

Minutes

Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District

Regular Meeting

Friday July 8, 2011, 1:30 pm

EMARCD office

Wildomar, CA 92595

Call to Order: 1:37pm

Roll Call: Directors, Vicki Long, Pam Nelson, Kathi Head, Gary Thomasian present. Director Matt Rahn was absent. Legal Counsel, Ray Johnson was present.

Motion to Approve the Agenda: Thomasian; Head, second; vote, 4-0

Minutes of June 10, 2011: Motion for Board Approval, Head; Thomasian- second, vote, 4-0

Public Comments: none

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

Financial reports Distributed Quarterly-Long will email

Correspondence: Candidate info. on Special District Rep for Region Six, seat C was sent by the CSDA. Dewey Ausmus and Jeff Leatherman are running. Board consensus was made to vote for Jeff Leatherman.

Board Action Items:

2.1 Appoint President, Vicki Long, to represent the EMARCD for the LAFCO election of the Special District member.

Head made the motion, seconded by Thomasian, vote 4-0.

Discussion Items:

Old Business

3.1

--California State Parks OHV Grant

Long and Nelson went to BLM parcels in Anza and are mapping OHV incursions. We hope to do a follow up grant for restoration on parcels that need it. We will partner with BLM again.

-- Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (USMW IRWMP)-Prop 84—

Anza/Aguanga special meeting was held on the 6th. There was a review of the proposals for the next planning round that will be coming up in late summer. EMARCD supported a groundwater study for the Anza Valley Basin, initially, and are still considering being the lead agency for this project. Long showed our continued interest at this meeting. She requested help from Rancho and the County.

The first round of USMW IRWMP proposals (implementation and planning) were denied.

IRWMP July 13th meeting will be to review all the updated proposals. EMARCD's HOA water conservation proposal will be discussed at that time to be submitted in the second round.

New Business - none

Directors' Requests for Future Agenda Items: none

Monthly Reports

District Counsel: Ray Johnson

Thomasian asked if property tax assessments could be used for purchasing conservation easements. The main way to fund for these purchases, presently, is through endowments from developers. Thomasian wants to work on other funding. Head said that property owners that have designated conservation on their land are paying taxes on it. The County is taking this assessment, but they are not giving any of this to help with conservation of these parcels. Johnson says legislation is the only way to get this assessment redirected. Thomasian says RCA gets funding from developers, but it is not enough.

There was discussion of various projects in the District and the Quarry hearings. The Monday, 18th hearing will be rebuttal by proponents and expert testimony so the Commissioners can question them.

Johnson will propose to Claudio Ponte that the Annual CARCD Regional meeting will be sited at his winery. He has a green operation that will make an interesting theme and tour for the event.

Agency Reports

NRCS- absent

EMARCD Director Reports:

-Long: DR Horton has signed a contract with the Board for a possible easement in Temecula. Two more easements are possibly coming up for contract.

Discussion on agricultural easements for development mitigation was discussed in relation to RCDs

Rick Hopkins (Live Oaks Assoc.), our biology consultant will come to our next meeting

Associate Director Report: none

Fire Safe Council report: none

Adjournment: 4:14 pm

Head, motion to adjourn, Thomasian, second, vote 4-0

Pam Nelson, secretary

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