

**Minutes**

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

Regular Meeting, Friday, Feb.1, 1:30 pm

Santa Rosa Plateau Visitor Center

**Call to Order:** 1:48pm

**Roll Call:** Directors Vicki Long, Pam Nelson, Kathi Head (1:58pmpm), Matt

Rahn(2:30pm) and Gary Thomasian

Legal counsel: Ray Johnson

NRCS: Bob Hewitt

Public: Dave McElroy

Motion to Approve the Agenda: Thomasian, Nelson, 3-0

Minutes, November 9, 2012: Motion to approve, Thomasian, Long, 3-0

**Public Comments:** none

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

**-Financial reports** Quarterly

Long is working with the County on completing our 3-year audit. She will be going out for bids and expects it to be done in March. She will call a special meeting to review the bids with the Board.

**-Correspondence** The American Bar Association (ABA) is holding a teleconference on the Water Quality Act in respect to the MS4 permits. The topic will cover some of the concrete lined tributaries and drainages.

**-Board Action Items:** none

**-Agency Reports** Bob Hewitt reported about the NRCS's local water conservation efforts. He is working with citrus and avocado farmers to improve their irrigation systems. He is aiding participants in the Rancho Water District's program where farmers use computerized water systems and irrigation systems. The NRCS is studying the citrus and avocado pest and disease problems, as well.

**-Discussion Items:** none

**-Old Business** Discussion of on-going projects and grant applications

- CA State OHV grant: Nelson visited a few BLM parcels east of Glen Oaks to observe reported vehicular damage.

- LGA: no word

- IRWMP: nothing

- Environmental Leader Award program: nothing new

Rahn described his and others' efforts to bring about a wildlife crossing project over the recent years. He is proposing to start up a non-profit that will focus on implementing a Santa Ana and Palomar Mountain linkage wildlife system. Pechanga and Temecula City have land that can be used for some of the connectivity. More acquisitions will be necessary. Our Board is interested in participating.

He also informed the Board of the recent hearing about the Gregory Canyon Landfill.

**New Business:** Comments on the Murrieta Creek plan are due by Feb. 15th.

**Directors' Requests for Future Agenda Items:** none

**Monthly Reports:** Long reported on the Temecula Creek Inn's development of 400 housing units that lies in an important wildlife corridor near the one that Rahn spoke of. She said that we will work with SAWA on invasive plant removal projects in Lake Elsinore.

**District counsel:** Closed session: 3:35pm, reconvened, 3:59pm, reporting that the Board gave direction to Counsel.

**Associate Director Reports:** none

**Firesafe Council/ RC&D:** none

Calendar of events

The Board is 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, Thomasian, Head, 5-0, 4pm

*Daniel Z. Nelson March 1, 2013*

**Secretary's signature and date**