

Minutes

Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District

Regular Meeting, Thursday, April 10, 2014

Santa Rosa Plateau Visitor Center

Call to Order: 1:45pm

Roll Call: Directors Vicki Long, Pam Nelson, Gary Thomasian (absent), Kathi Head and Kelcey Stricker (absent), Associate Directors, Matt Rahn, (absent) and Dave McElroy,

Legal counsel: Ray Johnson

NRCS: Bob Hewitt (absent)

Motion to Approve the Agenda: Head, Long, 3-0, (yes), Long(yes), Head(yes), Nelson(yes)

Minutes, March 13, 2014. Motion to approve, Long, Head, 2-0; Long(yes), Head(yes), Nelson(abstain)

Public Comments: n/a

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

1.1 Financial reports:

Vote to approve March Bills to be paid: Head, Long; 3-0, Long (yes), Head(yes), Nelson(yes)

1.2 Correspondence: none

2.1 Discussion and possible approval of donation to CARCD for Tier 1

Paul Williams (Area chair of the SoCal Inland Region) asked for a donation for advocacy work support for the Conservation Strategy Group that is lobbying for the RCDs at the State level. The RCRC and SJBRCD boards have opposed donating. A possible alternative is to consider a donation at the Area Group level. We will bring this back after the May 1st Area meeting discussion.

Agency Report: none

Old Business:

3.1 Discussion of on-going projects and grant applications

--CA State Parks OHV grant: The report was submitted, but the billing is still being negotiated.

--Leadership Awards program: still investigating

--Safe Crossings for Wildlife project: Mountain Lion foundation staff, Lynn Cullins, toured local underpasses, so-called freeway crossings and sites of road kills. They found that the Cole Canyon wildlife corridor is not working due to too much human-impact. Most of the current crossings are insufficient because they are undersized.

Long attended the Freeway 15 expansion/CalTrans meeting.

Dr. Vickers met with CalTrans and The Nature conservancy to discuss the Freeway 15 area that bisects the wildlife crossing between the Santa Ana Mountains and the Palomar/Agua Tibia range.

New Business:

4.1 Ethics training in April

Directors' Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Monthly Reports:

5.1 District counsel: Johnson explained the SCRC&D case. The hearing will be on April 25th. He has submitted all verifying documents of evidence. The complaint against the Mission RCD was responded to with the statement that they are legally exempt and can work in our District. Johnson believes the exemption doesn't apply in this case.

5.1 Director's Reports:

Head reported on her volunteering efforts with CDFW

Nelson reported that the Murrieta Creek Trail Project is moving through the approval process with the local Cities.

Long will bring the Board our budget draft since it will due at the county on July 1st.

5.2 Associate Director: McElroy mentioned the "Listening Sessions" that Stricker has organized for the CSU San Marcos Environmental leadership course. He is interested in attending.

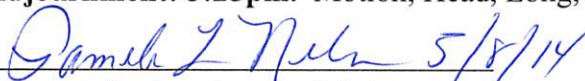
5.3 SAWA/Fire Safe Council: Long reported the chipping grant is working well. SAWA is working on their budget.

Calendar:

--April 26: Recycling Fashion Show at Monte de Oro. 6pm. We are sharing a table with the Sierra Club.

--May 1: So Cal Inland Region area meeting in Lancaster at 9am.

Adjournment: 3:25pm. Motion, Head, Long, 3-0; Long (yes), Head (yes), Nelson (yes)


Secretary's signature and date