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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 12:35 p.m., Monday, November 4, 2019, in the Board Chambers of the John F. Tavaglione Administrative Center Annex, First Floor, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, 92501.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Hewitt 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	Jeremy Smith	Present
City of Corona	Jacque Casillas	Present
City of Eastvale	Jocelyn Yow	Present
City of Hemet	Michael Perciful	Present
City of Jurupa Valley	Anthony Kelly, Jr., Alternate	Present
City of Lake Elsinore	Natasha Johnson	Absent
City of Menifee	Lesa Sobek	Present
City of Moreno Valley	David Marquez	Absent
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	Absent
City of San Jacinto	Crystal Ruiz	Present
City of Temecula	James Stewart	Present
City of Wildomar	Joseph Morabito	Present
County District 1	Kevin Jeffries	Present
County District 2	Karen Spiegel	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 — October 7, 2019, meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED [18 TO 0]
MOVER:	Wildomar
SECONDER:	Perris
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 1, District 2, District 5
ABSTAIN:	District 3
ABSENT:	Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Riverside, 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 [19 TO 0]
MOVER:	San Jacinto
SECONDER:	Eastvale
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 1, District 2, District 3, District 5
ABSENT:	Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Riverside, District 4

8.1 WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP FEE COLLECTION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Overview

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

8.2 FISCAL YEAR 2019 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ANNUAL AND FIVE-YEAR REPORT

Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to receive and file the attached Fiscal Year 2019 Development Impact Fee Annual and Five-Year Report.

8.3 FISCAL YEAR 2020 FIRST QUARTER CONSULTANT REPORTS

Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2020 First Quarter Consultant Reports.

9. WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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

Tricia Campbell, Director of Reserve Management and Monitoring, gave an overview of the 2018 MSHCP Annual Report. She stated that in 2018 a total of 2,066 acres were acquired, donated or obtained through the local development process. By the end of 2018, RCA had acquired 60,339 acres. There are approximately 3,851 acres of habitat losses reported with approximately 75% of the development occurring outside of areas that maybe described for conservation. RCA tracks habitat losses and gains through the Rough Step process. Rough Step is a measure used to track success of the MSHCP. It basically tracks the losses and gains of habitat of certain types of vegetation communities across the Plan area. There are 9 Rough Step Units. Rough Step is not just the number of acreages, but what types of vegetation are being impacted and what's being acquired to replace the vegetation being impacted. As of the end of December 2018, three vegetation communities were out of rough step. Riversidian Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub is out of rough step in Units 3 and 7 and Grasslands are out of rough step in Unit 8. She stated that by the end of December 2018, Riparian Scrub came back into rough step in

Unit 7. By the end of 2018, RCA has identified 15,161 acres in the queue for reserve assembly through local permitting development processes. RCA received 25 Joint Project Reviews from Permittees, and one Criteria Refinement was submitted. MSHCP land management occurs in many ways. RCA has a staff of 10 from County Parks that does the Reserve Management of approximately 39,608 acres comprised of nearly 800 parcels. RCA Reserve Managers continue to focus on fire abatement, property protection, security, removal of invasive species, non-native plants, and restoration of natural habitats. They perform long-term management of 15 properties through Clean Water Act Section 404 and Section 7 processes. She further stated that Habitat Enhancements in 2018 included translocating 12 owls to Reserve Lands in support of projects, installing a liner at the Shiang seasonal pool for western spadefoot, and continuing enhancement of the Teledyne property for Delhi Sands flower-loving fly. In 2018, with a staff of 14 biologists, the Monitoring Program conducted 40 focused surveys for covered species within the MSHCP reserve system (PQP and ARL Lands). RCA Reserve Managers detected 88 of the 146 covered species and completed the Southwestern Pond Turtle Study; tracking the use of upland, as well as breeding habitat, for the Western Pond Turtle to help determine how best to preserve the species.

Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to receive and file the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Annual Report 2018.

10. PUBLIC HEARING

Board Member Washington announced that he has a conflict of interest due to receiving a campaign donation in excess of the \$250 limit.

Board Member Jeffries announced that he also has a conflict of interest due to receiving a campaign donation in excess of the \$250 limit.

Before the start of Agenda Item No. 10, Board Members Jeffries and Washington recused themselves and exited the room.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED [17 to 0]
MOVER:	Wildomar
SECONDER:	Hemet
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, District 5
ABSENT:	Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Riverside, District 1, District 3, District 4

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

Tricia Campbell, Director of Reserve Management and Monitoring, stated the Criteria Refinement Project for Tentative Tract Map 36549 includes two additional Tentative Tract

Maps that will be reviewed at a later date, but are addressed in this Criteria Refinement. She introduced Eric Ruby with Ascent Environmental to provide an overview of the Criteria Refinement.

Eric Ruby with Ascent Environmental gave an overview of the Criteria Refinement. He stated that he has been the environmental and biological consultant on the Criteria Refinement for several years. He presented a PowerPoint presentation giving a short overview of where the proposed Criteria Refinement would be located. He described the location of the Criteria Refinement in the context of the City of Temecula, the Santa Rosa Ecological Reserve, and the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve. Mr. Ruby presented a slide of the 401.5-acre project site (includes three tract maps), which is interwoven with the Cross Creek golf course. He showed an overview of all three tract maps, proposing development of 99 residential lots, in total. He gave an overview of existing proposed Constrained Linkage 12 and the replaced proposed Constrained Linkage 12. He stated that most of the wildlife movement found was related to large mammals across the site. This proposed constrained linkage is to connect the Santa Rosa Ecological Reserve to lands south of the project site; ultimately connecting to the San Diego State Ecological Reserve (Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve) near the County line. In order create this connection, the project team put together a series of conservation easements across the project site, including the inclusion of Sycamore Creek. This will allow large mammals to move across the project site, and once they reach Sycamore Creek, they can move in an East - West direction along the Creek. The other smaller easement areas are the Upland Bird Habitats that are described in the Criteria Cells and located in a variety of areas. Some are located on the applicant's property and some are located on the Cross Creek golf course property. All of them will have conservation easements that are part of the Criteria Refinement. In total when compared, the existing proposed Constrained Linkage 12 with the proposed replaced Constrained Linkage 12, there is an additional 25.9 acres of land that will be conserved. None of the lands originally described for existing proposed Constrained Linkage 12 have been conserved. This Criteria Refinement will allow for a total of 126.6 acres of replaced proposed Constrained Linkage 12 to be conserved in perpetuity under the conservation easements that are proposed as part of the refinement. As part of Tentative Tract Map 36549 and the DBESP that came along with it, there are two offsite Riparian Riverine mitigation sites that had to be proposed to offset impacts.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

Tricia Campbell, Director of Reserve Management and Monitoring, read the recommended motion into the record.

Overview

This Item is for the RCA Board of Directors to:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing on the proposed Tentative Tract Map No. 36549 Criteria Refinement;
- 2) Adopt Resolution No. 2019-014, Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Considering a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Tentative Tract Map No. 36549, Making Responsible Agency Findings Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality

Act, and Accepting Findings and Making a Final Determination Regarding the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Criteria Refinement;

- 3) Authorize the RCA Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review and approval, to accept three (3) conservation easements to secure replacement land between the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority and Beresford Properties, LLC;
- 4) Ratify the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Reimbursement and Indemnity Agreement for Criteria Refinement (CR#: 14-12-18-01; JPR#: 17-05-04-01); and
- 5) Authorize the RCA Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review and approval, to take other necessary actions to complete the Criteria Refinement.

Before the start of Agenda Item No. 11, Board Members Jeffries and Washington came back into the room.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(NO BUSINESS)

12. LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

Charles Landry, Executive Director, reported that that since the last RCA Board of Directors' meeting, the RCA acquired five properties totaling approximately 18 acres, bringing the reserve assembly total to approximately 61,613 acres.

13. FEATURED SPECIES OF THE MONTH

Elizabeth "Betsy" Dionne, Ecological Resources Specialist, stated that the featured species for the month of November is the Santa Ana River Woollystar (*Eriastrum densifolium* spp. *Sanctorum*). She then gave an overview of the Santa Ana River Woollystar'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. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: (Board Members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for future discussion.)

No future agenda items were suggested.

15. CLOSED SESSION**15A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR****Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8****Agency Negotiator:** RCA – Executive Director or Designee**Under Negotiation:** Price/Terms

Assessor Parcel No(s).	Negotiating Party(ies)/Agent
347-270-025	Mary Marrelli

15B.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT**Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957****Title:** Interim Executive Director and Executive Director**15B.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR****Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6****Agency Representative:** Board Chairperson**Unrepresented Employee:** Interim Executive Director**16. COMPOSITION OF THE RCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020**Overview

This item is for the RCA Board of Directors to approve the exceptions to the RCA Bylaws as follows:

- 1) Notwithstanding Sections VI.A and IX.A.3. of the RCA Bylaws, the Executive Committee for calendar year 2020 shall be composed of the same members as in calendar year 2019. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Committee, the Chairperson shall appoint a replacement, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors; and
- 2) In addition, notwithstanding Section VI.A, the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2019 shall serve and the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2020.

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

Concerning Agenda Item No. 15A. – APN 347-270-025, the Board of Directors approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement to purchase approximately 5.59 acres of real property for \$40,000.

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

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items before the RCA Board, Chairman Ingram adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m. The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2019, at 12:30 p.m., at the John F. Tavaglione County Administrative Center Annex, Board Chambers, First Floor, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California.

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Respectfully submitted:



Deputy Executive Director