

## Minutes

### Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District Regular meeting, Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, 1:30pm Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve, Visitor Center

**Motion to approve the agenda:** Nelson; second, Rahn, vote, 5-0

**Call to order:** 1:40pm

**Attendees:** Directors: Vicki Long, Matt Rahn, Pam Nelson, Terry Whittington and Bob Wheeler  
Associate Directors: Kathi Head (1:54pm),  
Counsel: absent  
NRCS rep: absent  
Public: Del Ross

**12/10/10 minutes:** motion to approve, Wheeler, second, Nelson, vote, 5-0.

**Public comment:** Del Ross (previous Associate Director) was just catching up after his move to La Jolla.

**Financial Reports:** Long reported that we will have a quarterly report instead of monthly to save on cost. We have little activity anyway, just rent and utilities.

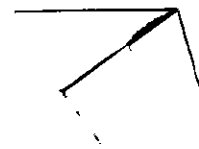
**Correspondence:** The Small Farm Conference will be held in San Jose this year. Kathi Head may attend. Nelson participated last year when it was held in Del Mar.

**District Expenses:** no extraordinary expenses

**Action Items:** none

#### **Old Business:**

- On-going projects and grant applications:
  - California State Parks OHV Grant: Long met with grant officials to go over the details of the work tasks and will next discuss it with Greg Hill of BLM.
  - IRWMP projects: Rahn is removing the irrigation injection project since injection-watering is banned in San Diego. There is a concern about groundwater contamination. Rahn may do a related demonstration project for educational purposes and find other funding. Long sent the required IRWMP materials in for the HOA/landscape project. It is still in the running for funding. It is listed as Task 3 of the Flood and Rancho Water Districts project. Associate Director Head will help with this project. The start date is June 1<sup>st</sup> and it will be directed to large water users.
- Rahn reported that the CREATE project is rolling and has 3 staff members.
- Nelson reported that there will be a meeting at the City of Murrieta on the MSHCP for the benefit of community members and the Los Alamos group that is opposing its implementation in their area. The date is the 25<sup>th</sup>, but the time has not been set. Head explained the citizen group's concerns and Wheeler explained the origination of the MSHCP to the Board.
- Nelson reported on the proposed Fallbrook substation that would allow for transmission lines to cross through the Cleveland National Forest going north to Lake Elsinore. Gene Frick, a representative for various groups, presented their concerns to the Fallbrook Land Conservancy Board. There was not much reaction, but they said Camp Pendleton was not presently in favor of the substation.
- Nelson mentioned the hedgerow funding by the NRCS/Farm Bill in previous meetings and discovered local farmers using the funding to plant native plants as hedgerows to help with erosion and pollination. Rahn said that CREATE is doing this too.
- Nelson reported that Jonathan Snapp-Cook of FWS is looking for areas to focus his funding and would like to visit our RCD for ideas. Long mentioned she will be speaking with him.



- Rahn said that the Final draft for the Liberty Quarry project is going to the County Planning Commission soon.

**New Business:**

- Nelson reported that the Flood District will be presenting a workshop at the City of Wildomar on the 26<sup>th</sup> about projects in Zone 7 (our area) at 10am.
- Nelson reported that the Sierra Club Chapter's Conservation Committee is concerned about the county's General Plan Update since they are accepting GP amendments and going to lump them into the draft making it difficult for the public to review them.  
Also, it was reported at this meeting that Riverside Land Conservancy received \$100,000 for agricultural land mitigation from a development project. This would be something for our RCD to look into, possibly.
- Nelson mentioned the Native Plant Week that is coming up in April.
- Wheeler reported that the lawsuit to save the Stephen's Kangaroo Rat Preserve succeeded saving 25,000 acres. Also, there will be a water conservation/supply presentation on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at the Mary Phillips Senior Center at 6:30pm by John Hoagland and John Rossi of Rancho and Western Water Districts.

**Monthly reports:** none

**Adjournment at 3:00 pm:** motion to approve, Whittington, second, Rahn, vote, 5-0

**Secretary's signature:**

Sam Nelson 2/11/11