

Minutes

Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District

Regular Meeting, Friday, Nov. 7th, 2014

Santa Rosa Plateau Visitor Center

Call to Order: 2:05pm

Roll Call: Directors Vicki Long, Pam Nelson, Gary Thomasian, Dave McElroy, and Kelcey Stricker (absent), Associate Directors, Matt Rahn, (absent) and Kathi Head (absent)

Legal counsel: Ray Johnson (absent)

NRCS: Bob Hewitt (absent)

Motion to Approve the Agenda: Thomasian, Nelson, 4-0, Long(yes), McElroy (yes), Nelson(yes), Thomasian (yes)

Minutes, Oct. 3, 2014. McElroy, Nelson, 4-0, Long(yes), McElroy (yes), Nelson(yes), Thomasian (yes)

Public Comments: Teri Biancardi from Meadowview HOA (Seeing Green committee) thanked the board for the Environmental Award last month.

She described their creek and the erosion problems. They're trying to figure out what to do. DWR grants may be available. The Urban Stream grant would be ideal. A project site manager is needed. Could the EMARCD be that manager? The Board discussed the long-term possibilities and if there will be too many restrictions with this type of grant (maintenance, new flooding issues, if compost is used—nutrient runoff). Convincing the HOA that this will be a good way to control erosion and reduce their liability.

Long said another possibility would be to use mitigation funds to do it in phases. She will check with Jeff Brandt (CDFW). Bur. of Reclamation can help with permits and our Board can help since we have the 1600 needed by CDFW.

Arbor Vista development: plans approved by City. 29 acres open space will be managed by the HOA and the city will be the oversight. Can the EMARCD have an easement instead?

Business portion of the Elsinore Murrieta Anza Resource Conservation District Board Meeting

1.1 Financial reports:

Attached page; Nov 2014 Report: Motion to pay bills, McElroy; second, Thomasian, 4-0, Long(yes), McElroy (yes), Nelson(yes), Thomasian (yes)

Financials approved with addition of check to CPA(bill for year): McElroy, Thomasian, 4-0; Nelson (yes), McElroy (yes), Long, (yes), Thomasian (yes)

Rick Hopkins completed the Greer Ranch and Adeline Farm easement reports (Army Corps and USFW). Two checks are drawn to Live Oak Associates. A transfer of \$2255 from checking in the Union Bank to reimburse the general fund in Wells Fargo will be needed to cover this expenditure. Motion to transfer these funds, McElroy, Thomasian, 4-0, Long(yes), McElroy (yes), Nelson(yes), Thomasian (yes)

1.2 Correspondence: City of LE, notice of negative declaration for Terracina development (Aberhill). Hearing Dec.2nd , 6pm . Comment period, Oct. 16 to Nov. 17, 2014. send to site on City website.

2.1 Action items: none

Agency Report: none, but McElroy visited a farmer with Hewitt (NRCS) to see EQIP funds to help with his irrigation.

Old Business:

3.1 Discussion of on-going projects and grant applications

--Leadership Awards program: Meadowview HOA was presented.

--Grant from MWD for water conservation/watershed presentations (Pam will check)

--Safe Crossings for Wildlife project: Long attended the CalTrans presentation by McVickers

--new grants: Steelhead Coalition is interested in partnering with us

New Business: none

Calendar:

-Family Wildlife Day—November 8th

-Murrieta Creek Trail Project ribbon-cutting event on Nat'l Trails Day, June 6th, 2015

Directors' Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Monthly Reports:

5.1 District counsel: none

5.2 Director's Reports:

-Long: Our Rancho Water District bid for agricultural irrigation project was submitted by Long in with RCRCDD's help. Long attended the Rancho District engineering meeting and took exception to the new hire (ex-hire of Mission RCD). Drake sided with Long and the Board said that they should split the job between the bids.

She attended the mountain lion presentation to CalTrans by McVicker

RCRCDD would like to help us and found that Elsinore Water District wants help with education. We could contract RCRCDD and work with them.

-Nelson: Report on Vail Lake Resort

5.3 Associate Director: none

5.3 SAWA/Fire Safe Council: none

Adjournment: 3:56pm. Motion, Thomasian, McElroy 4-0; Long (yes), McElroy (yes), Nelson (yes), Thomasian (yes).

Gandra Z. Nelson 2/6/15

Secretary's signature and date