

Minutes

Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District

Regular Meeting, Friday, July 12, 2013

EMARCD Office

21535 Palomar St. Ste. A, Wildomar, CA. 92595

Call to Order: 1:54pm

Roll Call: Directors Vicki Long, Pam Nelson, Gary Thomasian, Kathi Head (2:05 pm), Matt Rahn, absent.

Legal counsel: Ray Johnson, absent, will call for a report

NRCS: Bob Hewitt, absent

Public: Dave McElroy

Motion to Approve the Agenda: With the addition of June 7th, minutes; approved, Thomasian, Nelson, 3-0

Minutes, June 26, 2013: Motion to approve, Thomasian, Long, 3-0

Public Comments: none

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

Board action items:

-Financial reports:

After going through our audit, Long observed that future audits will be easier if we include more detail in our minutes. One improvement will be to provide a separate sheet to show our income and expenditures.

1.1 Long distributed the 3rd quarter report. The 4th quarter will be distributed next meeting.

The Board discussed and reviewed the report and asked for clarification on the Balance Sheet. Motion to approve; Thomasian, Head, 4-0.

Starting with our new year (1st quarter, starting July 1st) there will be a slightly new format following suggestions from our CPA, the auditors and the Board.

Monthly bills (electric, phone and rent) paid.

Pay SDRMA annual dues, \$1393.02 Motion to approve, Head, Thomasian, 4-0

Pay CARCD membership dues, \$300, Motion to approve, Head, Thomasian, 4-0

Pay Nigro & Nigro 3-year audit bill, \$9900 . Motion to approve, Head, Thomasian, 4-0.

1.2 Long distributed the audit report that was completed by Nigro & Nigro for the three years, 2010, 2011 and 2012. It was hand-delivered to the auditor/controller (received receipt) and to each Supervisor on July 11, 2013.

Motion to approve the audit; Head , Thomasian, 4-0

1.3 2013-2014 budget, motion to approve with changes, Head, Thomasian, 4-0.

The Board requested more detail under line items, Membership, Utilities and LAFCO.

-Correspondence:

- Nigro & Nigro sent the Board an engagement letter for doing our audit next year for a price of \$3500. We will wait to see what the County decides what our auditing schedule will be and who will bear the cost.
- CSDA sent a notice about their annual conference
- CSDA ballot was sent for the election of our Regional (6) representative, seat B. Letters from the two candidates were included. The Board approved the incumbent, Bill Nelson, as our choice. Head, Thomasian, 4-0.

-General items:

2.1 Election of officers/representatives:

-President: Head/Thomasian nominated Long, accepted , approved, 4-0

-Vice President: Long/Head nominated Thomasian, accepted, approved, 4-0

-Secretary: Head/ Long nominated Nelson, accepted, approved, 4-0

-Treasurer: Long/ Nelson nominated Head, accepted, approved, 4-0

-Representative for the RC&D Board: Nelson/Thomasian nominated Long, accepted, approved, 4-0.

2.2 Approve membership to CARCD, Motion to approve, Head, Thomasian, 4-0.

-Agency Reports:

NRCS : Bob Hewitt absent. The Board will request a written quarterly report.

-Discussion Items:

Old Business: Discussion of on-going projects and grant applications

- CA State OHV grant: Long and Nelson will continue work
- IRWMP: No decision made on whether to continue participation
- Environmental Leader Award program: ideas: SMER, solar project, agricultural themes, such as Ponte (ask Hewitt)--nothing new
- I-15 corridor safe crossings project: Long has worked with and funded researchers Rick Hopkins, Winston Vickers and Walter Boyce for mountain lion studies for several years. She spoke with Senator Joel Anderson's assistant about the need for more work in our area. She mentioned that the artist, Wyland, may be interested and other researchers, such as Strickler and Rahn that are continuing to work on local sites. Long is suggesting that our Board can begin to help more with an enhancing the wildlife crossings in our area.

New Business:

Directors' Requests for Future Agenda Items:

- Possible new associate directors
- Strategic Planning

Monthly Reports:

Closed Session 4pm: District Counsel Johnson:

Johnson has reviewed the SCRC&D records. He will file the appropriate documents with the court.

Came out of closed session at 4:35pm

--Firesafe Council/ RC&D: Long reported that the Greater San Diego and San Jacinto Basin RCDs have resigned from the RC&D.

The next RC&D will be meeting on Monday at 10am to discuss/report the RCD resignations, EMARCD lawsuit with the RC&D, the SD planning grant, Fire Summit meeting with a request for payment, and receiving the payment for the Anza groundwater study grant.

The Firesafe Council has been chipping the brush in the Plateau area. It will be stopped soon due to fire danger and resume in the Fall.

--Director Long: SAWA; The executive director position is vacant and they will be soliciting for a new employee immediately.

We need to review our MOU with the City of Murrieta. Thomasian will help Long with this. Head suggested that we ask CA Fish and Wildlife for a map of their easements in our District. Instead, it may be better to get a map showing the Cities's conservation easements.

Calendar of events

Sept. 11th: Temecula Salt and Nutrient Management meeting, IRWM grant. 1pm.

Nov., 2013, Family Wildlife Festival at the Sta. Rosa Plateau_

Dec. 4th: Temecula Salt and Nutrient management meeting; 1pm

Adjournment: motion, Thomasian, Head, 4-0, 5:40pm

B. Nelson, Sept. 6th, 2013

Secretary's signature and date