

Minutes

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

Motion to approve the agenda: Wheeler; second, Long, vote, 3-0. Correction, next meeting is April 15th, not 14th.

Call to order: 1:38pm

Attendees: Directors: Vicki Long, Pam Nelson and Bob Wheeler
Associate Directors: Kathi Head (1:55pm)
Counsel: Ray Johnson
Public: Dan Wood

2/11/11 minutes: motion to approve, Wheeler, second, Long, vote, 3-0. Correction was made from LM to BLM in Old Business.

Public comment: Dan Wood spoke as an interested citizen. He volunteers and is a Board member for the Santa Rosa Plateau Reserve.

Financial Reports: none; report next meeting for the close of the quarter on March 31st.

Correspondence:

--Rancho California Water District is offering various workshops in March and April. Weather Based Irrigation Controller tune-up courses, March 5, April 16 and May 14; Landscape Workshops, March 12, 19, 26 and April 19 and Composting workshop April 30th. Information at www.ranchowater.com.

--There have been inquiries to the EMARCD for mitigation on small projects.

District Expenses: no extraordinary expenses

Action Items: none

Old Business:

-- On-going projects and grant applications:

- California State Parks OHV Grant: Long met with Jennifer Taylor of BLM. BLM will do the GIS mapping portion of the grant. They discussed the timeline so that when the next grant application period comes up we can apply for a restoration grant.
- IRWMP projects: In June, we will find out if our HOA landscape proposal will be funded.

Monthly reports:

--Wheeler met Gail Byrne of Bright Futures College Counseling. She is working with The Tree People and getting youth out planting trees. Contact: 951 679-2521, 714 767-9432, gsbyrne1@yahoo.com

--Long attended a regional land managers meeting. Also, she is looking for a centralized office for SAWA.

--Counsel: Ray Johnson

-City of Murrieta's General Plan: still reviewing and making comments.

-distributed the new Clean Water Act document that deals with non-contiguous watercourses.

-Friends of Riverside Hill's case was successful and clarified the HANS process. It was determined that the HANS is a recommendation and an environmental review will be necessary for any parcels that are determined at less than 100% conservation.

-The City of Perris is converting prime agricultural land to industrial projects. Johnson is suing in these cases based on CEQA mandates and state mapping of agricultural lands.

-Wheeler asked what is happening with the new MS4 mandate? Not much is known but lawsuits have been filed and questions about financing these changes in regulations were discussed.

-Reminder to attend the Liberty Quarry Planning Commission hearing at the Rancho Community Church on April 26th at 4pm.

--Firesafe Counsel report: Wheeler reported that they are finishing up the "chipping" grant on the Plateau.

Adjournment at 2:58 pm: motion to approve, Nelson, second, Wheeler, vote, 3-0

Secretary's signature: _____

Samuel Nelson