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MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairman Ingram at 12:30 p.m., Monday, March 4, 2019, in the Board Room of the Riverside County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, 92501.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Johnson led the RCA Board Members and meeting attendees in a flag salute.

3. ROLL CALL

Member Agency	Board Member Name	Status
*City of Banning	Daniela Andrade	Present
City of Beaumont	Julio Martinez	Present
City of Calimesa	Ed Clark	Present
City of Canyon Lake	Larry Greene	Present
City of Corona	Jacque Casillas	Present
*City of Eastvale	Jocelyn Yow	Present
City of Hemet	Michael Perciful	Present
City of Jurupa Valley	Lorena Barajas	Absent
City of Lake Elsinore	Natasha Johnson	Present
City of Menifee	Lesa Sobek	Present
City of Moreno Valley	David Marquez	Present
City of Murrieta	Jonathan Ingram, Chairman	Present
*City of Norco	Kevin Bash	Present
City of Perris	David Starr Rabb	Present
City of Riverside	Andy Melendrez	Present
City of San Jacinto	Russ Utz, <i>Alternate</i>	Present
City of Temecula	James Stewart	Present
City of Wildomar	Joseph Morabito	Present
County District 1	Kevin Jeffries	Present
County District 2	Micheal Goodland, <i>Alternate</i>	Present
County District 3	Chuck Washington	Present
County District 4	V. Manuel Perez	Absent
County District 5	Jeff Hewitt	Absent

*Arrived after roll call was taken.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roy Bleckert, City of Moreno Valley, stated that he called Chairman Ingram a week ago regarding an issue with RCA and the City of Moreno Valley. He stated that the reason he is addressing the

RCA Board in a public meeting is because he has tried to address the City of Moreno Valley on this and many issues, but his e-mail communications are blocked, and he is on a black list. He asked if the City of Moreno Valley is current with all its fees to RCA, if the City of Moreno Valley paid the fees from all the developers, and if there any negotiations or deals. He stated that he does not want the taxpayer dollars paid to subsidize developers for possible mistakes or oversights that city officials are making. If there is money to be collected by the City of Moreno Valley to be passed to the RCA, he suggests that every dollar that is due is collected from the developers, and that taxpayers not pay the fee. He further stated that he should not be addressing these questions to RCA, but to the City of Moreno, if allowed to communicate directly. He wanted to make sure that both agencies are aware of this issue and are working towards resolution. His main concern is that the taxpayers' money not be used to pay fees that are due by a developer.

Chairman Ingram asked if Steve DeBaun, General Counsel, had any comments on this issue. Steve DeBaun said it is not necessary to comment on public comments made to the RCA Board; however, if there is a question in regards to the fees, RCA can look into it and advise the Board Members.

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

Chairman Ingram asked Kristin Staudenmaier, Secretary II, to announce any new Board Members. Kristin Staudenmaier introduced the following members: David Marquez, new Board Member representing the City of Moreno Valley; Micheal Goodland, new Alternate Board Member representing County District 2; and Russ Utz, returning Alternate Board Member representing the City of San Jacinto.

Representatives from the City of San Jacinto and County District 5 arrived at the start of Agenda Item No. 5.

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

There were no additions or revisions.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — February 4, 2019, meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED [16 TO 0]
MOVER:	City of Canyon Lake
SECONDER:	County District 1
AYES:	Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, County District 1, County District 2, County District 3
ABSTAIN:	City of Moreno Valley
ABSENT:	Banning, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Norco, County District 4, County District 5

8. PRESENTATION BY JONATHAN REINIG, RESERVE MANAGER, RCA'S MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Jonathan Reinig, Reserve Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled "2018 Highlighted Species Management Activities," highlighting RCA's efforts related to burrowing owl translocations, Delhi Sands flower-loving fly habitat improvements, Spadefoot pond improvements, western pond turtle non-native removals, and Stephens' kangaroo rat management. Several maps and pictures were displayed to explain the different types of species management activities performed by staff on reserve land.

After his first presentation, Jonathan Reinig invited questions. There were no questions from the RCA Board of Directors.

Reserve Manager Reinig presented a second PowerPoint presentation entitled "The Issue of Mountain Bikes within the WRC MSHCP Plan Area," which consisted of the impacts to conservation land resulting from extensive mountain bike usage. He displayed several maps and pictures which illustrated impacts throughout the reserve, staff's management efforts, and how the problem has worsened with many new trails appearing during the past few years.

After his second presentation, Jonathan Reinig invited and responded to questions from the RCA Board of Directors.

There was discussion by Board Members on the need for citation enforcement, maps and signs for trail access and to help the public to be aware of the species in the area while engaging in outdoor activities.

Chairman Ingram and Board Members thanked Jonathan Reinig for his presentations.

Representatives from the City of Banning and the City of Eastvale arrived during Agenda Item No. 8.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED [19 TO 0]
MOVER:	City of Eastvale
SECONDER:	City of Perris
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, County District 1, County District 2, County District 3
ABSENT:	City of Jurupa Valley, County District 4, County District 5
AWAY:	City of Norco

9.1 WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP FEE COLLECTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 2019

Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to receive and file the Western Riverside County MSHCP Fee Collection Report for January 2019.

Representative from the City of Norco arrived during the start of Agenda Item No. 9, and stepped away during the vote.

10. FISCAL YEAR 2019 SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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

Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, presented the Fiscal Year 2019 Second Quarter Financial Report, which included an Executive Summary (cash balance summary and financial statement overview), detailed financial statements, and MSHCP Fee Collections Report. She stated that as of December 31, 2018, the cash balance was \$34.7 million, which represents a \$6.7 million decrease from the prior fiscal year ending cash balance. Cash receipts were \$16.1 million and cash disbursements were \$22.7 million.

In the Operations Program, revenues of \$473 thousand exceeded expenditures of \$155 thousand by \$318 thousand. The excess revenue was primarily attributable to interest being higher than projected at about 2% instead of 1.5%. The program has already met its budget for the year for Flood Control, civic, and infrastructure projects. Expenditures remained within budget.

In the Land Management and Monitoring Program, revenues of \$2.5 million exceeded expenditures of \$1.4 million by \$1.1 million. For the first six months of the fiscal year, tipping fee revenue of \$1.3 million was approximately 4.5% higher than the same prior year period. Staff anticipates that tipping fees will exceed budgeted revenues for the year by approximately \$529 thousand. The projected net operating position is \$919 thousand at fiscal year-end.

In the Land Acquisition Program, expenditures of \$22.6 million exceeded revenues of \$17 million by \$5.6 million. She stated that because the new Board Members weren't on the Board at the time, it was important to explain that the draw on fund balance was due to the fact that in November of 2018, the Board of Directors authorized staff to accelerate the acquisition of Phase 9 of Anheuser Busch property. The RCA acquired the property this fiscal year, versus the following year, which saved RCA \$2.7 million dollars. Development Mitigation fees of \$9.1 represent 60% of the budgeted mitigation fees of \$15.1 million. During FY2018 RCA received \$14.7 million in Mitigation fees. The highest contributors were the County of Riverside at \$2.2 million, the City of Beaumont at \$1 million, the City of Moreno Valley at \$1 million, and the City of Jurupa Valley \$721 thousand. During the first six months of the fiscal year, the RCA acquired 13

properties totaling 585 acres, valued at approximately \$20 million. Additionally, RCA received two land donations. One of 33.4-acre donation from RCTC valued at \$1.16 million, and another of 19 acres from a developer, the value of which is pending.

Honey Bernas advised that budget adjustments are necessary in the Land Acquisition Program. Staff recommended increasing revenues by \$2.348 million due increased infrastructure contributions, development mitigation fees and TUMF, and money received for the sale of real estate to Caltrans for a right-of-way expansion and median improvement project. Staff further recommended an increase in appropriations for land acquisition in the same amount.

After her first presentation, Honey Bernas invited questions. There were no questions from the RCA Board of Directors.

11. PUBLIC OUTREACH UPDATE

Chairman Ingram updated the Board of Directors on RCA's public outreach efforts. He said that last year RCA conducted an RFP selection to obtain an outreach consultant. Work is underway on several priority projects, including:

- Messaging Platform – A message document is being developed to ensure message consistency and clarity to stakeholders across all the RCA's communication vehicles, including social media, web content, news releases, brochures, and presentations.
- Website Redesign – An attractive and functional redesign aimed at creating a compelling narrative for RCA's operations is being developed. The site will educate and engage the public about RCA's mission, the history of the Plan, its value, and strengthen the agency's transparency, accessibility, and public service.
- Collateral materials – Redesigned brochures and a quarterly e-newsletter are being developed.
- Schools Outreach – Progress is being made on developing and launching a schools program for in-classroom presentations and student achievement awards. RCA is also exploring a scholarship program and a recognition event. Chairman Ingram sought recommendations from the Board of Directors and encouraged them to contact school districts in their jurisdictions whom Board Members believe would be interested in participating.

Chairman Ingram suggested holding Executive Committee meetings at various locations throughout the County, i.e., the Santa Rosa Plateau and at Member Agencies' offices.

Board Member Sobek suggested that RCA get involved with Earth Day.

Board Member Perciful said that the City of Hemet collaborated with Hemet Unified School District for trail clean up at Diamond Valley Lake. The schools are interested in helping.

Chairman Ingram said there would be another update at a future RCA Board of Directors meeting.

12. LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

Executive Director Landry stated that at the last RCA Board of Directors' meeting, it was reported that RCA had acquired 60,344 acres. Escrow closed on one additional property totaling approximately three acres, bringing the reserve total to approximately 60,347 acres. A map depicting where the newly acquired property is located was shown.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

No future agenda items were suggested.

Before the start of Agenda Item No. 14.1.1, representatives from the City of Murrieta, County District 1 and County District 3 recused themselves and exited the room.

14. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**14.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Negotiating Parties: RCA – Executive Director or Designee

Under Negotiation: Price/Terms

Item	Assessor Parcel No(s).	Property Owner(s) / Agent(s)
1	963-080-010 and 963-080-011	Fleming French Valley, LLC, Fred J. Fleming / Cindy Domenigoni, Norton S. Karno

14.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

EHOFF II Lakeside, LLC v. RCA, Case No. RIC 1901547

After Closed Session, the meeting was reconvened. Steve DeBaun, General Counsel, announced the following:

Concerning Agenda Item No. 14.1.1 – Fleming South, portion of APN 963-080-011, the Board of Directors approved a purchase and sale agreement to purchase approximately 33.42 acres of real property from Fleming French Valley (Fred J. Fleming) for \$2,600,000.

Concerning Agenda Item No. 14.1.1 – Fleming North, APN 963-080-010 and a portion of APN 963-080-011, the Board of Directors approved a purchase and sale agreement to purchase approximately 16.96 acres of real property from Fleming French Valley (Fred J. Fleming) for \$1,320,000.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items before the RCA Board, Vice Chair. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m. The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2019, at 12:30 p.m., at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, Board Room, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California.

Prepared by:



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Respectfully submitted:



Honey Bernas
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