contracts approved under Executive Director Authority.				
19) Interest to Riverside County on Loan				
Interest rate at average 2017 Treasurer Pool Investment rate of 1.1%			<b>\$56,167</b>	

**Regional Conservation Authority**  
**Notes to Financial Reports**  
**Preliminary June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)**

Operations	Land Management and Monitoring	Land Acquisition	Total RCA
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**EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED):**

20) Land acquisition costs are as follows:

Properties donated to the RCA:

Cornerstone Donation	\$1,190,000
Washington St. Conservation Easement	546,300
Bennecke Donation	142,000
Higgins Donation	200,000
Toscana Donation	800,000
Henry Conservation Easement	545,000
Spring Mountain Ranch (PA5)	55,000
La Laguna Donation	290,000
Nuevo Donation	920,000
Murrieta Marketplace Donation	2,447,000

Subtotal Donated Properties

\$7,135,300

Properties acquired:

Katz Property	146,140
Allred Property	171,791
Bechtel Property	321,241
Bennecke Property Purchase	778,874
Tuscany Hills Phase 1	109,556
Percival Property	347,369
Henry Property Purchase	785,780
Miller J Property	99,445
Miller F Property	89,404
Melmoth Property	154,218
City of Perris Exchange	148,000
Guzman Property	149,090
Chard Property	63,255
Skorpanich Property	80,739
Shamblem Property	424,064
Pena Property	551,103
Wolfe Clifford Property	241,960
Rindahl Property	4,883,518
Burum/Leggio Property	161,702
Jackson Property	171,535
Adams Property	201,605
Chandlee Property	553,040
Lin Property	783,620
Harrison Property	193,931

Consultants Costs:

EDA Real Estate Services	513,580
Best Best & Krieger	172,367
Parks & Open-Space Dist.	12,085
Inland Empire Consultants*	8,000
Michael Francis*	6,500
Jones Roach & Caringella*	20,000
EI*	3,900
Other Charges	6,896

Total Land Acquisition Costs

\$ 19,489,607

\* Contracts approved under Executive Director Authority.

# **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

## **Attachment 3**

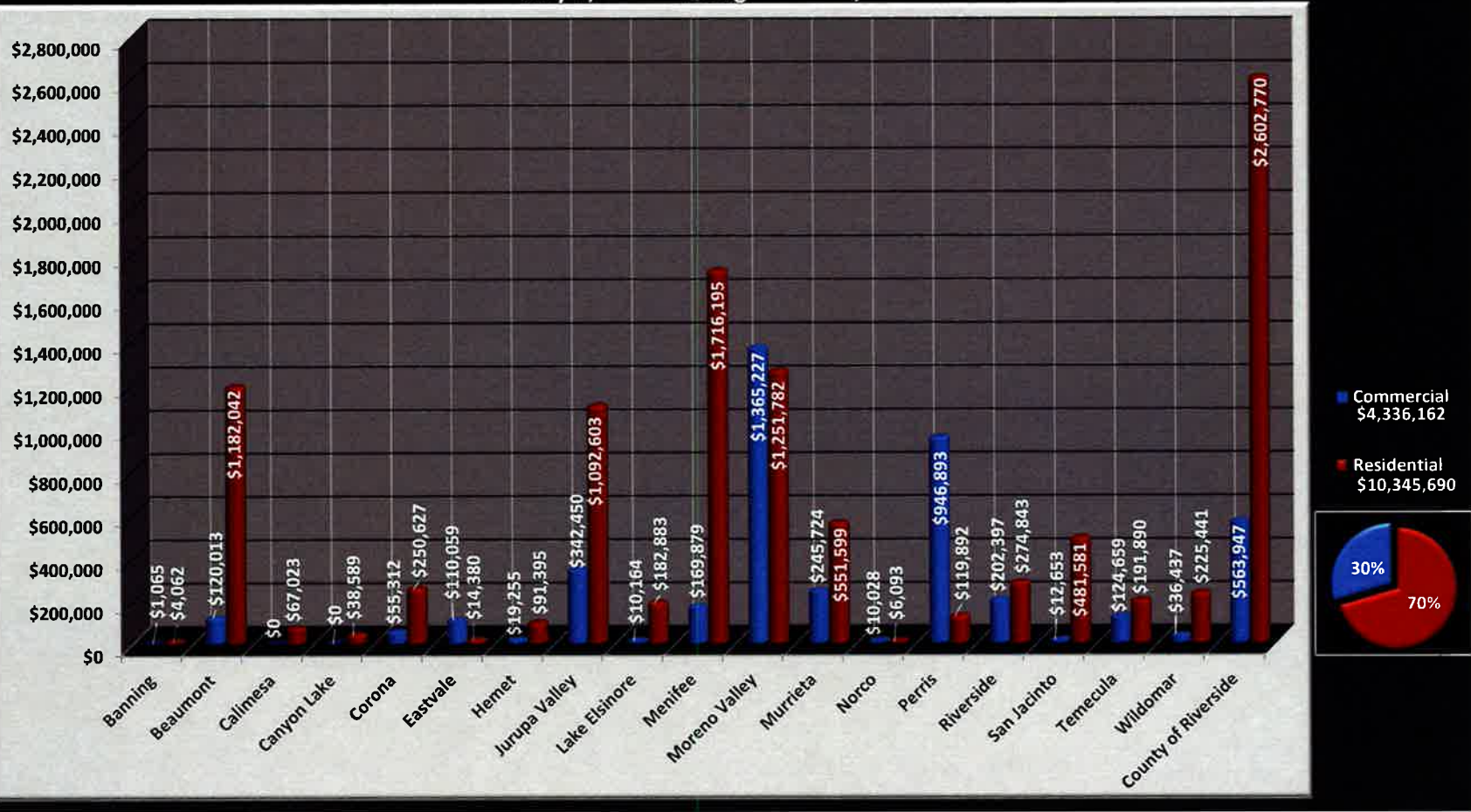
### **MSHCP Fee Collections Report**

**REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
**MSHCP MITIGATION FEE COLLECTIONS BY MEMBER AGENCY**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2018**

BASED ON ACCRUAL BASIS (Month reported by City)

COUNTY AND CITIES:	JUL 2017	AUG 2017	SEP 2017	OCT 2017	NOV 2017	DEC 2017	JAN 2018	FEB 2018	MAR 2018	APR 2018	MAY 2018	JUN 2018	TOTALS FY 2018	PERCENT OF TOTAL
CITY OF BANNING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 761	\$ 2,031	\$ 2,335	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				\$ 5,127	0.0%
CITY OF BEAUMONT	-	72,165	32,496	99,519	26,403	75,147	99,519	26,420	62,753	283,808	227,100	296,725	1,302,055	8.9%
CITY OF CALIMESA	-	-	30,465	8,124	-	-	-	-	2,031	-	26,403	-	67,023	0.5%
CITY OF CANYON LAKE	-	2,031	2,031	6,093	4,062	2,031	4,062	8,124	-	2,031	4,062	4,062	38,589	0.3%
CITY OF CORONA	23,508	186,852	-	2,031	2,031	10,155	31,804	-	6,093	11,862	5,200	26,403	305,939	2.1%
CITY OF EASTVALE	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,383	5,200	90,671	5,186	-	-	124,439	0.8%
CITY OF HEMET	6,093	-	12,411	-	-	-	-	-	4,062	17,000	-	71,085	110,650	0.8%
CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY	52,806	183,887	156,145	73,116	138,108	97,413	81,240	134,007	335,542	62,961	81,240	38,589	1,435,053	9.8%
CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE	26,403	40,620	20,310	31,493	-	22,341	8,124	-	36,651	3,042	2,031	2,031	193,047	1.3%
CITY OF MENIFEE	96,565	60,930	111,774	142,170	201,449	47,577	86,961	153,759	186,852	81,240	239,589	477,207	1,886,074	12.8%
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY	63,546	77,645	163,768	609,202	73,589	87,333	186,631	590,923	229,488	101,550	275,622	157,714	2,617,009	17.8%
CITY OF MURRIETA	8,435	2,031	-	46,419	551,608	113,251	37,292	-	-	36,255	-	2,031	797,323	5.4%
CITY OF NORCO	-	2,031	10,028	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,062	16,121	0.1%
CITY OF PERRIS	-	2,031	7,997	157,131	-	10,855	2,031	161,771	24,268	362,121	245,266	93,313	1,066,785	7.3%
CITY OF RIVERSIDE	40,852	126,013	12,147	70,579	44,576	10,560	11,131	24,372	22,017	20,193	48,216	46,585	477,240	3.3%
CITY OF SAN JACINTO	46,713	51,009	46,713	6,093	26,680	24,372	-	32,496	60,930	83,461	69,054	46,713	494,234	3.4%
CITY OF TEMECULA	51,579	36,098	-	37,820	10,976	20,310	30,465	-	48,061	30,465	18,279	32,496	316,549	2.2%
CITY OF WILDOMAR	-	17,967	30,777	21,383	18,279	14,217	40,620	12,186	28,434	41,457	20,310	16,248	261,878	1.8%
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	283,561	166,032	175,473	361,725	213,799	52,495	345,866	294,564	136,077	367,611	414,200	355,312	3,166,717	21.6%
<b>TOTAL COUNTY AND CITIES</b>	<b>\$ 700,061</b>	<b>\$ 1,027,342</b>	<b>\$ 812,535</b>	<b>\$ 1,673,659</b>	<b>\$ 1,313,590</b>	<b>\$ 590,393</b>	<b>\$ 989,129</b>	<b>\$ 1,443,822</b>	<b>\$ 1,273,930</b>	<b>\$ 1,510,242</b>	<b>\$ 1,676,572</b>	<b>\$ 1,670,576</b>	<b>\$ 14,681,852</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>OTHER</b>														
FLOOD CONTROL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87,632	\$ 21,188	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,752	\$ 113,572	24.9%
OTHER GOV MSHCP INFRASTRUCTURE	18,019	-	-	118,282	-	-	21,968	-	60,838	-	-	32,940.45	252,046	55.3%
OTH GOV MSHCP CIVIC PROJECTS	14,102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,929	-	-	-	90,032	19.8%
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>\$ 32,121</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 87,632</b>	<b>\$ 139,469</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 21,968</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 136,767</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 37,692</b>	<b>\$ 455,649</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 732,182</b>	<b>\$ 1,027,342</b>	<b>\$ 900,167</b>	<b>\$ 1,813,129</b>	<b>\$ 1,313,590</b>	<b>\$ 590,393</b>	<b>\$ 1,011,097</b>	<b>\$ 1,443,822</b>	<b>\$ 1,410,697</b>	<b>\$ 1,510,242</b>	<b>\$ 1,676,572</b>	<b>\$ 1,708,269</b>	<b>\$ 15,137,502</b>	

Fiscal Year 2018  
 MSHCP Development Mitigation Fee Revenues  
 July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018



# **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

## **FISCAL YEAR 2018 FOURTH QUARTER CONSULTANT REPORTS**

***Regional Conservation Authority***

**FISCAL YEAR 2018 FOURTH QUARTER  
CONSULTANT REPORTS**

**Staff Contact:**

**Charles Landry  
Executive Director  
(951) 955-9700**

**Background:**

Attached are the Fiscal Year 2018 Fourth Quarter Consultant Reports for Dudek, Geographics, Kadesh & Associates, LLP, Riverside County Regional Parks and Open-Space District, Santa Ana Watershed Association, and Douglas P. Wheeler – Hogan Lovells, US LLP.

**Staff Recommendations:**

That the RCA Executive Committee –

- 1) Recommend that the RCA Board of Directors receive and file the Fiscal Year 2018 Fourth Quarter Consultant Reports; and
- 2) Authorize staff to agendize this matter for the September 10, 2018 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

**Attachments:**

Fiscal Year 2018 Fourth Quarter Consultant Reports

- Attachment 1 – Dudek
- Attachment 2 – Geographics
- Attachment 3 – Kadesh & Associates, LLP
- Attachment 4 – Riverside County Regional Parks and Open-Space District
- Attachment 5 – Santa Ana Watershed Association
- Attachment 6 – Douglas P. Wheeler, Hogan Lovells, US LLP



# **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

## **Attachment 1**

**Dudek**

**CONSULTANT REPORT  
DUDEK  
FISCAL YEAR 2018 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT**

**Report Covers Period:** 04/01/18 to 06/30/18

**Services Provided During Current Work Period:**

**Joint Project Reviews**

As part of our ongoing duties related to MSHCP implementation for the RCA, Dudek continued to provide review of biological reports, analysis and submittals related to Joint Project Reviews (JPRs) submitted by Permittees. Dudek reviewed and completed multiple JPRs for Permittees during this reporting period.

**Permittee Trainings and Support**

Dudek assists the RCA in providing training and support to Permittees on MSHCP implementation. These training sessions are provided once or year or upon request and include an overview of the MSHCP, RCA responsibilities, Permittee Responsibilities, rough step, JPR process, required surveys and mitigation, CEQA documents, changes to the MSHCP, reserve lands, and the Wildlife Agencies' role. Discussion of circumstances unique to each Permittee is also provided in the training. A training session was held for Permittees during the fourth quarter (Q4) on April 9, 2018, with the Consultant Training tentatively planned in the Fall 2018, outside of their busiest time of year (i.e., outside of the biological survey season). In addition, a special training was held for the City of Murrieta on June 12, 2018.

Monthly meetings with the Riverside County Environmental Programs Department (EPD) are ongoing. These meetings are a forum to discuss upcoming or ongoing County HANS/JPRs, conservation criteria, and other Permittee requirements to facilitate MSHCP consistency. Meetings with EPD this quarter were held April 4, May 2, and June 6, 2018.

Three additional separate meetings/conference calls were held with RCA, Dudek, Permittees and/or applicants and their consultants: 1) Meeting with Joe Monaco on April 5, 2018, to discuss early history and formation of the MSHCP; 2) Conference call to discuss Hemet Marketplace comments; and 3) Meeting with City of Calimesa on May 2, 2018 to discuss potential to redevelop the abandoned Calimesa Golf Course. Dudek also had several meetings/conference calls with applicants/biologists on other projects.

Dudek staff continued to provide ongoing support and attended meetings with Permittees on MSHCP implementation and compliance questions. Dudek fields questions on an ongoing basis related to either new projects or ongoing projects, both inside and out of the criteria area.

### **Wildlife Agency Coordination and Meetings**

Dudek attended three monthly meetings with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) staff hosted by the RCA. Duties included coordinating with attendees and review of materials ahead of the meeting. Meetings with the Wildlife Agencies this quarter were held on January 18, February 15, and March 15, 2018.

### **Pre-Application Meetings**

Dudek also attended two Pre-Application Meetings with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, CDFW, and USFWS staff. Projects represented by Permittees and/or the project representatives are presented for consideration. The various regulatory agencies and RCA discuss, review, and seek solutions to issues related to permitting and MSHCP compliance. The review and analysis presented in these meetings is often subject to MSHCP Consistency review which is part of Dudek's role with the RCA. Meetings with the regulated waters Permitting Agencies this quarter were held on April 11, and June 13, 2018.

Also in this reporting period, Dudek provided documentation and support to CDFW and USFWS related to ongoing projects and questions on MSHCP implementation.

### **Participating Special Entities**

Dudek staff provided support and coordination related to pending and existing PSEs. Dudek remains involved in all processing of Southern California Edison (SCE) PSE application reviews, including follow-up on conditions required of the West of Devers System Upgrade Project (WODUP). Conditions include finalizing riparian/riverine mitigation and replacement of Additional Reserve Lands (ARL) and Public/Quasi-Public (PQP) lands. Coordination between Dudek and SCE is ongoing to help with their questions regarding mitigation implementation during construction.

Lockheed Martin Corporation (LMC) submitted two PSE applications on December 13, 2016, one for remediation at Site 1 Potrero Canyon and the other for remediation at Site 2 Laborde Canyon. Since that time, the Site 2 Laborde PSE process has been completed. A revised PSE application package for Site 1 Potrero was submitted on December 15, 2017. Coordination to resolve outstanding issues has been ongoing during this reporting period.

### **RCA and Management Support**

Dudek staff provided various forms of analysis and provided staff support by attending meetings, conference calls and conducting research via email related to ongoing and past projects. During this reporting period, Dudek was involved in discussions on various projects, as described above. Dudek is also assisting RCA management in the training of staff relative to JPR processing.

# **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

## **Attachment 2**

### **Geographics**

**CONSULTANT REPORT  
GEOGRAPHICS  
FISCAL YEAR 2018 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT**

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**Report Covers Period:** 4/1/18 – 6/30/18

**Services Provided During Current Work Period:**  
Public Information and Branding Services

**Branding Services:**

Geographics designed notecards and envelopes and printed a quantity of 225.

Geographics also unarchived and sent all RCA newsletters from 2010 – present, for internal use and website use.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

**Attachment 3**

**Kadesh & Associates, LLP**

**CONSULTANT REPORT  
KADESH & ASSOCIATES  
FISCAL YEAR 2018 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT**

**Report Covers Period: 4/1/18 – 6/30/18**

**Services Provided During Current Work Period:**

- 1- Budget and Appropriations for FY2018;**
- 2- Participation in national HCP coalition follow up to the DC fly-in;**
- 3- Pursuit of lifting of Sec. 6 \$2m cap; and**
- 4- Pursuit of Refuge legislation.**

**Legislation and Issues:**

**For the Fourth Quarter of WRCRCA's FY18 the ongoing focus of the RCA and HCP Coalition activities has achieved success and/or progress on all four points above.**

**1- "Regular order" in the House and Senate Appropriations process has produced beneficial results (see funding numbers below).**

**2- The HCP National Coalition has further developed into a successful persuasion and advocacy team making the case to agency and Congressional decision makers that the multi-species habitat coalition planning method is not merely an interesting alternative, but rather a primary resource and proven problem solver.**

**3- By agency acknowledgement and Congressional confirmation (see report language below) the agency practice of operating with a Sec. 6 upper limit of \$2m has been lifted.**

**4- Refuge language is progressing in the House and within the department at the behest and guidance of Rep. Calvert and his staff.**

**Additional:**

**A) Not among the enumerated goals above is the issue of the release of Sec. 6 grants for FY17 which were determinedly pursued and ultimately released.**

**B) Of note is the first release of WIFIA loans by the EPA, two of which were awarded to California entities.**

***Details on FY19 House and Senate Interior Appropriations Bills (each passed out of their respective chambers and now subject to House-Senate Conference negotiations):***

Senate appropriations Bill, p. 9:

<https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/FY2019%20Interior%20Environment%20Appropriations%20Act.%20S.30731.pdf>

**COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND**

For expenses necessary to carry out section 6 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1535), **\$49,495,000**, to remain available until expended, of which \$18,695,000 is to be derived from the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund; and of which \$30,800,000 is to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

House appropriations Bill, pp. 9-10.

<https://docs.house.gov/meetings/AP/AP00/20180606/108402/BILLS-115-FC-AP-FY2019-AP00-InteriorEnvironmentBill.pdf>

**COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND**

For expenses necessary to carry out section 6 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1535), **\$53,495,000**, to remain available until expended, of which \$22,695,000 is to be derived from the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund; and of which \$30,800,000 is to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Senate Report, pp. 27-28

<https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/FY2019%20Interior%20Environment%20Appropriations%20Act.%20Report%20115-2761.pdf>

**COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND**

Appropriations, 2018 .....	\$53,495,000
Budget estimate, 2019 .....	0
Committee recommendation .....	\$49,495,000

The Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund program has been provided \$49,495,000. Funds are to be distributed as follows: \$10,508,000 for endangered species conservation grants to States and territories; \$5,485,000 for habitat conservation planning grants; \$19,638,000 for habitat conservation land acquisition grants; and \$11,162,000 for species recovery land acquisition.



### COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND

The Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF; Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act), administered by the Service's Ecological Services program, provides grant funding to States and Territories for species and habitat conservation actions on non-Federal lands, including habitat acquisition, conservation planning, habitat restoration, status surveys, captive propagation and reintroduction, research, and education.

Appropriation enacted, 2018 .....	\$53,495,000
Budget estimate, 2019 .....	0
Recommended, 2019 .....	\$53,495,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 2018 .....	0
Budget estimate, 2019 .....	+53,495,000

The Committee recommends \$53,495,000 for the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund, equal to the fiscal year 2018 enacted level. A detailed table of funding recommendations below the account level is provided at the end of this report. ***The Service is commended for lifting the cap on funding for each Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), and is expected to continue to apportion funding to HCPs based on need in order to eliminate unobligated balances.***

The Service is strongly encouraged to consider structuring land acquisitions for HCPs in a manner similar to projects in the Land Acquisition account. ***Such projects are typically delineated by refuge unit, and high priority projects are typically funded over several years. In so doing, the Service and its partners are able to plan more efficiently and move more quickly when willing sellers become available.*** The Service is expected to seek consensus agreement with the State regarding the use of funds before awarding any traditional conservation grant.

#### ***April -***

Both the House and Senate were in session for three of the four weeks in April. April was dominated with:

- 1- The commencement of House and Senate consideration of FY19 Appropriations; and
- 2- The announcement by the EPA that they were reopening for negotiation the CAFE/ghg standards previously agreed to under the Obama Administration for Model Years (MR) 2022-2025 – a significant environmental and economic issue for all of California, but especially for non-attainment areas such as that encompassing the WRRCA.

#### ***Appropriations:***

According to public statements and published reports, House Republican leaders were proposing to bring small batches of appropriations bills to the floor, starting with non-controversial measures, rather than relying on a last-minute 12-bill Omnibus.

The Military Construction-VA, Energy and Water, and Legislative Branch spending bills was among the first measures on the floor. Those are some of the less contentious spending bills, although the House GOP plan did not change the usual process of House appropriators moving forward with partisan spending bills that Democrats broadly oppose later in the calendar. The House often passes partisan appropriations bills, even though they'll need 60 votes in the Senate to advance. The plan makes sense in the House, but it's harder to gauge what to expect from the Senate, lawmakers said after a GOP conference meeting in which leaders outlined their appropriations strategy. Passing partisan bills in the House would leave a gulf between the two chambers.

*Budget Resolution:*

Members don't know whether to expect a full budget resolution out of the Budget Committee. Chairman Steve Womack (R-Ark.) circulated a draft resolution among some committee members. The measure would project to balance within 10 years, calling for significant cuts to mandatory programs. Also, it wasn't yet clear if the budget resolution would align with the increase in non-defense discretionary spending allowed under the new budget caps set under the Bipartisan Budget Act (Public Law 115-123). Both chambers missed an April 15 formal deadline to agree on a budget, and neither had released a draft. The House and Senate may struggle to reach consensus on a resolution, particularly one that aligns with the increased discretionary budget caps and still achieves balance within 10 years.

*May -*

The House and Senate were in session for three of the five weeks in May.

May was dominated with:

1- Ongoing consideration of House and Senate FY19 Appropriations.

*Appropriations:*

On May 15, the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee (which includes EPA) marked up and passed out its FY19 bill to the full committee. Included in the bill were the accounts of interest to WRCRCA (documented above). The full House Appropriations mark up of the Interior bill was scheduled for May 22, but was postponed due to illness of the full Committee Chairman.

The Senate Appropriations Committee advanced its first fiscal 2019 spending bills the last week of May. The Senate panel approved the Energy and Water and Agriculture-FDA bills by wide margins on May 24. The full House committee approved the Transportation-HUD bill that week, while the Financial Services-General Government Subcommittee approved its measure. House leaders were lining up a three-bill package (H.R. 5895) for floor action when Congress returned from the Memorial Day recess. The measure would

combine the Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction-VA bills into a “minibus.” Senate Republicans leaders are considering bills to two at a time.

*Rescissions:*

On May 8, OMB Director Mick Mulvaney submitted to the President a list of 38 proposed “rescissions” of prior year budget authority totaling \$15.4 billion. If enacted, they would result in an actual reduction in federal outlays of \$3.0 billion. Programs directly of interest to WRCRCA were not on the list. The House and Senate must both pass the rescissions and send them to the President for his signature in order for it to become law. While the House planned to act, it is doubtful if the Senate will take up this measure.

*June -*

The House and Senate were in session for all four weeks of June.

June was dominated with:

1- Ongoing consideration of House and Senate FY19 Appropriations;

*Appropriations:*

Both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees continued their fast pace to markup all the FY19 appropriations bills prior to the July 4 recess. The Senate committee finished its markups, with the LHHS and DOD bills moving together. The House has yet to schedule its remaining bills, LHHS and DHS. Recall, the FY19 top line number is \$10b more than FY18; FY18 saw an increase of \$63 billion in non-defense discretionary spending stemming from the BBA18 legislation.

The Administration’s recent policy changes – and reversals – on immigration have created political fallout, but that has not slowed the House/Senate consideration of legislation. Other bills awaiting action before the election include, WRDA, FAA, and the defense authorization conference report. The announced retirement of Justice Kennedy from the Supreme Court and the Administration’s announced intent to nominate and confirm a replacement before the November election will absorb a great deal of time and attention.

*Questions and Comments -*

It is the pleasure of Kadesh & Associates to serve the RCA. If this report generates any questions, please direct them to Dave Ramey at 202-549-1519 or [dave@kadeshdc.com](mailto:dave@kadeshdc.com).

Thank you.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**  
**Attachment 4**

**Riverside County**  
**Regional Parks and**  
**Open-Space District**

**CONSULTANT REPORT  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT  
FISCAL YEAR 2018 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT**

**Report Covers Period:** 04/01/2018 – 06/30/2018

**Services Provided During Current Work Period:**

136 Work Release Program hours were utilized during the Fourth Quarter of FY2018

**Patrol/Access Control/Maintenance**

**General Administration**

Bell-Weigel – Natural Resource Manager (NRM) Jonathan Reinig and Ranger Supervisor (RS) Ruben Rodriguez met with the BLM Ranger and manager, representatives from the Sierra Club and Rancho California Water District, and seven area residents to discuss trespassing, off-highway vehicles (OHV), mountain biking, and fire concerns in the area. The public expressed their satisfaction with RCA's management of the MSHCP lands at the site. BLM agreed to increase their enforcement efforts in the area. The residents agreed amongst themselves to contact private, absentee land owners in an attempt to get them to close off access to private properties.

RS Rodriguez spoke with City of Lake Elsinore transportation staff regarding their plan to close off Walker Canyon Road north of the Reynolds property. Management staff is in full support of this effort, and all affected property owners are onboard. The road block was completed on April 24, 2018.

NRM Reinig and Natural Resource Specialist (NRS) Joseph Sherrock attended the first annual Santa Ana River Symposium. The symposium had a great turn out and will be a good resource to bring people together who are working along the river.

NRS Sherrock and Maintenance Worker (MS) Stanley Miller attended the San Diego Weed Management Area Meeting. The meeting was informative. Topics of discussion included new California Department of Pesticide Regulation updates, studies on Glyphosate toxicity (or lack thereof), and Kurushio/Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer detection and eradication strategies.

NRS Sherrock attended a three-day workshop hosted by UC San Diego Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The emphasis of the workshop was on photogrammetry and data collection/processing to create orthomosaics for use in GIS. A lot of good information regarding the use of drones for mapping and vegetation analysis was presented.

RS Rodriguez coordinated access to private properties with easement affecting Hanson Layton and Agua Tibia parcels. There is a shared access gate at the Hanson Layton property on Avenida Perla Bonita. The lawyer for the private property owner next to Agua Tibia did not make final contact with RCA to access the gate.

NRM Reinig and RS Rodriguez attended a meeting with the Reginal Conservation Authority (RCA) regarding the Brian Bush parcel easements. The meeting was followed up with fencing and gate descriptions given to the lawyer for the RV resort (easement holder through the Bush property). Management staff will begin fencing the Brian Bush property begin in July 2018.

## **Patrol/Enforcement**

### **Badlands HMU**

Gate locks were discovered cut off on the north and south gates at the Wolfskill Dricoll property during a routine patrol. No internal damage to the property was found, and the locks were replaced.

### **Gavilan HMU**

Ranger Richard Chagolla worked a homeless issue in May that involved Child Protective Services. Contact was made with a mother and her two children who were staying in a car on two separate MSHCP properties. After observing the children during the second contact. Ranger Chagolla reached out to a County CPS Case Worker to advise them of the location. CPS took down the information and attempted to locate the individuals. A map depicting the locations was provided to different CPS individuals working the case. CPS works long hours, and Ranger Chagolla made himself available by phone on his days off. Ranger Chagolla advised that San Bernardino County CPS was also involved, as was BLM Ranger Purdy who advised CPS that the family left the RCA land and occupied a third location on private property in the Gavlin HMU.

A stolen vehicle was removed from the White Rock property. It had been there several months in a remote area. Staff led J&M towing into the property.

Staff inspected and installed signs on the TET Sedco Hills property. The property is rugged and difficult to access. It takes most the day to place signs in key points. Some new signage was placed and disturbance activity was assessed for future work.

### **Menifee HMU**

Staff checked on a report of a trail closed by wire at the adjacent La Paloma and Warmington (Parks open space) sites. Staff confirmed that Parks District staff did not close the trail as part of one of their projects. Rangers reopened the trail, which is not dedicated for public use, after checking with the Anheuser Busch caretakers to make sure they had no objections or concerns. The wire closure was a danger to bike riders. The trail skirts a shared property easement line. Several weeks later RS Rodriguez spoke with a mountain bike rider in Menifee who hit the fence line strung across a trail, which had been re-installed. The biker advised that while riding a mountain bike on a trail on May 14, 2018, within District Open Space/RCA MSHCP lands, he struck a wire fence strung across a trail that had not previously been there before. The wire was not signed, labeled or marked for visibility. The biker described hitting the fencing and going over

the handlebars. He required and sought medical attention. The wire was removed again and inquiries of neighbors to determine who was responsible for putting up the wire were not fruitful.

### **San Jacinto HMU**

One new, but apparently abandoned, homeless encampment was removed from the middle of the Wilhelm Ranch property after being posted for eviction for two weeks

A site visit was conducted at KB Homes and Carlsbad properties to investigate reports of Riverside County Transportation Department grading the sides of Dunlap Road. A field review revealed that grading was within their right-of-way.

A new homeless camp on the KB River Donation, which was initially reported to the RCA by Code Enforcement, was evicted.

### **Sage HMU**

During patrol on Saturday, May 12, 2018, Ranger staff reported an occupied homeless camp on the Temecula Creek donation property. It was posted with a written note to vacate the premises. The occupant avoided contact and ran deeper into the vegetation when approached. Staff returned to the camp to post a notice to vacate premises. Ranger staff eventually removed the personal belongings and stored the possessions at the Goodhart property.

### **Maintenance/ Fencing**

#### **Cactus Valley HMU**

A new electric stovetop was ordered for the Goodhart ranch. It replaced a broken glass top, which no longer worked correctly. Maintenance Worker Alfredo Salazar did the installation. Weed abatement is being addressed at the Goodhart cabin area.

#### **Gavilan HMU**

Staff worked on completing the three strand fencing on the Ordonez property along Gavilan Road in April 2018. An additional 380 ft. of T-post was put in place. Staff will install a total of 750 ft. of fencing. Staff also closed off the mine entrance on the property again to vandals, who chipped away at the sidewall.

#### **San Jacinto HMU**

At the Percival property, staff completed the removal of concrete and asphalt piles for acquisition. They did a really good job of material removal and final detailing of the work area. The grand total of concrete, brick, dirt and asphalt debris was immense at 25 tons. The finish work looked outstanding.

Work was wrapped up by MSHCP maintenance staff late on the heavy duty vehicle barricades put in place on the Higgins Nuevo west boundary. This completes the improvements with the Higgins Nuevo fencing. Code enforcement contacted staff to report a homeless camp in the area. Staff confirmed the camp was not on RCA land.

Staff removed large amounts of trash and waste tires off both parcels of the Soboba Donation property. Staff also took the opportunity to notify individuals to move out of living encampments that impact the area. New signage was placed in strategic locations and vehicle access to trails was blocked. In addition, a stolen vehicle was removed from the Phase 2 Soboba parcel. Staff assisted the CHP with the removal.

At the Warren Partners property MSHCP staff, with the help of court workers, removed 19 bags of roadside trash from along Highway 74.

### **Menifee HMU**

In May, staff made contact on-site with County Road Department staff regarding the Roe house. The County Road Department staff involved with securing the building confirmed that the doors and locks to the building had been discarded as unusable. Plywood bolted to the door framework secures entry. Staff cleared the back lot of tumbleweeds and graded a roadway to the house and shed area inside the property boundary. County Road Department still has work to complete on the side entry road leading into the property. As of now, it is heavily rutted and in need of three culvert crossings. No timeframe of when that work will begin was given.

In June staff worked to place a map and Plexiglas on the Boy Scout kiosk at the Winchester 700 property in Murrieta. In the same area, the repair to the fencing over the creek bed on the north boundary was completed.

### **Sage HMU:**

Field inspection of the Bell Weigel property took place June 22, 25, and 28, and again the week of July 4. Again, staff did not witness the amount of activity being reported by the neighbor. Staff observed similar conditions, with the exception of a recent trash dumping near the east boundary. The worst dumping was found on a cleared pad above the RCA property in June. There have been three trash dumps there in recent months. Staff took measures to cable off access to the area. RS Rodriguez communicated with the Rancho California Horseman Association regarding better entry into the Bell Weigel area by improving step-overs. They requested that a lock be placed on the gate to allow access to the area in case of an emergency. Staff advised that if the association purchases Knox lock we will place it into the system.

Rangers repaired the fence at the entrance of SSR. Fencing on both sides of the gate were vandalized. The wire fencing was replaced with new T posts and cable fencing.

### **San Timoteo HMU:**

Staff coordinated with a private property owner and Moreno Valley Police Department to move out a homeless camp that relocated onto an adjacent parcel next to RCA land on Redlands Blvd. Staff completed the removal of occupants of a homeless camp adjacent to the Pecuniary property. Staff re-checked the site the following day to confirm the occupants did not return. Staff discouraged occupying of and littering on all adjacent RCA land. The matter is considered closed at this time.



## **Habitat/Species Management**

Quarterly photo stations were visited at Carlsbad, Wilhelm, Calmat, Warren Road partners, JPR6, and Cordova.

Brown-headed cowbird trapping at Hidden Valley, Temecula Creek and Temescal Wash was completely unproductive with no cow-birds trapped.

### **Badlands HMU**

**Wolfskill Driscoll** – Staff transported a water tank originally placed for native plant restoration efforts on the northern boundary to mid – property in order to supplement the animal water guzzler water resource. The 1,000+ gal tank was placed upright midway up the Edison road that leads out to the east. The tank will gravity feed water to the basin directly below.

### **San Jacinto HMU**

**Nuevo Donation** – Much effort was directed by all staff to the burrowing owl translocation site. Feeding and inspection were conducted on a daily basis for one month for the six different occupied hacking enclosures. Removal of all hacking enclosures and weed eating around each burrow was completed during the month of April. Once the chicks emerged from the one successful pair, raven harassment using lasers was conducted on a nearly daily basis for several hours around dusk and/or dawn. The chicks fledged near the end of June and most of the translocated owls are still using the site. The burrows were all string trimmed again in June.

### **Menifee HMU**

**Casa Modelo** -- A lethal animal entrapment issue was corrected on the property after staff came across the recent accidental death of a coyote. An exposed concrete drainage pipe was sealed at a perpendicular crack to prevent access.

**McElhinney Stimmel** – Burrowing owl translocation. Feeding and inspection were conducted on a daily basis. Removal of all hacking enclosures was completed during the month of April. Raven harassment with lasers stopped after several weeks once the chicks emerged from the nest due to a predation event that caused the nest to fail.

Much attention was directed to the property to monitor other owls on the property. Several rounds of camera trap deployment were used to determine breeding status of several other owls on the property. One other nesting pair was determined to be using the property. All artificial burrows were also peeped with a camera scope for routine monitoring on one occasion and string trimmed on another.

**El Sol** – All artificial burrows were peeped with a camera scope for routine monitoring one occasion and string trimmed on another. Only one breeding pair was found to be using the property this spring. This pair was monitored by the San Diego Zoo as part of a larger research project.

**Anheuser Busch, McElhinney-Stimmel, and El Sol** – Coordinated and conducted (with MSHCP Biological Monitoring Program staff) general area search of these properties for possible unknown

burrowing owls. Two searchers spent a full day at each property on two separate occasions. Every known burrowing owl was found by an independent unbiased observer, but no new owls were located.

**Winchester 700 Murrieta** – Invasive bull frog eradication was conducted and resulted in the dispatching of a handful of individuals. Two days were also spent on-site spot spraying herbicide to the Mt. Bike restoration area to control the growth of non-native plant species while allowing for the growth of native plant species.

**Cornerstone** – Invasive bull frog and crayfish eradication was conducted and resulted in the dispatching of dozens of individuals. Monthly site visits for telemetry of the property's two radio tagged turtles were conducted. Unlike our experience with other radio tagged turtles on various properties, these turtles have moved relatively little: <200 meters from their original trap location. A wildlife fence and undercrossing inspection was conducted on the adjacent housing development. All in all, everything looks really good. A couple of issues were found in two spots and were in the process of being remedied by the developer.

**La Paloma** – NRS Sherrock spearheaded efforts to upkeep the property's restoration area with help of other staff. This included several visits to weed the restoration area and remove the old fencing which surrounded it.

### **Gavilan HMU**

**Bolton** – NRM Reinig coordinated with MWD Biologist Tania Asef for water release from Lake Mathews to fill the main Bolton pond for the benefit of the property's imperiled pond turtles. Preparation for the work included writing a formal request for a water release by MWD, walking the wash to check on feasibility and efficacy of potential water release, checking for least Bell's vireo in wash (one singing male found; no nests found in danger of being flooded), sinking of a 300-gallon horse trough in pond bottom with a Kubota to act as a turtle refuge once the pond dries, removal of tamarisk and castor bean from pond and the removal of a concrete/cinderblock dam created by an archery club upstream of the ponds. The upper pond was completely filled (with a small overflow into the lower pond) during a 28 hour water release. At 2 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec, it took ~5 acre-feet of water to accomplish this. This was a large undertaking by MWD involving lots of staff, generators and water pumps, and quagga filters.

### **River HMU**

**Teledyne** – Six days were spent weeding the upper dune area of the property with the help of several Work Release Program (WRP) workers to control non-native weed growth for the benefit of the property's Delhi sands flower-loving fly. Most all verbisina (which was very extensive this year) and mustards (greatly reduced this year) have been cleared from the upper dunes prior to setting seed.

In addition to weeding the property, permanent survey stakes were constructed and placed across the site. These 140 stakes will also act as change in sand depth measures. By measuring the stakes annually, these stakes will document gain or loss in sand across the site.

**APNs 173-030-007, 008, AND 055** – Performed site and habitat inspection for suitable fly habitat. Besides a small patch of degraded sand habitat in the far northwest corner of the parcels, no fly habitat was found to be present.

**Hidden Valley** – The farm field burrowing owl translocation site was string trimmed and mowed of heavy weeds. Two separate checks revealed no sign of use by burrowing owls.

### **Sage HMU:**

**Bell Wiegel** – Scrub oaks that were planted on a decommissioned mountain bike trail were watered on several occasions. Although a handful were lost due to vandalism or desiccation, most of the couple dozen plants are doing well.

### **San Jacinto HMU:**

**EMWD** – Quarterly photo monitoring. Many of the transplanted encelia and buckwheat in San Bernardino Kangaroo rat restoration site have not survived, but the transplanted broomsage is looking very healthy. Sporadic mustards across the site were pulled.

### **Santa Ana Mountains HMU:**

**Saddleback** – Munz's onion restoration site was visited on four occasions and weeded of sprouting non-native vegetation, mostly Russian thistle. A small number of the onion were observed in vegetative growth in February - early March, but due to the bad timing of the rains this year, nothing flowered.

## **Fire Management/Weed Abatement**

NRS Sherrock mapped the extent of a small fire that burned through the Soboba Donation Phase 2 property. The burn area is roughly seven acres, with about half of that on RCA conserved lands, and the other half on PQP (Flood Control) land. Incident #: 18-CARRU 059928. Incident Name: Lake. Event #: 18066672

RS Rodriguez met with the Fire Marshall of the City of Moreno Valley in charge of weed abatement for fire prevention. At the meeting, specifics for the RCA Riverside Clark property were discussed. The Fire Marshal was willing to work with us in regard to upholding County Ord 695.4 as it pertains to species protection. It was a good meeting where agreed to a compromise that will avoid clearcutting buckwheat habitat areas. Previously, RCA was receiving Second Violation Notices for additional clearing.

Weed abatement was completed at the Cachia, Calvary Chapel, Casa Modelo, Clark, Damietta Ranch, Greenwald, Harington, Hemet Donation, Kailin #2, Katz, KHOV Bethlam, McCormick, McElhinney-Stimmel, Murrieta 180, RAFCO, Shear, Trans Clark, Warren Partners, Wilhelm, Winchester Road Donation, and Wolfskill Driscoll properties.

## **Acquisitions**

### **Initial Site Inspections:**

Adams, Michael and Roxana– Pre-acquisition review. Some light trash and a couple missing witness markers. Nice wet seep on property amongst eucalyptus. Property is in a hotspot area for

dumping and homeless camps. Although property is currently clear of both, it is foreseen there is likely to be issues with both in the future.

Andrade, Hilda – Pre-acquisition review. Most of the witness markers were in place. Two were not. No trash except an old tire barricade of about 12, partially buried tires. The area is a hot spot for dumping and OHV. Property should be fenced immediately upon closing of escrow.

Bentley – Pre-acquisition review. 10.7-acre parcel in the Tenaja corridor adjacent to RCA conserved lands to the north and east. Great CSS/chaparral habitat with artemesia, buckwheat, opuntia, mimulus, laurel sumac, rhus ovata, chamise, ceonothus, scrub oak, live oak, and Engelmann Oak. There are two storage sheds and some trash piles on the property.

Burum: A great addition for the area in terms of habitat (nesting cactus wren, and horned lizard seen during review. Also good k-rat habitat. Trash items found and reported include a partially buried car and couch, a refrigerator, a pile of tires, and some random trash all in one spot along the western boundary. There is also a lone refrigerator in the center of the property.

Lin: Assessed well on property. Well is 8 inches in diameter and 100+ ft. deep with a moveable cover. Parks will remove debris around the well, but take no part in decommissioning.

Rindahl/Emerald Alisio – Second pre-acquisition review. Still bits of trash on the properties, but considering the scope of cleanup that was accomplished, it was relatively good.

RCTC McAlister Donation – Pre-acquisition review. Thirty-three acre parcel in the San Jacinto River floodplain adjacent to the south border of SJRR. Vegetation is mostly thick and thatchy non-native grasses – bromus sp. and avena 8-14 inches tall. Upland areas contain small amount of sage scrub – buckwheat and encelia, and some rhus ovata and sambucus. Also a couple of gigantic ornamental agaves. Some trash issues and old irrigation infrastructure.

Sey Corporation – Pre-acquisition review. Alkaline flat habitat adjacent to the western border of Wilhelm in the San Jacinto Valley. Cleanup required for light trash and 12 large piles of unconsolidated asphalt that have been dumped. Cleanup cost estimate sent to Stephi for removal of 85 tons of asphalt.

# **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

## **Attachment 5**

### **Santa Ana Watershed Association**

**CONSULTANT REPORT  
SAWA – BIOLOGICAL MONITORING PROGRAM  
FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT**

**Report Covers Period:** 4/1/18 – 6/30/18

**Services provided during current work period:**

**Biological monitoring surveys conducted:**

- Carnivores via motion-triggered cameras in habitat linkages/Cores/corridors.
- Burrowing Owl pair count surveys via trail cameras at locations with owls to determine numbers of breeding pairs and nest outcomes.
- Tricolored Blackbird annual survey, colony monitoring, and San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA) habitat use (including employment of an autonomous recording unit).
- Loggerhead Shrike via line transect surveys within suitable conserved habitat.
- California Gnatcatcher via area-constrained visual encounter surveys within suitable conserved habitat and nest monitoring.
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo via autonomous recording unit employed in Prado.
- Santa Ana sucker via line transects for a native fishes larval habitat survey.
- Arroyo chub via line transects for a native fishes larval habitat survey.
- Quino checkerspot butterfly via grid-based visual encounter surveys at any conserved locations where the species has been observed historically.
- Delhi Sands flower-loving fly via visual encounter surveys along line-distance transects at recently occupied locations to confirm annual reproduction and determine density. Arthropod surveys via pitfall traps to track the relative abundance and richness of the arthropod community, which the Delhi fly larvae presumably use as a food resource.
- Rare plants via area-constrained visual encounter surveys at conserved locations known or suspected to support covered rare plant species.
- Weeding and disturbance treatments conducted on Brand's phacelia study plots.

**Collaboration:**

- Coordination continuing with CA Department of Fish and Wildlife staff at SJWA regarding management of the Tricolored Blackbird breeding and foraging habitat, along with some discussion on Burrowing Owl.
- Collaboration continuing with the state-wide Tricolored Blackbird Working Group.
- Collaborated with UCR Herbarium to catalog rare plant specimens to be submitted to the Consortium of California Herbaria.
- Collaboration with Dr. Wendy Schackwitz (Napa Solano Audubon Society) regarding our new Autonomous Recording Unit.
- Collaborating with CNLM on the Burrowing Owl burrow check surveys.
- Collaborated with other wildlife organizations and wildlife professionals at a western pond turtle working group meeting on April 17.
- Collaborated with FWS on a native fish larval habitat survey on April 25 and May 30, which resulted in data for Santa Ana sucker and arroyo chub.

- Collaborated with other wildlife organizations and agencies on current issues in a quarterly Southern California Native Freshwater Fauna Working Group meeting on May 22.
- Collaborated with other wildlife organizations and agencies in the annual Rialto Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) maintenance shutdown fish rescue on June 15.
- Collaboration with SJWA on invasive removal (turtles and bullfrogs) from a pond on a nearby inholding property on June 18 and 19.
- Collaborated with El Sobrante Landfill HCP biologist on June 27 regarding future surveys on the landfill property.

### **Accomplishments:**

- Gathered useful data for carnivores (coyote, bobcat), Burrowing Owl, Tricolored Blackbird, Loggerhead Shrike, California Gnatcatcher, Santa Ana sucker, arroyo chub, Quino checkerspot butterfly, Delhi Sands flower-loving fly and associated arthropods, and rare plants, including Brand's phacelia and Matilija poppy.
- Met species objective for Quino checkerspot butterfly regarding documentation of presence in 4 of 7 Core Areas, and one satellite core.
- Hosted three monthly monitoring/management coordination meetings with local land managers and wildlife agency representatives.

### **Training**

- Dr. Wendy Schackwitz presented her work with autonomous recording units to our office on April 3.
- The Tricolored Blackbird survey training was conducted by the project lead on April 3.
- Staff attended the Potrero Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) training at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area on May 9.
- Arthropod survey training was conducted by the Delhi sands flower-loving fly Survey Lead on May 9.
- Hana Resources presented their work using drones for habitat health assessments to the office on May 21.
- Data Manager provided database training on June 6 in regards to improvements she's making to the database structure and to address the new tablets.
- Some staff attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Santa Ana River Science Symposium on June 7.
- All Hands Meeting occurred on June 20: cleaned and checked vehicles, discussed survey and report status.
- Delhi Sands flower-loving fly survey training was conducted by the Delhi sands flower-loving fly Survey Lead on June 20.
- Data Manager attended a Survey123 workshop at ESRI June 27-28.

### **Status of Deliverables**

#### 2015

- Species Occurrence Dataset: completed and submitted
- Survey Reports: completed and submitted
- Annual Report: completed and submitted

#### 2016

- Species Occurrence Dataset: completed and submitted
- Survey Reports: completed and submitted
- Annual Report: completed and submitted

#### 2017

- Species Occurrence Dataset: data certified by Data Manager for 16/20 datasets
- Survey Reports: 6/12 reports completed and submitted
- Annual Report: in process

# **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

## **Attachment 6**

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**QUARTERLY CONTRACT REPORT**

**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

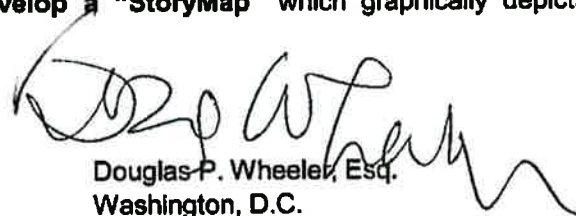
April-June, 2018

Following a long delay, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced its award of **“section 6” grants for FY 2017** on May 21. Among applicants for funding of habitat acquisition, the Authority received \$2 million, the maximum amount for which it had been eligible. Delay was occasioned by a close review of all grant-making by the Department of the Interior. After demonstrating the effects of delay on program continuity, the Authority and the National Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition (NHCCPC) were able to enlist the support of Congressional leaders for release of these funds. Congressional staff were particularly helpful, including C. Tulou and E. Mabry at the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, and I. Foley and D. Benjamin of Representative Calvert's office and the House Committee on Appropriations, respectively. During meetings with Congressmen, including Rep. Calvert, Congressional staff, and the Administration (A. Skipwith and G. Frazer) on April 10 and 11, C. Landry and T. Mullen stressed the importance of section 6 funding, and the need for flexibility in making awards which recognize the size and complexity of particular MSHCPs, including the RCIP. As a result, the Appropriations Committee report on H.R. 6147, which funds the Department of the Interior and related agencies for FY 2019 (below), acknowledges that **the \$2 million “cap” has been removed**, and that larger grants can be made at the discretion of the Fish and Wildlife Service, presumably as early as FY 2018.

Even as we await word on the award of section 6 grants for FY 2018, the Administration and the Congress have turned their focus to the **budget for FY 2019**, which begins on October 1. Although the Administration had proposed substantial reductions in the Land and Water Conservation Fund in FY 2019, from which section 6 appropriations are made, the Congress has thus far given short shrift to those proposals. The House on July 19 passed the Department of the Interior appropriations bill, including \$53.495 million for section 6 grants. This is the same amount as in FY 2018, and is replicated in the Senate bill. Both the House and Senate have proposed a return to “regular order”, in which appropriations bills are considered in due course, and adopted prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year. It is expected that the House-passed Interior bill will be combined with appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Agriculture and financial services agencies, forming a “minibus”—or miniature omnibus—bill. House deliberations on these bills, including a conference with the Senate, are expected to continue at the staff level during the current recess, and to resume among principals when Members return on September 4. In the Senate, which remains in session, the Interior appropriations bill—including \$53.495 for section 6 grants—was passed by a vote of 92-6 on August 1, combined with appropriations for financial services agencies. Differences between the House and Senate bills can be resolved in conference, and adopted prior to October 1. Thus, the successful conclusion of “regular order” will preclude the necessity of continuing resolutions to fund government operations in the absence of an approved budget at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Through its Washington representatives, the Authority has also tracked the development of legislation to “reform” or “modernize” the Endangered Species Act, which—among other things—provides authority for habitat conservation plans and support to plan sponsors in the form of section 6 grants. The Board will recall that its Executive Director and consultants have participated in the three-year Endangered Species Act project of the Western Governors Association. The project resulted in the adoption of bi-partisan policy recommendations, and the introduction of reform legislation by Senator John Barroso of Wyoming. The Barroso legislation also reflects the contributions of Authority staff, whose views on HCPs and the role of states were solicited by drafters of the Barroso bill, including M. Leggett and A. Harding of Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. At the same time, Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources, including its Chairman, Rep. Rob Bishop of Utah, have introduced a more comprehensive suite of bills to streamline implementation of the ESA. Finally, the Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed revisions to the rules which guide its administration of the ESA, including consideration of economic impacts in listing decisions, provisions for designation of unoccupied habitat as “critical” to the survival of threatened and endangered species, and a distinction between protections which may be afforded separately to threatened and endangered species. All of this activity on the Hill and in the Executive branch reflects the belief by some thought leaders that the time is right for ESA reform. Whether the legislation is adopted in whole or part, and the new rules promulgated after a period of public comment, the Authority will be careful to protect its position as a leading practitioner of successful MSHCP implementation, and to assure continued federal support for its program.

Other activities during the quarter included continuing advocacy for establishment of a new **Western Riverside National Wildlife Refuge**, including development of additional sources of habitat funding; consideration of an amendment to WIFIA for loans which may be unrelated to the development of water infrastructure, as is now required; preparation of a legal opinion on the origins and implications of the Authority’s status as a **Joint Powers Authority (JPA)**; preparation, in cooperation with Lindell Marsh at UC Irvine, of a seminar and publication which recounts the success of the RCIP/MSHCP; and work with ESRI to develop a “StoryMap” which graphically depicts the progress of the MSHCP.



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August 6, 2018

## 2018 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
DBESP	Determination of Biologically Equivalent or Superior Preservation
EMWD	Eastern Municipal Water District
EPD	Environmental Programs Department ( <i>Riverside County</i> )
ERP	Expedited Review Process
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FAST	Fixing America's Surface Transportation
FY	Fiscal Year
HANS	Habitat Evaluation and Acquisition Negotiation Strategy
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
HMU	Habitat Management Unit
IC	Interchange
IMER	Initial Management Evaluation Report
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
RCOE	Riverside County Office of Education
RCRCD	Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District
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
WA	Wildlife Agencies ( <i>USFWS &amp; CDFW</i> )
WCB	Wildlife Conservation Board
WIFIA	Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act
WIIN	Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation
WPT	Western Pond Turtle
WRDA	Water Resources Development Act