

Minutes

Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District Regular meeting, Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, 1:30pm Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve, Visitor Center

Motion to approve the agenda: Whittington; second, Rahn, vote, 5-0

Call to order: 1:45pm

Attendees: Directors: Vicki Long, Matt Rahn, Pam Nelson, Terry Whittington and Bob Wheeler
Associate Directors:
Counsel: Ray Johnson
NRCS rep: Jae Lee

1/14/11 minutes: motion to approve, Wheeler, second, Whittington, vote, 5-0.

Public comment: none

Financial Reports: none

Correspondence: none.

District Expenses: no extraordinary expenses

Action Items: none

Old Business:

- On-going projects and grant applications:
- California State Parks OHV Grant: Long will meet with Greg Hill of ^BLM.
- IRWMP projects: In March, we will find out if our HOA landscape proposal will be funded.
- Our mitigation proposal for the Tualota/Garrett Homes project was not accepted.
- Long is working on an MOU with the City of Lake Elsinore. We have funding available from SAWA to work on projects there.
- The "Casino" property easement has disappeared. The owner has not contacted us.
- Nelson asked if she should continue to represent the EMARCD while working on the Anza Grant Committee and the DWR Capacity Building grant. There may be in-kind tasks to volunteer for. Long suggested to work as an individual and then also ask the Board about specific tasks that might be appropriate for the EMARCD.

New Business:

- Long is the new Secretary for SAWA where she represents our Board.
- Long met with Alan Long, new Murrieta City Council member and discussed our MOU with the City

Monthly reports:

- NRCS: Jae Lee that is the staff person that oversees Area 4 invited the Board to the NRCS workshop on the 22nd at their Riverside office. It will be about rebuilding and redefining their partnership with the RCDs and RC&D. Kathi Head asked about a potential project that NRCS could help with exploring various types of drought-tolerant grasses. Her HOA is working with UCR to find suitable turf and are trying Buffalo grass. Long said that the NRCS could help us with grant searches. Lee said that the NRCS has been working with individuals and now needs to get back to a whole conservation plan. Rahn asked about the NRCS work on wildfires. He said he is heading a new department on this subject at SDSU. He mentioned the need to educate landowners and Calfire. An example is that prescribed burns are routine and they don't help because they encourage invasive plants that are very flammable.
- Counsel: Ray Johnson some of his projects in our district, such as, the City of Murrieta's General Plan that has a 45-day comment period. Wheeler suggested he look carefully at the

MSHCP Core 2 section. The Gallway Downs project that includes development of 67 acres into sports fields and 1900 parking spaces will be appealed by a local group. The Friends of Riverside Hills are suing the county and developer over the lack of conservation. The 4-lot parcel is in the Core 2 linkage and MSHCP cells. Also, the Liberty Quarry hearing will be on April 26th at the Rancho Community Church at 4pm.

Adjournment at 3:20 pm: motion to approve, Nelson, second, Rahn, vote, 5-0

Secretary's signature: *Pamela Nelson*