

**EMARCD: Minutes for regular meeting, Sept. 11,2008**  
**Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve**  
**Visitor Center**  
**39400 Clinton Keith Rd.**  
**Murrieta, CA 92562**

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** No additions

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA :** Motion, Dir Long, second, Dir. Nelson, 4-0

**1.0 Call to Order and Self-Introductions:** Pam Nelson, chair, Vicki Long, VP, Robert Wheeler, Treasurer, Terry Whittington, Director, Dan Matriasciano, Associate Director, Lee Ryder, Inland Empire Waterkeeper, Dr. Matt Rahn, SDSU, Abby (representing Johnson&Sedlack), Charolette Fox, Secretary , absent, Ellen Christensen, public

**2.0 Minutes of Aug.7, 2008:**continued to next meeting

**3.0 Public Comments:**None

**4.0 Presentations:** Lee Ryder, Inland Empire Waterkeeper:: Historical overview of group founded in the early '90s by Bobby Kennedy, Jr. Orange County Coastkeeper is their parent group. Water quality is the main issue. IE Waterkeeper has focused on Santa Ana watershed, but is expanding their stewardship to adjacent ones, such as the Santa Margarita River Watershed. Their efforts include education, restoration, enforcement and advocacy. They have investigated LEAPS, done water monitoring with youths and reported and litigated water quality violations. Lee is also an author (**Hell on Earth**, impacts of recent fires) and a professional photographer

**5.0 Financial report:** quarterly, next meeting

**6.0 Correspondence:** NOP from the Preserve at San Juan, near El Cariso village in the Cleveland National Forest and a CSDA opportunity letter to volunteer for committees.

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

**7.1 Pay bills:** none

**7.2 Mitigation: Cameo and Shea Homes:** Cameo and city of Murrieta are working on a possible site to satisfy their mitigation requirement.

Shea Homes conservation easement (CE): Motion by Dr Wheeler and second by Dir. Whittington, vote 4-0; item to be decided at Special Meeting, Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup>

Discussion included: 1) need for mitigation plan, not letter-form, not draft. 2) need for more time to look at exhibits, 3) need to know what the EMARCD obligations. Prohibited uses and statements on p.1 show we need to monitor the site for changes in its conservation value, Board needed more clarification.

Dr. Rick Hopkins wrote this CE, patterned after the norm, so he will send us what we need before the special meeting.

**7.3 Dr. Matt Rahn, an Associate Director for our RCD:** Motion, Dir. Long, second, Dir Whittington, vote 4-0 approved. Dr. Rahn comments included that he is looking forward to working with us and that 92% Santa Margarita Ecological center lies within our boundaries, so we are the logical RCD to be working with.

**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 Reports:** Bob Hewitt, NRCS absent

**8.2 Director's Reports-**

Dir Nelson added (to her written report) that it would cost \$800 initial fee and \$800/year (hosting and maintenance) for our website to be available on search engines from Inage Zone (Murrieta). Costco would charge an itinal fee and \$2400/year. We can just tell everyone our web address, instead (emarcd.i8.com)

Dir. Wheeler explained the article he emailed to the Board about the law changes in respect to Indian Reservations and their proprietary uses. Now these uses can be contested in the same way they are off reservation lands. Treatment of non-Indians on the reservations will be considered in the same way as off the reservation, also.

Dir. Wheeler explained the approval of the new Murrieta Hospital at the Murrieta City council meeting and that he pointed out the Hospital's land title has problems due to past drainage/recharge/stream alteration issues that need to be cleared up.

**8.3 Associate Director' Reports:** Dan Matriasciano mentioned the coming firesafe community meetings, including one on Monday to demonstrate the effectiveness of gels to protect structures from burning.

**8.4 Firesafe Council Report:** see above

**8.5 Committee Reports:** (mitigation, watershed, office, regulatory review)

**9.0 Old Business:**

**9.1 SDRMA suggestion of online course**

**9.2 General Policy to include board conduct and representation of Board at functions and communications including legal issues.** Dir. Nelson will bring examples to next meeting

**9.3 Wildomar property search update (Vicki) :** Item for special meeting. Dir. Long said that Dr. Hopkins is reviewing several parcels and will send his opinion for the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. He and Ray Johnson will move forward to negotiate when the Board gives approval.

**9.4 Master Gardener event- Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>: our exhibit.** Dir. Fox absent. Will discuss at special meeting

**9.5 Logo ideas- bring graphic examples, even sketches:** Dir. Nelson showed her sketches. We will see if Dr. Rahn has a student to explore this item.

**9.6 Temecula trails, riverwalk:** Dir. Nelson passed out the maps that Dir. Fox provided at the last meeting. Dir. Long added that the City Council has decided to buy parcels on the Escarpment and trails will likely go there too.

**9.7 Total Water Management book (Charolette):** Dir. Fox absent

**9.8 CARCD Annual meeting in November( 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>) in Riverside**

\$280 registration, \$370 for exhibit (includes a reg.), but can enter free poster contest

--share a table?: Dir. Long would donate the fee for a table. Dir. Nelson will look into sharing a table.

**10.0 New Business:** None

**Closed Session:** Action taken to have Johnson & Sedlack respond to Mission RCD's last letter in respect to their activities in our District

**Adjournment**