

Minutes: Dec.9, 2011

Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District

Regular Meeting, Santa Rosa Plateau Visitor Center

Call to order: 1:45pm

Attendees: Directors: Vicki Long, Kathi Head, Gary Thomasian and Pam Nelson. Absent Matt Rahn

Biologist: Dr. Rick Hopkins, Live Oak Associates

District counsel: Ray Johnson

Approve agenda: motion, Head, second Thomasian, 4-0

Approve minutes Nov. 18, 2011: Head, motion, Thomasian, second, 4-0

Public comments: none

Business portion:

--**Financial:** quarterly

--**Correspondence:** none

--**Board action:**

---D.R.Horton conservation easement: Dr. Hopkins gave the Board members, Long and Head, a tour of the prospective easement acquisition located off of Butterfield Stage in south Temecula. He explained the 0.3 acre -easement responsibilities to the Board. A non-wasting endowment is being offered. The EMARCD will need to monitor the easement for any needs for maintenance or preservation. Presently, D.R. Horton owns the property and after development the HOA will be the owner and responsible for maintenance. The EMARCD reports any incursions to the owner. The EMARCD will pick up trash, do cleanups, and monitor. Ray Johnson will review the legal documents.

Motion to accept the easement described above made by Head, second, Nelson, 4-0.

Old Business:

--**Discussion items:**

---**Ongoing projects and grant applications**

- CA State Parks OHV grant: Mapping about completed. Long and Nelson will go into the field next month
- Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, IRWMP, Upper Santa Margarita: Round 2 planning grant proposal : Anza groundwater study

Discussion on being the lead agency for this grant proceeded.

Long requested the Board give direction to Counsel for a letter informing the RC&D and Rancho Water District that the EMARCD should continue to be the applicant for the Anza Groundwater proposal as part of the IRWM. Recently, a few residents requested that the RC&D be the lead, instead.

- Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA) grant, \$250,000: quantifying Anza groundwater. Will apply in January.
- Awards program: Thomasian suggested that the award should be like a proclamation that would include a formal letter that would specify the reasons and accomplishments of the recipient. He suggested that some of the accomplishments appear on the certificate itself. Head said there could be the combination of the certificate and the letter. The press will be notified for the ceremonies.

New Business:

--Earth Day, April, 2012 at Plateau. It will be a month-long celebration where groups can come and set up booths or have an event. We can pick a day to do some kind of event or activity.

--Form 700 will be due in January to file in our office.

District Counsel: Johnson is following the Co. Hillside Ordinance that will come in front of the Supervisors soon.

Fire-safe Council report: Long will donate funds to the EMARCD so that the Board can donate funds for the Fire Summit May 16.

Calendar:

-Jan.: Ponte tour

Form 700, Fair Practices

LGA grant application

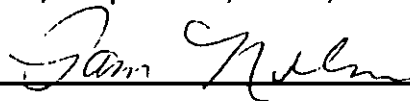
IRWM letter of commitment

-Feb/March.: first award presentation

-April: Earth month at the Santa Rosa Plateau

-May 16: Fire Summit

Adjournment, 3:50pm: Head, motion, Thomasian, second, 4-0



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Secretary's signature and date