

Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 10, 2008 -- 2:00pm
Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve – Visitor Center
39400 Clinton Keith Road, Murrieta, CA 92562

Members Present:

Pamela Nelson, President
Vicki Long, Vice President
Bob Wheeler, Treasurer
Charolette Fox, Secretary
Terry Whittington, Director
Dan Matrisciano, Associate Director

Members Absent/Excused

Bob Hewitt, NRCS

Staff or Guests Present:

Virginia Sage

Reportable Closed Session Discussions

No Closed Session was held.

Motion to Approve the Agenda as Presented:

M/S Nelson/Fox ; motion carried.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

President Pam Nelson called the meeting to order at 2:22pm. Self introductions were made. Terry's phone number is 951-698-4988.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of November 8, 2007 were approved. M/S Wheeler/Long, carried 5-0.

3.0 Financial Report

Mrs. Nigro provided financial data for EMARCD via email in advance of the meeting. It was reported that Well's Fargo has on-line access to the EMARCD account. In future, it will be less expensive for each of us to monitor the account individually.

4.0 Public Comments

Ms. Sage spoke about her concerns related to copper in the water and the recent announcement of the addition of fluoride. Terry and Vicki responded to questions asked about Liberty Quarry, and provided names and contact information. Pam extended an open invitation to Ms. Sage to visit and volunteer on tasks for EMARCD.

5.0 Presentations

None

6.0 Correspondence

President Nelson circulated a "pass around" folder of materials received for Board members to review. It was noted that EMARCD was approved for a grant application submitted for a 2007 drought-related project

7.0 Action Items - Approval requires a majority vote of directors.

7.1 Submission of Bills for Payment

- a) Invoice from Nigro & Nigro for October services, \$393.75. M/S Wheeler/Long. Motion carried.
- b) Invoice from CSDA for 2008 membership in the amount of \$427.00. M/S Long/Whittington. Motion carried.

7.2 Mitigation Issues

Vicki reported no new items or action taken since the last Board meeting

7.3 Update to 2007 Workplan

Charolette was asked to accumulate ideas from Board members and prepare a report for publication. M/S Nelson/Fox. Motion carried.

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 Mitigation Committee

Vicki reported that Dr. Hopkins is working on a plan of mitigation possibilities for EMARCD. She explained that "creation" mitigation requires compliance of developers. Some education may be required for developers and others on what creation mitigation is and how it works. Mapping is crucial to the preservation and restoration of streams. \$30,000 has been earmarked for mapping.

Vicki met with the Riverside Corona RCD re a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). [No copy of a MOU was presented.]

The EMARCD Mitigation Policy needs reviewed and updated. Pam has collected several models to review for information. Dr. Hopkins can be helpful in the update of this policy.

8.2. Watershed Committee

No report.

8.3 Schoolhouse/Office Committee

No report.

8.4 Regulatory Review Committee

Regarding action on the Oak Springs Hospital project, Bob Wheeler informed the Board that Cheryl Ade, Ray Johnson, and Bob Wheeler are the contact persons for information and followup.

9.0 Other Reports

9.1 Agency Reports

None

9.2 Director's Reports

Written reports submitted by Pam, Bob, and Charolette were briefly reviewed.

9.3 Associate Director Report

Dan submitted a written report.

9.4 Fire Safe Council Report

In addition to a written report, Dan announced the next meeting will be held January 31, 6:00pm at the La Cresta Fire Station. A new Council may be organized for the Wine Country; a meeting for this purpose will be held at the Pauba Fire Station.

10.0 Old Business

10.1 Storage Unit

Vicki has donated a filing cabinet for use at the storage unit. The Secretarial notebooks will be taken to the unit to be kept as public records, per the Public Records Act.

10.2 Trout Unlimited

Pam updated the Board on progress of work with Trout Unlimited. She will develop a contract of deliverables for EMARCD's services.

10.3 Watershed Coordinator Grant

Pam acknowledged Scott Thomas's help in the grant's development.

10.4 Review of Investment and Grant Policies

The draft policies were provided via email to Board members for review and comment. During discussion related to grant management, Bob explained the difference between the way mitigation grants and other grants operate. The Investment and Grant Policies will be action items on the agenda for February 8, 2008. Directors may submit revisions via email.

11.0 New Business

11.1 New Sierra Club

The date, time and place of first meeting was announced.

11.2 Earth Day Events

G.I.V.E., a program designed by S.E. Corporation to educate the public about good community planning, asked for EMARCD collaboration on a regional Earth Day event scheduled for April 19. Several stakeholders have committed. Pam agreed to participate on the steering committee. Vicki offered to donate an EMARCD banner.

11.3 Form 700

Board members were reminded that they need to supply a Form 700 to the Secretary. It was also requested that they make a copy for their personal records, and another copy to be placed in the storage unit.

12.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54pm

Charolette Fox

Charolette Fox, Secretary

Apr 10, 2008

Date Approved