

## MINUTES

### Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

#### Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Via Teleconference

Per Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20

#### I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order, 4:00 p.m., meeting recorded by Rose Corona

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

**Directors Present:** Rose Corona (President), Randy Feeney (Director), Lisa Battiato (Director), Stacy Kuhns (Director)

**Directors Absent:** Newt Parkes (Director)

**Associate Directors Present:** Rick Neugebauer

**Associate Directors Absent:** None

**Office Manager:** Deborah Getty – Present

**District Counsel:** Ward Simmons, Best, Best & Krieger – Absent

**Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS):** Robert Hewitt – Absent

**Guest Speakers:** Mandy Parkes

**Public Guests:** None

#### **Approval of Agenda**

President Corona called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of Item 1 on the Action Items, swearing in of Newt Parkes and Item 1 on Old Business which would provide an update on the task force due to Newt Parkes being absent. Director Kuhns moved and Director Battiato seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### II. CONSENT CALENDAR, CORRESPONDENCE & GENERAL INFORMATION

President Corona called for a motion to approve the consent calendar, financials, and correspondence and Director Feeney moved and Director Battiato seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 4-0**

#### III. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

**Item 1: Appointment and Swearing in of new Board Director Newt Parkes.**  
Tabled until next Board meeting.

**Item 2: Update and discussion of the Bureau of Reclamation grant for proposed Santa Margarita Watershed Council.**

Each Board Director had the opportunity to revisit the entire proposal as submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation along with the copy of the letter from WRCOG declining the grant and were offered the opportunity to comment and voice their opinions in open forum. Jack Symes from the Bureau of Reclamation joined the call and was given the opportunity to speak. The opinion of the Board did not change from their initial opposition and it was unanimous that the Board felt the decision from WRCOG to withdraw the proposal was appropriate.

**Item 3: Discussion and potential approval of the proposed amended Conflict of Interest Code.**

Provided for review, the Notice of Intention, redline copy and Resolution 2020-01 as completed by Best, Best & Krieger. After general discussion President Corona moved to approve the amended Conflict of Interest Code. Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

**Item 4: Discussion and potential approval of appointing new office manager Deborah Getty on a contract basis.**

General discussion in regard to Barb Dalton moving into another role and unable to fulfill her obligation. Deborah Getty has stepped in to assist as needed. President Corona moved to appoint Deborah Getty as the new office manager. Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 4-0**

**Item 5: Discussion and potential approval of conversation easement management recommendation from IERCD.**

President Corona provided a quick overview of accounting monies as it relates to Adeline Farms and Greer Ranch. Mandy Parkes discussed the IERCD and TEAMRCD Memorandum of Understanding that allows collaboration of work. General discussion on what IERCD would be able to provide and costs involved on the conservation easement. President Corona moved to spend the \$1,200 to get started on the work at Greer Ranch. Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion Passed unanimously 4-0.**

General discussion as to what may be needed for Adeline Farms and most efficient usage of money would be. Director Corona to report back at next meeting. President Corona recommended this item be tabled until next meeting. All agreed. No motion necessary.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**Item 1: Update on Homeless Task Force.**

No updated provided as Director Parkes is not present. No motion necessary.

**Item 2: Discussion and update CDFW cannabis program.**

Director Kuhns had no updates at this time. No motion necessary.

**Item 3: Update on Long Term Streambed Agreement meeting.**

President Corona reports that due to COVID-19 this meeting has been postponed. No motion necessary.

**Item 4: Update on Form 700 submission.**

President Corona reports that all Form 700' have been submitted timely as required. No motion necessary.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item 1: Update on billing for TEAMRCD/SAWA for Riverside County Flood Control.**

President Corona reports that we are submitting the second half of the billing for 2020, updating the cost of Fish and Wildlife charges.

### **Item 2: Discussion and update on AEIP and CropSwap reports.**

Director Battiato reports she has made contact with Rancho California Water District and would like to follow up with the participants to find out how we can do a better job in the future. She is establishing questions and then will present to the Board. Some initial findings show that 18 participants have seen over a 50% water reduction. No motion necessary.

## **VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Item 1:** Discussion and potential approval of 2020/2021 Budget.

**Item 2:** Election of Officers

**Item 3:** Review and further discussion of Phase 2 of the Meadowview project.

**Item 4:** Potential presentation of new cannabis program by Jim Brandt of CDFW.

## **VII. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS**

### **NRCS**

Bob Hewitt not present. President Corona reports that CARCD and the State may have some potential grant opportunities.

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Director Kuhns reports that California Department of Fish and Wildlife was at Bonanza the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. The eradicated 9,970 plants, 300 pounds of processed weed and 10 people. There were several containers of toxic pesticides, including Carbofuran which is banned in the US as it endangers domestic animals and wildlife and are known hazards in the water table and located at two other locations.

### **ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

None

## **VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

Meeting is paused so that the Board may go into closed session to discuss the potential public employment of a District Manager.

Upon return from closed session the result is to move forward with further negotiations with Riverside Flood Control as it relates to the District Manager position.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Corona made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 4-0.** Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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**Secretary/Treasurer**