

MINUTES

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, June 13, 2019 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), Randy Feeney (Director), Stacy Kuhns (Director)

Directors Absent: Dave Kuhlman (Vice President), Jack Fleming (Director)

Associate Directors Present: Newt Parkes, Rick Neugebauer

Associate Directors Absent: None

Office Manager: Barb Dalton – Present

District Counsel: Ward Simmons, Best, Best & Krieger – Absent

Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS): Robert Hewitt – Present

Guest Speakers: None

Public Guests: None

Approval of Agenda

President Corona called for a motion to approve the agenda, with one addition to action items; the purchase of a professional flag for the Truax Building conference room.

Director Feeney moved and Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

II. CONSENT CALENDAR, CORRESPONDENCE & GENERAL INFORMATION

President Corona made a motion to approve the consent items, consent calendar, financials, and correspondence and Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0**

III. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Item 1: Discussion and potential approval for 2019-2020 Budget.

President Corona stated we are anticipating monies from the Boot Strap Grant, which has ended. TEAM RCD is saving money, however some expenses such as Water Audit management, Crop Swap, and

contract services have gone up. Legal fees have risen because TEAM RCD no longer has Riverside County Counsel and had to get outside legal services. President Corona asked for a motion. Director Kuhns made a motion to approve and Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0**

Item 2: Discussion and potential nominations for President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

President Corona asked if the Board wanted to do nominations or keep the same officers. The discussion lead to everyone keeping the same positions as the previous year. President Corona made a motion to nominate the same people for the same positions. Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0**

Item 3: Discussion and potential approval of additional contract monies from Riverside County Flood Control projects- SAWA portion-Rick Neugebauer and Rose Corona to discuss potential projects for monies.

Associate Director Neugebauer stated he is working on the forms that have to be completed for the funding to clean up each creek. These projects consist of vegetation removal and habitat restoration along with homeless monitoring. President Corona commented the first six projects were done efficiently with funds left over for each project. After nesting season we will go back and visit these completed sites to monitor and keep up on our restoration efforts. No motion necessary.

Item 4: Discussion and potential approval to seek funds for management of channel due to the Holy Fire in Robinhood Estates in Lake Elsinore.

President Corona discussed how the Robinhood Estates have been affected from water flow after the Holy Fire and the rainy season that followed. The Rubicon Group has been called in to help these homeowners. Eventually Flood Control will need to build the channel.

Mr. Hewitt stated that the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has seen the area and there are problems. The channel is filled in and directing itself. Mr. Hewitt discussed that the time for emergency funds is coming close to the cutoff date if not already.

President Corona stated she would contact Flood Control and set up a meeting to discuss funding and sponsorship for this project. No motion necessary.

Item 5: Discussion and potential approval to transfer bio-monitoring of Greer Ranch and Benton Channel to Inland Empire RCD for 2019 reporting.

President Corona stated that Inland Empire RCD is able to do the bio-monitoring very inexpensively. President Corona made a motion. Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0**

Item 6: President Corona made a motion for TEAM RCD to purchase a permanent United States Flag for the Truax Building boardroom. Director Kuhns seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Item 1: Discussion and update on Website.

Director Feeney stated he is coordinating with Director Kuhlman for a time to work on the website. President Corona requested that the website be improved by the next regular meeting. No motion necessary.

Item 2: Discussion and update on tour of TEAM RCD conservation easements.

Associate Director Nuegebaurer suggested a midday meeting to include a tour of our sites. The Board agreed that having a meeting at the conservation easements would be difficult to coordinate, therefore each member will coordinate with one other member to go and view the conservation easements. No motion necessary.

Item 3: Discussion and potential approval to give President authority to sign new updated proposal and potential contract for Fairway Estates project.

President Corona stated Fairway Estates had inquired if the proposal from a year ago was still good. President Corona sent Fairway Estates' representatives another bid in which the cost had risen. Director Kuhns made a motion to move. Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1: Discussion and update on homeless monitoring for Flood Control.

President Corona stated this was discussed on the parks projects the monies that Associate Director Neugebauer is trying to get. No motion necessary.

Item 2: Discussion and potential approval to cancel July meeting.

President Corona stated she would like to have the month of July to get some of the Agenda items done. Director Kuhns made a motion to cancel the July meeting. Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

Item 3: Discussion and update of mitigation accounting request.

President Corona reported 2007/2008 EMARCD received \$56,000 for mitigation related to the property at Clinton Keith. Jeff Brandt with Fish and Wildlife is going to do some research to see if some amount of refund is in order. No motion necessary.

Item 4: Discussion to address Clinton Keith properties.

President Corona stated the Clinton Keith property is 75 acres and mitigation from the original EMARCD was placed there. The 75 acres is hilly and difficult to access. TEAM RCD is waiting to get the exact requirements for the property from Jeff Brandt at Fish and Wildlife. Once we know the requirements TEAM RCD would like to gift this property to another non-profit organization with more resources. No motion necessary.

Item 5: Discussion and potential approval to appoint Board member to coordinate Flood Control on homeless monitoring.

Associate Director Parkes stated he would coordinate on this project and President Corona accepted. President Corona explained that Associate Director Parkes would work with the task forces in the area to get the homeless to various agencies that can help them. Once the homeless are no longer on these project sites we can begin non-hazmat clean up and monitoring. No motion necessary.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VII. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Kuhns reported that on June 5, 2019 the new sheriff along with the California National Guard seized 50 tons of illegal marijuana.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORTS

NRCS representative Robert Hewitt reports the deadline for funding for the Eclipse program is coming up. To get funding the applicant needs to fill out a form. This funding is to help the farmer with expenses associated with erosion control, irrigation, water conservation, irrigation automation to name a few. The buy a tractor program is also funded through this, where farmers can upgrade an old tractor for a newer one with better emissions.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Corona asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Kuhns made the motion. Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0.** Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm


Secretary/Treasurer