

## Minutes

### Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District Regular meeting, Friday, Sept. 10, 2010, 1:30pm Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve, Visitor Center

**Motion to approve the agenda:** Dir. Rahn, second, Dir. Wheeler, vote, 4-0

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

**Attendees:** Directors: Vicki Long, Matt Rahn, Pam Nelson and Bob Wheeler  
Absent, Terry Whittington

Associate Directors: Annika Knoppel, Kathi Head (1:55pm)

**7/9/10 minutes:** motion to approve, Dir. Nelson, second, Dir. Rahn, vote, 4-0. No meeting in August.

**Public comment:** none

**Financial Reports:** motion to approve, Dir. Nelson, second, Dir. Rahn, vote, 4-0

**Correspondence:** Notice of Workshop on Insects and Diseases affecting Native Oaks, Sept. 15, 2010. Dir. Long found that registration is already full. She will look into the series by contacting Jan Gonzalez.

**District Expenses:** no extraordinary expenses

**Action Items:** Approve expenditure of \$500 for the Santa Margarita Watershed and Lakeland Village cleanups. Motion to approve, Dir. Wheeler, second, Dir. Rahn, vote 4-0

#### Old Business:

##### On-going projects and grant applications:

- 1) Dir. Long reviewed the IRWMP proposals that we are involved in such as the Trout Unlimited and Forest Service pond project, acquisition proposal and public outreach proposal. Dir. Nelson described the Cahuilla/wetlands proposal. Also, included is the water quality enhancement and the HOA water conservation projects.
- 2) California State Parks OHV Grant: Dir. Nelson discussed the first task, the inventory step. Dirs. Nelson and Long met with staff at the BLM field office in Palm Springs to discuss how they can partner with us. Greg Hill and Jennifer Taylor offered templates for inventory reports and help with the fieldwork.

#### New Business:

- 1) Dir. Nelson announced the informational meeting given by Rancho Water District's Bill Stephens on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at the Temecula Comm. Rec, Ctr. at 9:30am about water conservation.
- 2) Assoc. Dir. Head reported that the Colony is considering using fescue grass instead of artificial because it seems more environmentally friendly. She also announced the meeting on solar energy at the Murrieta Sr. Ctr. on Juniper on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm given by Helio Power.

#### Directors reports:

- 1) Dir. Rahn: He has been appointed the Director of the new Fire Research Center for SDSU that will be located on the main campus as well as SMER. The intent of the institute is to do applied research into fire procedures, policies, economics and technology. They will offer a Bachelors degree program eventually. Partners are Calfire, CDF and International Firefighters.
- 2) Dir. Wheeler: He spoke with Brian Baharie, environmental director of the Cahuilla Tribe about his background and found he had worked on the 1986 USGS water-study for Anza. Brian brought up some suggestions for educating the Anza community, such as a Fire Summit in the Spring. He also mentioned that a Water Replenishment District could be formed to look into recharge sources. Dir. Rahn knows of one in Las Vegas and LA.

Dir. Wheeler went on to describe how Nevada Hydro has revised its project to with a revised pumping plan and transmission lines running through Cleveland National Forest. They have submitted the project to the PUC and a pre-hearing conference will be held on Sept. 22 in San Francisco. He recommends our Board write a letter in opposition.

- 3) Assoc. Dir. Head: City of Murrieta and WRCOG are working on a solar roof-top program. The Bond counsel says everything is ready except for the "Fannie Mae problem".
- 4) Assoc. Dir. Knoppel: She is attending the Anza group called the Mountain Community of Resiliency.

**Adjournment at 3:29pm:** motion to approve, Dir. Nelson, second, Dir. Rahn, vote, 4-0

Secretary's signature: Sam Nelson 9/8/10