

## **Minutes: Friday August 12, 2011, 1:30 pm**

Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District  
Regular Meeting  
Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve, Visitor Center  
39400 Clinton Keith Rd.  
Murrieta, CA 92562

### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

--Action item: Counsel Johnson described AB 742 and possible support measures (item 2.2)  
Motion by Thomasian, second, Long, vote 3-0.

**Call to Order:** 1:41pm

**Roll Call:** Directors Vicki Long, Gary Thomasian, Pam Nelson and Kathi Head (1:50pm) present. Director Matt Rahn absent. Counsel Ray Johnson was present. Ida Martin from Aguanga attended from the public.

**Motion to Approve the Agenda:** Thomasian, second Nelson, vote 3-0

**Minutes of July 8, 2011:** Motion for Board approval, Nelson, second Thomasian, vote, 3-0. Long mentioned the need for a signature line.

**Public Comments:** Ida Martin: Restoration and reclamation of the Superior batch plant (Aguanga, SMP 145) still needs to be completed. She suggests the EMARCD write a letter asking the County and the State Mining and Geology Commission to require reclamation and restoration immediately. Also, SMP 195 in Wilson Creek was never reclaimed either. Ray will look the situation over and report back next meeting.

### ***Business portion of the Elsinore Murrieta Anza Resource Conservation District Board Meeting***

**Financial reports :** Long reviewed the July, 2010 to March 31, 2011 report describing the line items and answered questions on process, identification and tracking of accounts and projects. Thomasian asked her to provide a list of the mitigation sites and location within the District. Long said she would use our map and make a key describing each one. Thomasian motioned to approve the report which was seconded by Head. 4-0 was the vote.

### **Correspondence:**

- 1) The meeting to elect the Special District's representative on the LAFCO board will be on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> in Beaumont. Two people can go, so Long will attend and asked if anyone else would like to go. The RSVP must be sent by Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) A native seed workshop is scheduled for Sept. 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> in Redlands. Vicki will attend.
- 3) BLM is holding a public hearing on their proposed amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan (CDCA). The intent is to streamline permitting for renewable energy facilities in the California desert. The local meeting will be at the Doubletree Ontario Hotel on Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm. Written comments may be submitted until Sept. 12, 2011 (info at [www.drecp.org](http://www.drecp.org))
- 4) As an intervener, Long received a notice that FERC dismissed the LEAPS application for a permit. Johnson mentioned there are still attempts to move ahead, though. There has been an NOP for an Alberhill energy generation station that may be part of the LEAPS energy transmission scheme.

**Board Action Items:** Approval requires a majority vote of directors.

**2.1 Appoint Kelcey Stricker as Associate Director :**

Although Kelcey was not in attendance, she has expressed interest to Long that she would like to be an Associate Director of the EMARCD. She could be of great help as a biologist and has skills that could be applied to our grant work. She has researched the local mountain lion and bobcat populations and recently worked on the new management plan for the Plateau. Nelson motioned she be appointed which was seconded by Thomasian. The vote was 4-0.

**2.2 (added item) :** Johnson described AB742 which was introduced to the Legislature this week. It proposes to amend the Natural Resources Code to prohibit gravel mining near Indian sacred sites. Specifically, three things must exist to cause the prohibition. The mining site cannot be within 5000 yards of the sacred site, 2000 yards from an Indian Reservation and 4000 yards from the Santa Margarita river. Head moved that the Board support this Bill and Thomasian seconded. The vote, 4-0, passed it. Long will send a letter prepared by Johnson to the Governor and legislators.

**Discussion Items:**

**Old Business** Discussion of on-going projects and grant applications.

**3.1 California State Parks OHV Grant: ongoing**

IRWMP: a meeting is scheduled for the Anza/Aguanga group on Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>. Long and Nelson will attend.

**New Business**

**4.1 People's Garden NRCS grant:** Long is considering applying for this to acquire funding for working with local public entities on vegetable and wildlife gardens.

State Water Board CWA 319 nonpoint source grant discussion: Nelson suggested this grant could be used for the Wine Country expansion project in order to delineate the watercourses and educate the parcel owners adjacent to them. Education on methods to reduce their impact on the silt and other pollution transport in the region would be the focus. Long will discuss this with our NRCS rep, Bob Hewitt.

**Directors' Requests for Future Agenda Items:** Long suggested she include an item on our next agenda to initiate an Award program that the Board will create and implement. Awards will be given to individuals or entities that are promoting the EMARCD mission of conservation and protection of resources. Board members need to think about a name for the awards, criteria and likely recipients. This effort will give the EMARCD local exposure and encourage others to do more conservation by highlighting exceptional efforts in our District.

**Monthly Reports**

District Counsel Ray Johnson, none

**Agency Reports**

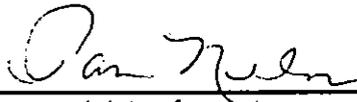
NRCS: Bob Hewitt absent

EMARCD Director Reports: Long mentioned a proposed project in the city of Lake Elsinore where the EMARCD would partner with SAWA.

Associate Director Report: none

Fire Safe Council report: Vicki Long is now the representative on the local Fire safe council for the EMARCD. She hopes to encourage more partnering.

**Adjournment: motion, Thomasian, second Head, vote 4-0, 4pm.**

 Sep 9, 2011

Signature and date of secretary