

Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 10, 2008 -- 2:00pm

Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve – Visitor Center
39400 Clinton Keith Road, Murrieta, CA 92562

Members Present:

Pamela Nelson, President
Vicki Long, Vice President
Bob Wheeler, Treasurer
Charolette Fox, Secretary
Dan Matriscianno, Assoc. Director

Members Absent/Excused

Bob Hewitt, NRCS
Terry Whittington, Director

Staff or Guests Present:

Reportable Closed Session Discussions

Correspondence sent to Mission RCD and correspondence received from Best, Best and Kreiger was discussed during closed session. No reportable action was taken.

Motion to Approve the Agenda as Presented:

Approved as presented.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

President Pam Nelson called the meeting to order at 2:05pm. Self introductions were made.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of May 8, 2008 were approved with one correction to Item 3.0; the Voluntary Trust amount is \$547,000. M/S Nelson/Long, carried 4-0 with 1 absence. The Minutes of June 12, 2008 were approved as presented. M/S Nelson/Long, carried 4-0 with 1 absence.

3.0 Public Comments

None

4.0 Presentations

None

5.0 Financial Report

Elizabeth Nigro, CPA, is preparing the year-end quarterly financial statement as well as the Annual Report for the State Controller's Office, due September 30th.

6.0 Correspondence

Vicki distributed a letter from Live Oak Associates, Inc., stating that the mapping project is well underway and requesting the second installment of \$15,000.

Pam noted a letter sent to Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne re development of a federal negotiating team to resolve the Cahuilla Band's federal reserved right assisting with finding a solution to the water issue in the Anza Basin. Per copy of a memo sent to the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service Region 8, a Fallbrook Negotiation Team is to be formed. The Board will suggest Doreen Stallander of Fish & Game as EMARCD's choice for representative to the Team.

Stallander Wildlife

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

7.1 Submission of Bills for Payment

- a) Charolette to present the CARCD Statement for membership dues of \$300 at August's Board meeting.
- b) Pam has deferred payment for webhosting fees until further information is available.

7.2 Trout Unlimited Contract

The Board briefly reviewed the Trout Unlimited Contract. Charolette raised concerns about the contract as written which seemed overly favorable to Trout Unlimited while placing EMARCD under considerable obligation. Also, as a matter of inquiry, Charolette asked whether a member of the Board could be named as a Consultant/Project Manager, though fees earned could be donated In-Kind to EMARCD. The contract will be made available to ~~Joel~~ Rank, County Counsel, for review. The Board agreed we need legal review before signing and should defer this beyond the requested response date of July 22, 2008. *Joe*

7.3 August Meeting Date

The August Meeting was discussed and by mutual agreement will be the first Thursday of August [August 7, 2008]. Notification will be sent to the newspapers regarding the change of date.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Agency Reports

None

8.2 Director's Reports

a) Vicki submitted a written report and updated the Board on the Cameo Project. She has been in contact with Jeremy Haas and met with the City of Murrieta. A Memorandum of Understanding is forthcoming. In addition, a Memorandum of Understanding may be forthcoming on other mitigation issues. These MOUs are to be reviewed by ~~Joel~~ Rank, County Counsel. *Joe*

Discussion ensued about the need for auditable records to include:

- a) money trail
- b) project trail
- c) follow-up compliance reports to agencies we deal with such as Fish & Game, Army Corp, etc

Bob presented additional background information for Board consideration on the history of the Santa Marguerita Watershed and Mission RCD's in-lieu easements within Murrieta.

b) Pam presented her written report, asked for and responded to questions.

c) Charolette gave a brief oral report.

8.3 Associate Director's Report

See Item 8.4.

8.4 Firesafe Council Report

Dan stated the Wine Country "chapter" of the Fire Safe Council meets on the first Mondays of the month at Fire Station #84 on Pauba Road in Temecula.

He mentioned that the Hollingsworth Bill requiring 1,000 feet of residential clear cutting failed.

The Wine Country "branch" of the RCU is working on off-highway vehicle issues with the Fire District.

8.5 Committee Reports

See Item 8.2.a. for the Mitigation Report. No other Committee Reports were made.

9.0 Old Business

- 9.1 Pam announced that a grant of \$50,000 was awarded for an Anza Water Study.
- 9.2 The vendor section for the Anza Electric Coop Annual Meeting was cancelled, EMARCD will not exhibit at the July 26th event.
- 9.3 Property search for mitigation opportunities continues in Wildomar.

10.0 New Business

- 10.1 **Logo**
The Board discussed ideas on an EMARCD logo, and who to ask for help to design it. Pam will contact Taci at CACRD to see if a standard formatted logo has been developed for local RCD use. Board members were asked to bring their logo ideas to the Board meeting on August 7.
- 10.2 **Grants**
Pam Nelson and Mary Learning will work as a team on grant writing efforts for partnership projects benefiting EMARCD and Willow Creek Springs.
- 10.3 **Tract Map #29010 - Aguanga Development**
Pam presented information on proposed development near the Stagecoach Inn on Hwy 79S in Aguanga. The concern is about sufficient water availability for the number of lots and whether the basement complex is adequate for drilling wells. One well per lot would be allowed on each of the 32 lots proposed.
- 10.4 **Energy Forum**
The Sierra Club is interested in EMARCD co-sponsoring an Energy Forum. No details presented. No decision made, pending information.

11.0 Adjournment

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm and the Board went into Closed Session.

Charolette Fox
Charolette Fox, Secretary

8-7-08
Date Approved