

**MINUTES**

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

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Thursday, September 9, 2020 at 4:00 PM**

**Truax Building  
41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor  
Temecula, CA 92590**

**I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS**

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

**Flag Salute**

**Roll Call/Establish a Quorum**

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

**Directors Absent:** None

**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:** Chris Gray, Western Regional Council of Governments (WRCOG)

**Public Guests:** Terry Biancardi

**Approval of Agenda**

President Corona called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Parkes moved and Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

President Corona called for a motion to approve the consent calendar, financials, and correspondence. Director Parkes moved and Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

### III. GUEST SPEAKER

Chris Gray, Director of Transition Planning for the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) provides an overview of what WRCOG is, key WRCOG programs as well as provided an update of the alternative compliance program they have been working on.

### IV. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### **Item 1: Discussion and update on Greer Ranch Conservation Easement responsibilities and current state of the easement.**

President Corona reports that she and Jonathan Ingram and James Law with SAWA visited the site and recommendations were made for the appropriate cleanup. Even though TEAM RCD had signed paperwork to contract with CAL FIRE to do the clean up for the HOA, with all the recent fires, the wait time for their assistance is now 5 months. While reviewing the Conservation Easement (CE) with District Counsel and Jeff Brandt with Fish and Wildlife it was determined that the CE only requires that TEAM RCD complete annual monitoring and photographs and minor clean up of man made trash (plastic bottles etc) . After further review, it turns out that Lennar who completed the development didn't finish their paperwork and the matter has been taken to the City of Murrieta. The City acknowledged that the paperwork wasn't completed and the lawyers are trying to determine who is responsible for the cleanup at this time. No motion necessary at this time.

#### **Item 2: Submittal and potential approval of updated minutes from July 9 and May 14, 2020.**

President Corona reports that minutes previously submitted for approval needed a little more detail and were updated as presented. President Corona made a motion to approve the updated minutes from July 9 and May 14, 2020. Director Parkes seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

### V. OLD BUSINESS

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

Director Parkes reports that during the month of August there were no new issues to report. There were homeless encampments identified on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. Director Parkes notified Robin Gilliland in Temecula who is the homeless specialist and these have since been addressed. With regards to the Homeless Task Force in our area, it is really being operated and coordinated by Lake Elsinore and they have monthly zoom calls which Director Parkes has been attending. No motion necessary at this time.

#### **Item 2: Update and discussion on AEIP and CropSwap reports.**

Director Battiato reports that she has organized the CropSwap and AEIP information and is following the checklist as to the chronological way things are to be done. She has touched base with the landowners and provided them with information. Task for next month is to go ahead and get all the information written up for the website page. No motion necessary at this time.

#### **Item 3: Update and discussion on CDFW cannabis program.**

Director Kuhns reads email that came over from Jeff Brandt on August 13<sup>th</sup> which states that the Fish and Wildlife Cannabis Unit is collecting information on unpermitted cannabis growers on public lands within Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. If anyone knows of a site, even if it's over 5 years old or becomes aware of a new site to please forward information to Eric Weiss. General discussion on Aguanga making the news due to 7 deaths that occurred. No motion necessary at this time.

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

**VII. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS**

**NRCS**

Bob Hewitt not present.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Director Feeney reports that enhancements can be made to the existing website and would like to add additional plug ins which will give additional functionality. President Corona recommends that Director Feeney put forth recommendations and costs to present to the Board for a vote at future meeting. Director Battiato recommends that each Board member write up information on their respective pages to include any links they would like to see included on the website.

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

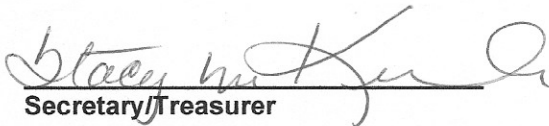
None

**VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Jeff Brandt – Fish and Wildlife Cannabis Program

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Corona calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Parkes moved and Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.** Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

  
**Secretary/Treasurer**