

Minutes

Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District Regular Meeting, Friday, December 14, 2012, 1:30 pm Santa Rosa Plateau Visitor Center

Call to Order: 1:35pm

Roll Call: Directors Vicki Long, Pam Nelson, Kathi Head (1:56pmpm), Matt Rahn and Gary Thomasian

Legal counsel: Ray Johnson(1:53pm)

Motion to Approve the Agenda: Thomasian, Nelson, 4-0

Minutes, November 9, 2012: Motion to approve, Nelson, Head, 3-0 (Thomasian and Rahn abstained)

Public Comments: Margaret Meynecke, Sierra Club, Santa Margarita group, social media
Dave McElroy, moved to Lake Elsinore from Ohio and used to work for an RCD in Ohio as a program coordinator

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

-Financial reports Quarterly
State Controller report was submitted

-Correspondence

-Board Action Items:

2.1 By-law changes for SAWA to be approved at Dec. 20th meeting; Nelson, Thomasian, 4-0

-Agency Reports Bob Hewitt , absent

-Discussion Items: none

-Old Business

Discussion of on-going projects and grant applications

- LGA: Nelson reported the grant awards will be announced in January and funded in March.

- IRWMP: Nelson informed the Board about the current Prop 84 planning grant. The current proposals for the implementation phase were discussed.

Long reported that the "SAWPA" IRWM is receiving funds that we will be able to access.

- Environmental Leader Award program:

Ponte: maybe in the Spring. Johnson will try to contact him

Pechanga : we will try to give this at one of the upcoming celebrations

New Business: Sierra Club's Trail grant: Thomasian and Johnson have worked on similar projects for years. They will bring maps and comments to the next grant meeting. They mentioned that the Army Corps Flood control project will be a large part to consider when planning this Trail. Trail management and monitoring is a challenge.

Long and Rahn discussed how to continue the Palomar/Santa Ana Mountain wildlife corridor study and implementation. Our Board could take a bigger part in this issue. Underpasses need retrofitting and overpasses are needed.

Directors' Requests for Future Agenda Items: none

Monthly Reports

District counsel: Johnson reported on the Quarry. The litigation on the certification of the EIR was dismissed on muteness since the project has been pulled. Our attorney fees will be paid. The Fast-track litigation is still in place (Temecula and SOS).

Wine Country specific planned was passed by the Planning Commission and will go to the BOS without the church issue resolved.

Lawsuit with the County and RCA establishes that the HANS is only a recommendation and studies need to be done to see the real environmental impacts

Murrieta City has said that parcels under 30 acres don't need to comply with the MSHCP. This is going before the courts. Also, some of the residents around Los Alamos are working on new specific plans.

Keller Crossing housing/commercial development is being litigated because the specific plan is too vague and too damaging.

EMARCD Director Reports: Rahn reported that the SDSU Fire Research Center will be going forward and possibly located in Temecula. They will study the smoke and fire effects on firefighters to improve their safety and health.

Associate Director Reports: none

Firesafe Council/ RC&D: \$47,000 grant awarded to Firesafe Council

Calendar of events

The Board is considering changing the regular meeting to the first Friday of the month

Form 700 will be due by March, 2013

Nov., 2013, Family Wildlife Festival at the Sta. Rosa Plateau

Adjournment: motion, Nelson, Head, 4-0, 3 pm



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Secretary's signature and date