

## **Minutes**

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

Regular Meeting, Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

Santa Rosa Plateau Visitor Center

#### **Call to Order: 2:10pm**

**Roll Call:** Directors Vicki Long, Pam Nelson, Gary Thomasian, Dave McElroy, and Kelcey Stricker (absent), Associate Directors, Matt Rahn, (absent) and Kathi Head (absent)

Legal counsel: Ray Johnson

NRCS: Bob Hewitt (absent)

**Motion to Approve the Agenda:** Thomasian, Nelson, 4-0, Long(yes), McElroy (yes), Nelson(yes), Thomasian (yes)

**Minutes,** Aug 14, 2014. Motion to approve with typo corrected, McElroy, Nelson, 3-0, 1 abstain; Long(yes ), McElroy(yes ), Nelson (yes), Thomasian(abstain )

**Public Comments:** n/a

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

#### **1.1 Financial reports:**

See attached page

Financials approved with addition of check to CPA(bill for year): McElroy, Thomasian, 4-0; Nelson (yes), McElroy (yes), Long, (yes),Thomasian (yes)

Audit is in progress using the firm that SJBRCD is using. Darlene Valdez

2014 budget was delivered to the County Auditor's office.

SAWA is still giving us funding for rent and utilities

Rick Hopkins will be completing the Greer Ranch and Adeline Farm easement reports (Army Corps and USFW) so we will be using the Union Bank accounts that are set aside for these.

#### **1.2 Correspondence:**

-CSDA booklets

- **Action items**

Designate representative for SAWA. Long is now the President of SAWA.

Thomasian, McElroy, (4-0), approved Long for the Board's representative to

SAWA, Thomasian (yes), McElroy (yes) , Long (yes), Nelson (yes)

**Agency Report:** none

#### **Old Business:**

#### **3.1 Discussion of on-going projects and grant applications**

--Leadership Awards program: Ponte, Europa and Meadowview HOA

Ray will work with Claudio on the writeup for Ponte

Pam sent the writeup for the Meadowview HOA award to the Board. Pam will see when the next HOA meeting is.

--Grant from MWD for water conservation/watershed presentations (Pam will check)

--Safe Crossings for Wildlife project: May be a workshop in November for Freeway 15 bridge TNC is leading the effort.

Long will visit the RCA in the winter to discuss the wildlife crossing problem.

**New Business:**

- Dark in December

**Calendar:**

-Area meeting—Rancho Cucamonga, Nov. 5th

-Family Wildlife Day—November 8th

-Murrieta Creek Trail Project ribbon-cutting event on Nat'l Trails Day, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Directors' Requests for Future Agenda Items:** Housing tract plans for Wine country and Arbor Vista development

**Monthly Reports:**

- **District counsel:** Closed session, 3pm. No reportable action., Reconvened public meeting 3:25pm

- **Director's Reports:**

-Long: Our Rancho Water District bid for agricultural irrigation project was submitted by Long in with RCRCDD's help. Our master 1600 for CDFW has been completed and filed with the Riverside County Clerk. RCRCDD reviewed the property we own and we will designate a stream section as a conservation easement. This will satisfy the mitigation that we needed for CDFW. We can now use portions for mitigation.

Long visited areas that are in need of fuel modification. We may be hired for this work.

CARCD is beginning capacity building. Long was interviewed by a firm working with CARCD that is facilitating the effort.

-Nelson: Visited Murrieta schools (Thompson Middle School and Murrieta Mesa H.S.) and helped with lesson plans. We may be able to do presentations at their schools.

Long will respond to the Murrieta H.S. Teacher, Scott Hansen about water quality testing.

Attended SMRNIP (water quality Prop 84 grant group) as rep for the Sierra Club.

-McElroy: completed the certificate for Ethics Training on Fair Practices website.

- **Associate Director:** none

- **SAWA/Fire Safe Council:** Elections were held for SAWA and Long was elected President. Long reported that the Firesafe council is having brush collection for chipping.

**Adjournment: 4:15 pm.** Motion, Thomasian, Nelson, 4-0; Long (yes), McElroy (yes), Nelson (yes), Thomasian (yes).

O. Nelson 11/7/14

**Secretary's signature and date**