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Minutes
Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 8, 2009, 1 pm
Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve
Visitor Center

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Live Oak Associates bill: Dir. Long, motion, Dir. Nelson, second, approved 2 - 1 abstained, Dir. Wheeler

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA : Dir. Nelson, motion, Dir. Wheeler, second, approved 3-0.

1.0 Call to Order and Self-Introductions: 1:19pm

Directors Long, Nelson and Wheeler; absent, Directors Fox and Whittington
Associate Director Rahn; absent Jon Kochersberger and Dan Matrisciano
Public: Linda Ridenour, Lakeland Village; Steve Lusky, Wildomar; Scott Thomas, Stetson Engineers

2.0 Minutes of Aug.7 and Nov. 13, 2008: Nov. 13, 2008, approved; Dir. Long, motion, Dir. Wheeler, second, 3-0

3.0 Public Comments: 3 minute limit:

Linda Ridenour: Lakeland Village; Concerned about land use violations; advised to call Co. Code and ask about grading permits. She has been working with the Audobon Soc. helping with the Christmas Bird Count, the Leaps project (in opposition) and trails.

Scott Thomas: Stetson Engineers; explained his ongoing research for funding to protect the Sta. Margarita River watershed. He plans to bring an unsolicited proposal for tasks needed to be completed in the watershed. Matt R. suggested funds from the St. Coastal Conservancy and Dir. Nelson hoped he would resubmit to the DOC for the Coordinator grant.

Steve Lusky: Wildomar; Worked on the Audobon Christmas Bird Count where 108 types of birds were identified in the Lake Elsinore area. He is also concerned about light pollution from local development. He described a need for more organized and docent-led walks for the public.

4.0 Presentations:

5.0 Financial report: Dir. Wheeler reported no change in the accounts since last month. There will be a quarterly report next meeting. He stated that our accountant requested a meeting with him and other directors since our hold on unrestricted funds has stopped payment on some checks. Dir. Nelson will call the accountant to discuss this since our counsel, Ray Johnson, is already working on this problem with Fish & Game. All the other funds are still available.

6.0 Correspondence: Lafco redistricting that may affect the Temescal Creek area. Dir. Long will investigate. 215/15 connection corridor information from consultant, Urban Futures, will be passed on to Garry and Thelma Grant.

7.0 Action Items - Approval requires a majority vote of directors.

7.1 Pay bills:

The bills from unrestricted funds will still be put on hold again since our counsel, Ray Johnson, is working with Fish and Game to release funds for that account and no other deposits have been made (Dir. Nelson). We will pay these as soon as there is money in the unrestricted account. Dir. Nelson, motion, Dir. Long, second. Approved 2-1, Dir. Wheeler abstained

-CSDA dues: \$490, Dir. Nelson called to get an extension

-Storage unit (7 months): \$308.58. Dir. Long paid \$51.83 for the month's payment.

The bill added to the agenda, \$880 to Live Oaks will be paid from the Greer Ranch account and the approved bill from last month was voided. Dir. Nelson, motion, Dir. Long, second. Approved 2-1, Dir. Wheeler abstained.

7.2 Continue support for the Temecula annexation proposal at Lafco Hearing. Dir. Nelson, motion, Dir. Long, second. 3-0 approved.

7.3 New letterhead from CARCD for our District. Dir. Wheeler pointed out that it would be a bad idea since we wouldn't necessarily be part of the organization (CARCD). All agreed.

8.0 Reports - Directors' reports are submitted in written form and questions taken at meeting. **Bring your hardcopy to be filed with the minutes in storage.**

Agency reports will be the only oral reports.

8.1 Agency : Bob Hewitt still on jury duty, included written report

8.2 Director:

---Nelson, written report,

---Long, oral report on mitigation projects: Greer Ranch and Casino Auto easements

-Tenaja property

-Dr. Hopkins has surveyed our Clinton Keith property for the mitigation credits. Dir. Wheeler asked if RWQCB has cleared this for mitigation.

Dir. Long, said their document said 1 acre, which is what is proposed.

-“old” Temecula creek easement

-finishing paperwork for the Army Corps in lieu fee program

-finishing MOU with Murrieta City—Ray Johnson reviewing

-Ray Johnson, counsel, Dr. Rick Hopkins, consultant., Jeff Brandt, Fish and Game and Vicki to setup a procedure for taking funds from Fish and Game

--- Wheeler, advised Nelson to keep up with the Anza issues. Mentioned the need for a meeting with the accountant because our system is not working. Dir. Nelson will call the accountant.

8.3 Associate Director:

-Matt Rahn reported on the budget crisis' impact on SMER. Many projects have been scaled back and maintenance of the site is difficult. Staff has been reduced from 14 to less than 3. There are 100 research projects in progress, but not funding the Reserve. He is trying to come up with new

ways to fund—possibly form a Joint Powers and make it a regional resource.

8.4 Firesafe Council

8.5 Counsel: Johnson and Sedlack, Ray Johnson

8.6 Committee (mitigation, watershed, office, regulatory review)

9.0 Old Business:

10.0 New Business:

10.1 The State of the Endangered Species (SD Zoo event): Feb. 7 at SD Natural History Museum: www.sandiegozoo.org/calendar

10.2 Fire Summit organized by the South Coast RC&D. Feb. 4th, www.firesummti.org.

Closed Session: none

Adjournment: 3:01pm, Dir. Long, motion; Dir. Nelson, second, approved 3-0