

Minutes
Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District
Regular meeting, Friday, May 13, 2011, 1:30pm
Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve, Visitor Center

The newly appointed Director, Kathi Head, and reappointed Director, Vicki Long, were administered the Oath by Secretary, Pam Nelson.

Motion to approve the agenda: Head; second, Nelson, vote, 4-0.

Call to order: 1:41pm

Attendees: Directors: Vicki Long, Pam Nelson, Kathi Head and Matt Rahn

Associate Directors: none

Counsel: absent

Public: Kelcey Stricker and Daniel Marlin

3/11/11 minutes: motion to approve, Head, second, Nelson, vote, 3-1abstain, Rahn.

Public comment: Kelcey Stricker is employed by Technology Associates and is working on the Santa Rosa Plateau land management plan. The management areas are the Ecological Reserve, Sylvan Meadows and the Tenaja Corridor. Ninety comments letters have been received, mostly from equestrians. With vernal pools, unique biodiversity and rare endemic species at stake, there is a need for more comments.

Dan Marlin lives in the Anza Terwilleger area and is looking for ways to improve the community.

Financial Reports: Long has been negotiating with our accounting firm, TRS, to see how to minimize costs. She is waiting for a bid for our quarterly reports.

Correspondence: none

District Expenses: no extraordinary expenses

Action Items:

2.1 Election of Officers and representatives to RC&D

--Head nominated Long for President, seconded by Rahn, vote, 4-0

--Head nominated Rahn for Vice President, seconded by Nelson, vote 4-0

--Head nominated Nelson for Secretary, seconded by Long, vote 4-0

--Nelson nominated Head for Treasurer, seconded by Rahn, vote 4-0

--Nelson nominated Long for RC&D representative, Rahn seconded, vote 4-0

Head nominated Nelson for RC&D alternate, Rahn seconded, vote 4-0

2.2 Anza Earth Day Event

The Board decided to skip this event and plan a calendar of events for next year in order to be more prepared with educational and informational materials

2.3 Host CARCD regional (Southern Baja) next year

Long attended the regional meeting held at the Greater San Diego RCD office. She offered to hold the meeting next year upon approval by the Board.

Head made a motion to approve, Rahn seconded, vote 4-0. Discussion of possible site would be a Temecula Winery.

Old Business:

-- On-going projects and grant applications:

- California State Parks OHV Grant: Long purchased a GPS unit which she will donate to the EMARCD. Work will begin shortly using the unit to identify BLM parcel boundaries.

- IRWMP projects: In June, we will find out if our HOA landscape proposal will be funded.

- DWR Capacity Building grant for Anza will be administered by the RC&D and consultant, Daniel Cozad will be the grant manager.

New Business:

-Move to the South Coast region of the CARCD from the Southern Baja. Long explained that since our RCD boundary does not allow us to work in the Southern Baja region, it would be better to participate in the South Coast region. She will look into the process. We would still host next Spring's Southern Baja meeting.

Monthly reports:

-Nelson reported attending the State Mining and Geology meeting in Lake Elsinore and mentioned the sand mining area on the Temecula Creek on behalf of the residents in the area. Also, attending the Wine Country meeting at Mt. Palomar Winery she discussed the need to pay attention to the riparian areas within the Plan. She announced the news that the LEAPS project is in trouble again, since Fallbrook Land Conservancy will not lease their property for a substation making the transmission line route plan difficult.

-Rahn spoke of his concerns about the Kevin Jeffries' bill, AB 83, which would exempt reclaimed water pipelines greater than a mile and less than 8 miles long from CEQA. He expects this is an attempt to help the proposed Liberty Quarry with its water supply.

He mentioned there is a problem of trespass, vandalism and graffiti by teenagers at the Santa Margarita confluence. This is leading to theft and trespass on SMER as well. The 200 acre area is managed by Fish and Game.

-Long is working on a mitigation for a developer in French Valley. EMARCD would receive an endowment for the 45'x900' easement.

Adjournment at 3:35 pm: motion to approve, Head, second, Rahn, vote, 4-0

Secretary's signature:

Pamela J. Nelson