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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 12:31 p.m., Monday, June 3, 2019, in the Board Room of the Riverside County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, 92501.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member 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	Mike Lara, Alternate	Present
City of Calimesa	Ed Clark	Present
City of Canyon Lake	Jeremy Smith, Alternate	Present
City of Corona	Wes Speake, Alternate	Present
City of Eastvale	Jocelyn Yow	Absent
City of Hemet	Michael Perciful	Present
*City of Jurupa Valley	Lorena Barajas	Present
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	Crystal Ruiz	Present
City of Temecula	James Stewart	Absent
City of Wildomar	Joseph Morabito	Present
County District 1	Kevin Jeffries	Absent
County District 2	Micheal Goodland, Alternate	Present
County District 3	Chuck Washington	Present
County District 4	V. Manuel Perez	Absent
County District 5	Jeff Hewitt	Present

**Arrived after roll call was taken.*

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

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

There were no Board Member announcements.

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

There were no additions or revisions.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — May 6, 2019, meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED [13 TO 0]
MOVER:	City of Perris
SECONDER:	City of Wildomar
AYES:	Beaumont, Calimesa, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Wildomar, County District 3, County District 5
ABSTAIN:	City of Canyon Lake, City of Corona, City of Hemet, County District 2
ABSENT:	City of Banning, City of Eastvale, City of Jurupa Valley, City of Temecula, County District 1, County District 4

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

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

Representatives from the City of Banning and City of Jurupa Valley arrived after the vote on this Item.

8.1 WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP FEE COLLECTION REPORT FOR APRIL 2019Overview

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

8.2 FISCAL YEAR 2019 THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT AND RESOLUTION NO. 2019-007, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY APPROVING THE COMMITMENT OF TIPPING FEES TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to:

- 1) Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2019 Third Quarter Financial Report; and
- 2) Adopt Resolution No. 2019-007, Resolution of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority approving the commitment of Tipping Fees to the Endowment Fund for Fiscal Year 2019.

8.3 FISCAL YEAR 2019 THIRD QUARTER CONSULTANT REPORTSOverview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2019 Third Quarter Consultant Reports.

8.4 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-006, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTYOverview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to approve Resolution No. 2019-006, Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds for Acquisition of Real Property.

9. **BIOLOGICAL MONITORING PROGRAM WORK PLAN AND COST ESTIMATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020**

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

Tricia Campbell, Director of Reserve Management & Monitoring, presented the Biological Monitoring Program Work Plan and Cost Estimate for Fiscal Year 2020. She stated that the MSHCP requires that Monitoring Program Administrator submit an annual Work Plan and Cost Estimate for implementation of the Monitoring Program. The work plan describes the monitoring activities planned, schedule of fieldwork, and the estimate of cost for personnel and operations. The work plan is to be approved by the RCA Board and becomes part of the annual RCA budget. She explained that one of the key components of the MSHCP is the Biological Monitoring Program, which collects data on the MSHCP's 146 Covered Species and their associated habitats. She explained that monitoring results are used to assess the MSHCP's effectiveness at meeting conservation objectives and to provide information to the management team. She described the different species surveys that are planned for Fiscal Year 2020. The estimated cost for biological monitoring services for a not to exceed amount of \$1,266,720 was included in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget adopted by the Board on May 6, 2019. She further stated that for Fiscal Year 2020, the Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA) proposes to provide staff and all direct expenses for the program, including supplies, field equipment, computers, computer support, and building rent. She further stated that this is a rate increase of \$41,720 from Fiscal Year 2019. The MSHCP estimated the Biological Monitoring budget in Year 10 would be \$1.4 million.

Board Member Speake asked whether additional species, beyond those specifically called out for Fiscal Year 2020 species surveys, would be monitored or trapped in Core Areas.

Tricia Campbell, stated that when possible other species will be included. She further stated that the main focus on trapping is for the particular species in the Core Area with the type of trap used dictated by the species. However, captures and detection of other species can occur during the focused survey/trapping efforts and would be logged.

Board Member Bash commended RCA staff for all the work they do with the amount of funding they receive.

Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to approve the Biological Monitoring Program Work Plan and Cost Estimate for Fiscal Year 2020.

10. CLINTON KEITH ROAD OVERCROSSING BIOLOGICAL MONITORING REIMBURSABLE WORK PLAN AND COST ESTIMATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

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

Tricia Campbell, Director of Reserve Management & Monitoring, presented the Clinton Keith Road Overcrossing Biological Monitoring Reimbursable Work Plan and Cost Estimate for Fiscal Year 2020. She stated that the Riverside County Transportation Department (RCTD) agreed to perform mitigation monitoring at the wildlife overcrossing facility for five years. The monitoring work will occur through the RCA Biological Monitoring Program, with all work reimbursed to the RCA through the use of banked RCTD fee credits. She further stated that the monitoring crew will survey for the Quino checkerspot butterfly and monitor the usage of the overcrossing by other wildlife species. All results from the monitoring work will be provided in the MSHCP annual report.

Board Member Melendez asked where the wildlife crossing is located.

Chairman Ingram stated that the wildlife overcrossing is located at Interstate 215 between French Valley and State Route 79 and dead center to Clinton Keith Road.

Tricia Campbell said that she will follow up with an email on the location and include pictures of the wildlife overcrossing.

Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to approve the Clinton Keith Road Overcrossing Biological Monitoring Program Work Plan and Cost Estimate for Fiscal Year 2020.

11. DASHBOARD PRESENTATION

Emily Lee, GIS/IT Database Manager, gave a presentation on the new Dashboard for the RCA website. She stated that the Dashboard gives the most updated acreage information regarding Reserve Assembly and explained the map layout. She stated that the light green section on the map depicts the "Public/Quasi-Public Lands (PQP)," which are lands that were conserved before the adoption of the MSHCP. The dark green section on the map depicts the "Additional Reserve Lands (ARL)," which are the current RCA Reserve Lands. She further stated that the "Total Conserved Lands To Date" section on the map includes the total combined PQP and ARL acreage.

Chairman Ingram asked Emily Lee to explain the meaning of PQP.

Emily Lee explained that Public/Quasi-Public (PQP) lands are already conserved lands.

Charles Landry, Executive Director, stated that PQP lands were already conserved lands prior to the adoption of the MSHCP. These lands include the National Forests, Metropolitan Water District land for mitigation, and some other wildlife areas.

Charles Landry gave a Land Acquisition update during the Dashboard presentation. He stated that escrow closed on three additional properties totaling approximately 98 acres, bringing the reserve total to approximately 61,380 acres.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

12.1 Refuge Update

Charles Laundry, Executive Director, reported that on May 23, 2019, Congressman Calvert introduced the National Wildlife Refuge Bill (H.R. 2956). The proposed bill will be used in conjunction with the MSHCP to provide additional funding to help achieve the federal and state commitment for one-third of the Reserve. The bill will also assist in providing more funding beyond Section 6. He further reported that Senator Feinstein is expected to bring companion legislation to the Senate.

Chairman Ingram thanked everyone involved in assisting with the National Wildlife Refuge Bill.

13. FEATURED SPECIES OF THE MONTH

Elizabeth "Betsy" Dionne, Ecological Resources Specialist, stated that the featured species for the month of June is the Northern Red Diamond Rattlesnake (*Crotalus ruber ruber*). She then gave an overview of the rattlesnake's characteristics, life history, migration, and how RCA manages for the species.

After her presentation, Betsy Dionne invited and responded to questions from the Board Members.

14. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

No future agenda items were suggested.

15. CLOSED SESSION

15.1 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	470-100-007	Sharon Lee Butcher/ Phil McElhinney
2	932-190-017	Akbar Soltan Rahmati, Zahra Farzamigohar, Amir Manzur, Roshanak Soltan Rahmati (Rahmati #1)/ Reza James
3	932-190-018	Akbar Soltan Rahmati, Zahra Farzamigohar (Rahmati #2)/ Reza James

4	Portion of 547-170-002	Roy Wilder, Sandra Wilder
5	940-300-010, 940-300-013, 940-300-017, 940-300-018, 940-300-027 and 940-300-028	Escarpment Investors Six, LLC, Thomas Bobowski, Joseph Williams/Robert & William Tyler
6	Portion of 900-020-010	Charles M. Bales, Joni A. Simonsen Bales

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

Concerning Agenda Item No. 15.1.1 – APN 470-100-007, the Board of Directors approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement to purchase approximately 8.23 acres of real property from Sharon Lee Butcher for \$47,000.

Concerning Agenda Item No. 15.1.2 – APN 932-190-017, the Board of Directors approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement to purchase approximately 19.89 acres of real property from Akbar Soltan Rahmati, Zahra Farzamigohar, Amir Manzur and Roshanak Soltan Rahmati (Rahmati #1) for \$190,000.

Concerning Agenda Item No. 15.1.3 – APN 932-190-018, the Board of Directors approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement to purchase approximately 23.36 acres of real property from Akbar Soltan Rahmati and Zahra Farzamigohar (Rahmati #2) for \$200,000.

Concerning Agenda Item No. 15.1.4 – Portion of APN 547-170-002, the Board of Directors approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement to purchase approximately 10.53 acres of real property from Roy Wilder and Sandra Wilder for \$315,900.

Concerning Agenda Item No. 15.1.5 – APNs 940-300-010, 940-300-013, 940-300-017, 940-300-018, 940-300-027 and 940-300-028, the Board of Directors approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement to purchase approximately 119.73 acres of real property from Escarpment Investors Six, LLC, Thomas Bobowski and Joseph Williams for \$3,000,790.

Concerning Agenda Item No. 15.1.6 – Portion of APN 900-020-010, the Board of Directors approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement to purchase approximately 2 acres of real property from Charles M. Bales and Joni A. Simonsen Bales for \$56,000.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items before the RCA Board, Chairman Ingram adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m. The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, July 1, 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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Administrative Manager

Respectfully submitted:



Deputy Executive Director