

# Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, December 14, 2006 - 5:00pm  
Fire Station #84, 30650 Pauba Road, Temecula, CA 92592

### Members Present:

Pamela Nelson, President  
Gary Watts, Vice President  
Bob Wheeler, Treasurer  
Charolette Fox, Secretary  
Edward Stanton, Associate Director  
Del Ross, Associate Director  
Dan Matrisciano, Associate Director  
Vicki Long, Associate Director

### Members Absent

Terry Whittington  
Bob Hewitt, NRCS

### Staff or Guests Present:

Larry Ulvested  
Dr. Rick Horton

### Additions to the Agenda:

None

#### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

President Pam Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

#### 2.0 Approval of Minutes

Corrections to Minutes of November 9, 2006 were made and approved.

#### 3.0 Treasurer's Report

Bob Wheeler reported from memory balances of \$30,011.97 in Account #1 and \$21,070 in Account #2 (appropriated funds).

#### 4.0 Public Comments

None

#### 5.0 Presentations

Larry Ulvested spoke about a site near the Agua Tibia and boundary changes that will be considered by LAFCO in January. The property has a General Plan designation as open space, but Larry was unaware of this til recently. Larry provided a copy of a memorandum from Hunsaker & Associates Irvine, Inc. regarding a 120 acre site in the Dripping Springs area which was not included in the MSHCP, yet the County is considering subdivision of this property (memo is made a part of the permanent record). The County may have thought the site was in the Cleveland National Forest. Larry indicated that he and Dan Silver of Endangered Habitats League are working on an effort to purchase the property, but he's not ready to start that process just yet. Larry stated that the County will not go back and correct its error. The current owner paid \$400,000 for the property. Access is over two easements that others control and that have disappeared. Litigation is pending. Discussion continued and Larry responded to several additional questions.

#### 6.0 Action Items - Approval requires a majority vote of directors.

**6.1.1 EMARCD boundary changes** are on the January agenda for LAFCO. Vicki Long updated the board indicating that we withdraw our consent to previously proposed changes as it does not seem we can use watershed lines to establish the watershed. The item should be removed from the agenda. **Bob Wheeler moved and Gary Watts seconded**, that President Pam Nelson draft a letter to send to



LAFCO as soon as possible stating EMARCD's current position and requesting the item be removed from the LAFCO agenda. **Motion carried 4-0**, Terry Whittington absent

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

- 7.1.1 The committee reported that per a 1600 permit, EMARCD is offered \$50,000 in in-lieu fees to be used in an unrestricted manner for riparian restoration. No "sunset date" was defined. Jeff Brandt suggested several ways the money might be used. Bob raised a question of liability and record-keeping. **Gary Watts moved and Bob Wheeler seconded** that the Mitigation Committee negotiate an agreement with Jeff further re these funds and bring back a report/recommendation. **Motion carried 4-0**, Terry Whittington absent.
- 7.1.2 Another \$50,000 to \$55,000 has been offered for one acre of riparian restoration for property described as Los Alamos Bridge. No recommendation or paper work-up was presented. Discussion revealed that more information is required as the price offered may be too little.
- 7.1.3 An in-lieu policy is needed. **Edward Stanton** agreed to draft a policy. There is also a need to develop a checklist to facilitate up-front discussions with owners of properties in the early stages of mitigation easement. Also needed is a paper trail of requests received and the disposition of each, and the Mitigation Committee was directed to keep files as well as minutes of their meetings.
- 7.1.4 **Bob Wheeler** again spoke of the need to set up a system to track projects and the financial obligations attached to each. He suggested Sandra Baca, an individual experienced in such systems with RC&D, be contacted. Her hourly rate is \$25, put this could possibly to be funded by RC&D. **Bob Wheeler moved and Charolette Fox seconded** that Sandra Baca be asked to present an accounting workshop on or about January 23, time and place to be determined. **Motion carried 4-0**, Terry Whittington absent.

## 8.0 Committee Reports

- 8.1 **Mitigation Committee** - See Items 7.1.1 to 7.1.4.
- 8.2 **Watershed Committee** - Del suggested a presentation on the MS4 program informational meeting could educate members of EMARD and mid-level people.

## 9.0 Other Reports

### 9.1 Agency Reports

Bob Hewitt, NRCS - No report.

### 9.2 Director's Reports

9.2.1 **Pam Nelson** - Pam spoke to Supervisor Stone's office regarding use of space at the County Regional office in Temecula formerly used by Supervisor Buster. Stone's staff pursued this and thought that the Facilities Management Officer could offer the space for an annual rental fee of \$1 per year. EMARCD would be responsible to pay utilities. Pam also reported on Bob Dyson's offer to advance money to start development of projects in Anza and indicated that EMARCD would provide input.

9.2.2 **Charolette Fox** - No report.

9.2.3 **Bob Wheeler**



9.2.4 Gary Watts -

9.3 Associate Director's Reports

9.3.1 Ed Stanton reported that a grant was received for restoration of Skunk's Hollow through Samantha Marcum of Carlsbad Fish & Game. \$100,000 in the RCA account of the County budget will pay for a Sheriff (may have meant Park Ranger) to oversee, but the County is not releasing the funds to Paul Frandsen to use.

9.3.2 Del Ross - Del provided a written report. He drew attention to the Integrated Regional Water Plan and indicated that EMARCD will comment later. It is possible that EMARCD could create a Santa Margarita Integrated Water Management Plan. He also spoke about flood control items.

9.3.3 Dan Matrisciano - Dan drew attention to a recent article in the Press Enterprise and the coverage provided about the MHSCP.

9.3.4 Vicki Long - none

10.0 Other Business

Annual Report - Development of an Annual Report and the format which it might take was discussed. Pam Nelson moved and Charolette Fox seconded that Director's and Associates forward written material to Charolette to develop a publication for release in late February.

Strategic Plan - Copies of the current Strategic Plan will be emailed. Pam asked Director's and Associates to develop proposed objectives for the four (4) goals.

Earth Day is May 19<sup>th</sup>. EMARCD will hold an event at the Alamos Schoolhouse in conjunction with the annual Solar Cup Races which are sponsored by water districts throughout Southern California and held at Lake Skinner.

Cahuilla Water Tour - Anthony Madrigal has arranged a tour of the Reservation for members of EMARCD so that they can see the portion of the Santa Margarita watershed that is within the tribe's jurisdiction.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

*approved as corrected*

Charolette Fox  
Charolette Fox, Secretary

January 11, 2007  
Date Approved