

Minutes:

Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District

Regular Meeting

Friday January 13, 2012, 1:30 pm

Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve

Visitor Center

Call to Order : 1:41pm

Roll Call: Directors: Vicki Long, Kathi Head, Gary Thomasian and Pam Nelson, absent
Matt Rahn

Legal Counsel: Ray Johnson

NRCS: Bob Hewitt

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

Minutes of December 13, 2011: Board Approval: Head, Thomasian, second, 4-0

Public Comments:

Brian Baharie , Environmental Director Cahuilla Reservation. He introduced himself and discussed previous brain-storming with Director Nelson and other entities (NRCS and FWS) to work on their wetland areas. He can partner with us and will support our RCD in his role as ED of the tribe as well as Director on the High Country Conservancy.

Business:

Financial reports Distributed Quarterly
Correspondence Water Policy 21 conference

Board Action Items:

2.1 No items

Discussion Items:

Old Business

3.1 **California State Parks OHV Grant:** Long and Nelson have completed the mapping and will be going in the field.

IRWMP/LGA: Discussion of the upcoming grant proposals and lead applicants. A partnership with the High Country Conservancy will make groundwater grants be more effective. HCC will apply for the IRWM and the EMARCD for the LGA.

Awards program: Head showed the letter that will accompany the awards. During the presentation of the award this letter will high-light the specifics for the reasons they are being honored. Possibly the first Thursday of March will be the date for the presentation to the Colony's board meeting. Head discussed the use of buffalo grass at the Colony. She attended a conference on Turfgrass at UCR and can now help the RCD educate people about drought-resistant grasses.

New Business

Calendar of events

- Jan.: - Jan. 30 and Feb.6 are the Quarry hearings with the Riverside Co. Supervisors
- Ponte tour

- Form 700, Fair Practices
- LGA grant application
- IRWM letter of commitment
- March 1: Award presentation at the Colony Board meeting, 1pm
- March 8-9: Water Policy 21 conference
- April: Earth month at the Santa Rosa Plateau
Regional RCD meeting in our District
- April 22: Earth Day event at the Rose Haven, Temecula
- May 12: Earth Day in Anza
- May 16: Fire Summit

Earth days: Create displays of native plants and turf grasses and handouts for the public.

Directors' Requests for Future Agenda Items: none

Monthly Reports

District Counsel Ray Johnson: announced the Supervisor hearings about the Quarry

Agency Reports NRCS Bob Hewitt: working with local farmers and irrigation efficiency and Santa Rosa Reservation with rangeland and cattle watering systems. Two Cahuilla tribal members are getting aid to improve the grazing areas and watering systems. He's giving technical support to a nurseryman in the area north of Benton Rd.

EMARCD Director Reports: Nelson mentioned the Wine Country Expansion EIR draft is out She and Ida Martin attended and commented on the Superior/Shamrock mine reclamation need at the State Mining and Geology Board meeting in Lake Elsinore yesterday. The Executive director of OMR will be investigating the sites at the direction of the Board.

Associate Director Report: none

Fire Safe Council report; Long mentioned free mulch is available from the fuel reduction project.

Adjournment: Nelson motion, second ,Head, 4-0. 4:10pm

Sam Nelson, secretary
2/10/12