

## **AGENDA**

**Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta**

**Resource Conservation District**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Thursday, September 9, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Truax Building**

**41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor**

**Temecula, CA 92590**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The TEAMRCD promotes conservation practices of natural resources, opportunities for public education and participation, and a sustainable quality of life for communities within the District.

### **ADDING URGENCY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA:**

*Items may be added to the Agenda in accordance with section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code (Brown Act), upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District after the agenda was posted.*

### **I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS**

**Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call/Establish a Quorum**

**Approval of Agenda**

#### **Public Comment**

*Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject not identified on this Agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District. Please note that for items not listed on the agenda, the Brown Act imposes limitations on what the Board may do at this time. The Board may not take action on the item at this meeting. As to matters on the Agenda, persons will be given an opportunity to address the Board when the matter is considered. If you wish to speak during public comment, please fill out a "Speaker Request Form" and give it to the Board Secretary. When the Board President calls your name, please immediately begin by giving your name and address for the record. Each speaker will be given three (3) minutes to address the Board.*

## **II. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial, to be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. All items appearing on the Consent Calendar may be disposed of by a single motion. Items shall be removed from the Consent Calendar if any member of the Board of Directors, staff member, or interested person requests removal prior to a vote on a motion to approve the items. Such items shall be considered separately for action by the Board.*

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of August 12, 2021.
2. Consider approval for current Financials and Management Reports for period ended July 31, 2021.
3. Consider approval for current bills and reimbursements:
  - a) Bills Paid:
    1. DA Getty Inv. #20, \$818.00 – Bookkeeping & Administration
    2. ISC International Inv. #14025, \$225.00 – Website migration and email reconfiguration.
    3. Riverside Office of County Counsel – Inv. # 57845, \$1,888.70 – April legal services and Inv. # 60099, \$691.90 – June legal services.
  - b) Bills to be paid or reimbursements:
    1. Mission Resource Inv. #3039 - 3043, \$2,075.00 – AIEP and CropSwap Audits
    2. Riverside Office of County Counsel – Inv. # 61284, \$3,366.00 – July legal services.
    3. SAWA Inv. # 2021-89RV \$1,489.35 – June – July Monitoring/Admin
  - c) Accounts Receivable:
4. Updated minutes of May 13, 2021 and July 8, 2021 as approved at the August 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

**Approve all Correspondence and General information listed below as received on Consent Calendar**

## **III. CORRESPONDENCE**

## **IV. GENERAL INFORMATION –CORRESPONDENCE GENERAL**

1. CSDA – 8/17/21,8/23/21, 8/24/21
2. RCA – August, 2021
3. River Network – 8/17/21
4. NACD eResource – 8/17/21,8/24/21,8/30/21
5. CalCad – 2020 Census Data
6. TEAM RCD – SAWA appointment letter – AD Rick Neugebauer
7. Grant opportunity for packet – email from Director Teri Biancardi

## **V. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

1. Update on NRCS activity and ongoing projects – Bob Hewitt
2. Discussion on outreach of Guest Natalie Solaris with UCCE Small Farms, Community Educator Specialist II, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties for input on small farmers.
3. Discussion and potential approval – Board requested Agenda items to be submitted no later than Thursday at 5 pm prior to Agenda posting – Rose Corona

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion of the Temecula Elementary School invasive removal project-Rose Corona
2. Discussion on Empire Creek Project-Rose Corona

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on Homeless Monitoring - Newton Parkes
2. SAWA Report – Rick Neugebauer
3. Update on AEIP and CropSwap reports - Lisa Battiato
4. Update on Anza/Aguanga area -Teri Biancardi
5. Update on NRCS activity and ongoing projects – Bob Hewitt
6. Update on website - Deb Getty

## **VIII. SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. Darcy Cook – Mission RCD Executive Director – Presentation, discussion and potential approval of collaboration of varying projects –
  - a. Healthy Soils program
  - b. Agri-ecology food and farming Pathways Program
  - c. State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Healthy (SWEEP) Program
  - d. Cooperative Wildlife Roundtable Discussion and group

## **IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

### **ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:**

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**Next Meeting: October 14, 2021 at 4:00 PM Regular Meeting**

# MINUTES

## MINUTES

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, August 12, 2021 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 (Vice President), Newt Parkes (Secretary/Treasurer), Teri Biancardi (Director), Randy Feeney (Director)

**Directors Absent:** None

**Associate Directors Present:** Rick Neugebauer

**Associate Directors Absent:** None

**Office Manager:** Deborah Getty – Present

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

**District Counsel:** Melissa Cushman – Present

**Guest Speakers:** Steve Corona

**Public Guests:** Pacifica Hoffenburg – District Supervisor Chuck Washington's office.  
Merl Johnson – Water System Management - Member of the public.

### **Approval of Agenda**

President Corona called for a motion to approve the agenda complete with consent calendar as presented. Director Battiato moved and Director Parkes seconded. Director Biancardi requests to remove the minutes and the financials from the consent calendar. President Corona calls for a new motion to approve the remaining items. Director Biancardi so moves and Director Battiato seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Merl Johnson introduces himself and notes due to confusion with email, he made a handout which was provided to the Board and guests to familiarize themselves with the information needed at some point to discuss the nitrate levels in the Anza Valley. Information included in the handout was how to access the Drinking Water Watch website and monthly information for all of the water companies. Additionally, outlined is a list of water system names and numbers to access the California Drinking Water Watch to see what nitrate levels are in real time as well as historically. Mr. Johnson notes he would like to address the Board

again at greater lengths but provided the handout so they may familiarize themselves with the problems in the area, what groundwater is and how groundwater quality can be affected. AD Nuegebauer asks if Mr. Johnson is requesting to come back to another meeting and do a speaker presentation and Mr. Johnson concurs. President Corona clarifies to the Board that due to potential spam, previous communication via email was not received when the office manager reached out to Mr. Johnson prior to preparing for the Board meeting.

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

President Corona calls for a discussion regarding the minutes and financials being pulled earlier in the meeting. Director Biancardi requests that a direct quote of hers was misquoted. She would like to have the minutes updated to state “the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District conflict of interest code” in Item two (2), paragraph seven (7). Director Biancardi makes a motion to approve the July 8, 2021 minutes with the amendment and Director Parkes seconds. **Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.**

President Corona opens the discussion regarding the June, 2021 Financials. Director Biancardi notes while reviewing the financials there has been a lot of money spent on legal fees. A summary was included in the packet and she would like to see the fees associated with that. She would like to know if there could be some kind of description of the legal question posed. Melissa Cushman responds that the information is attorney-client privilege, the Board can vote to waive the privilege and make the bills available to the public. You are allowed to see them as a Board member. You can make a request to go into the office to view them and read what they say but we usually don't disseminate them to the public unless the Board has voted to waive the attorney-client privilege. Director Biancardi states for the record that she has already asked to see the invoices and she had not received a response to that. President Corona clarifies that she may go into the office and it is not something she would be copied on. She requested to have them in the packet and they were included. Director Biancardi acknowledges them being in the packet with no detail. She states that she is doing her due diligence as a Director wanting to know what we've spent nearly \$4,000.00 on in two months. She requests which office and Melissa Cushman notes that she could go to County Counsels office or request to view a copy with the office manager. With further discussion on the Board possibly waiving the attorney client privilege no motion is made in that regard. Director Biancardi makes a motion to approve the June, 2021 Financials as they stand and Director Parkes seconds. **Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.**

## **III. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

### **Item 1: Reconsideration of Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2021.**

President Corona reports that there was some confusion at the July meeting as it related to the minutes. President Corona makes a motion for the reconsideration of the approval of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes and Director Battiato seconds. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Discussion is opened to reconsider and Director Biancardi states the following:

“Great, thank you very much, I appreciate this. It's just that in reading through the Minutes of May, there was quite an extensive discussion around the norms document. In the Minutes it says, I noted some concerns, what followed from that was an extensive discussion about my concerns even to the extent where Melissa was quoted at length. My concerns were never actually identified, it seems to me that it's a little bit like a paragraph without a subject, and so I would like to include those concerns at this point”.

President Corona recommends putting the entire conversation from the transcript in the minutes. Director Biancardi responds with the following:

“You can if you want but I think for the purpose of gravity, I think we can condense it, but the concern surrounded the process by which a breach is explained, the fact that it was almost scary and punitive for a new director, the fact that there's a lot of inconsistencies with our policy manual, the bit about, I think,

there's inconsistency with the hierarchy, we're all supposed to be equal but this enormous document requires that we, directors, surrender to add items to the agenda.

It also was confusing about in terms of our ability to attend meetings. It sounded like that was banned. I was hoping that we could have some more clarifications of those things before they were approved. I do think that those items need to be included in the Minutes so that what follows makes sense.”

President Corona recommends inserting what is in the transcript and Director Biancardi agrees. Director Parkes makes a motion to update the May 13, 2021 minutes with the transcript from that particular meeting and reflects exactly what was said in that particular section. Director Battiato seconds. **Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.**

**Item 2: Report and Update on NRCS activity and ongoing projects.** Bob Hewitt reports that NRCS has just finished up their 2021 funding for their crop sharing programs which consists of the regular e-group program and a CSP program. Two months ago, the federal government gave four states another amount of money to do a slightly different program than those two combined. They received \$22 million.

In the TEAM RCD area, approximately eight (8) contracts were completed. Of the eighteen (18) prospects for the 2022 year, approximately eight (8) are in the TEAM RCD area. Mr. Hewitt summarizes the different landowners and what was completed as part of their contract. He briefly discusses the Rancho Water CropSWAP program and how we can assist by placing the mulching program on our website to let people know how to contact him for 2022. Director Battiato reports we have a section on our website already and that she includes his contact information whenever we have a new CropSWAP client. Mr. Hewitt announces that he will be retiring the end of the year – after 47 years. The Board congratulates him and thanks him for his service.

**Item 3: Nomination and approval of SAWA representative.** President Corona opens the floor for nominations for a SAWA representative. Director Parkes nominates Associate Director Rick Neugebauer. With no further nominations, discussion is open. Director Biancardi states the following:

“Yes, I have a couple things that I'd like to say. First of all I really want to thank you Rose for putting this on the agenda, I know this was an issue I brought to the meeting last week but last month rather and I think this is really important exercise and helps with transparency all the way around. I know we were waiting on the outcome of that memo that we got yesterday from Melissa, thanks for that Melissa. I've read it. I don't know if you've all had the opportunity to read it. That I haven't been able to study it, I'm very busy today.

I think that what we should do and I'm not going to make a motion at this stage, but I think that we should probably table this because there's a lot of material in that memo that pertains to this particular issue, associate director serving as liaison on our behalf at SAWA. The first thing is I think there's a lot of ramifications for RCDs up and down the state.

If what's being said here is that any director on an RCD who wants to serve on another Board in the natural resources space shouldn't really do that because it could create a conflict of interest, I think that's going to raise a few feathers across the State and I think really that maybe the California CARCD might want to weigh in on that. Secondly, I think that you've done a good job of identifying that there is a risk associated with voting directors, serving on SAWA”.

Melissa Cushman states that the memo Director Biancardi is referencing has not gone out to everyone and it is attorney-client privilege. She states “References to conclusions and discussions of that are okay but the specifics of it, should probably be disseminated to everyone at some point before it's discussed and then attorney-client privilege may need to be waived depending on what people want to discuss. The conclusions are fine, but again it hasn't gone out to everyone yet. You had requested the information so I wanted to make sure to get it to you in sufficient time before this meeting to be able to read but I haven't

had a chance to send it to everyone yet. I will be sending it out but the conclusions of the memo are that an associate director doesn't have the same concerns about conflict of interest as a voting member does.”

Director Biancardi makes a sub-motion to table this item until next month so that everyone has had an opportunity to read the memo, digest the contents and discuss further. With no second, the sub-motion dies for a lack of a second.

President Corona as part of further discussion states the following: “I just want to say that I believe and it's been our experience as a board that Rick Neugebauer has stepped up as an individual and has volunteered and done an incredible job at this position. I don't think that we could have found somebody with more experience or more knowledge of the area and he has done extraordinary work in the last six years.

Nominating someone to this positions-- as long as I've been here and as long as the organization has been in existence, that it's done by majority vote. When the Board votes they vote because they vote individually as to what they think and who will represent us the best.” With no more discussion, President Corona calls for a vote.

- Rose Corona – Aye
- Randy Feeney – Aye
- Newt Parkes – Aye
- Teri Biancardi – Nay
- Lisa Battiato - Aye

**Motion passed 4 - 1.**

Director Biancardi states the following: “I would like the minutes to reflect that I don't feel that I have sufficient information at this stage to make a determination which is why I'm voting no at this point. I would also like to request that there be a report from the SAWA liaison at every single meeting. Since I've been serving here there has not been a report from SAWA and I think that's really important that you can both hear what's going on from SAWA and also get an opportunity to give direction to our liaison.”

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Item 1: Update on collaboration with Mission RCD on their Agri-ecology program.**

President Corona reports as noted in the last meeting, they are still in the middle of their grant program. They will eventually want us to work together with them to advertise and promote the programs they are doing. No motion necessary.

##### **Item 2: Update on Flood Control Projects.**

President Corona reports that she, Director Parkes and AD Nuegebauer had a meeting with Riverside County Flood Control on August 9, 2021 to see if they could expand some of the business with them. They are very pleased with how TEAM has managed the money and how we have dealt with the Tamarisk invasives. Director Parkes adds that there seems to be a desire for there to be close cooperation between the organizations. He was impressed by the sense of cooperation and the feeling that things have gone really well particularly over the last several years and that gives them comfort that whatever we might undertake will get done well. AD Nuegebauer adds that he felt the same in regards to the great relationship built over the years and the knowledge of our solid team that goes out and does the restoration work for flood control on our behalf with our MOU. No motion necessary.

**Item 3: Update on Homeless Task Force.**

Director Parkes reports he met with the Temecula Homeless team this morning – Mike Wooten. He got the sense that that under Mike’s leadership they are getting a little more aggressive in terms of their outreach and how they deal with the homeless issues in Temecula. Mike reported that they claimed to have been able to take forty (40) homeless people off the streets and find places to live for these folks. For the last couple of months, we saw as reported in our monthly reports the transient activity in San Gertudis Channel and Temecula Creek. Relaying this information to Mr. Wooten, he indicated they had gone out and looked and were taking necessary steps to clean up. Director Parkes suggested that cleaning out some of the homeless areas might be helpful and that TEAM could potentially assist. Director Parkes will follow up to in the next six weeks after the Temecula team has their own meeting with Flood Control. In regards to Lake Elsinore there is some positive reporting. Approximately four (4) people that were residents of the Anchor have now been moved to permanent housing. AD Nuegebauer adds that SAWA is working with the ILF funds to do some cleaning that is around the lake, which will open up some of those homeless encampments back in the willows and the tamarisk. No motion necessary.

**Item 4: Update and discussion on AEIP and CropSWAP reports.**

Director Battiato reports that CropSWAP has slowed down significantly but Rose was kind enough to put an article together for the local real estate publication. The hope is to encourage those that are buying land who may have an affordability issue or the land is covered with dead avocado trees that they might be able to use CropSWAP to get reimbursed for rejuvenation of that agricultural land. The water audits are continuing to slow down which typically happens the end of summer. No motion necessary.

**Item 5: Update and discussion regarding Anza/Aguanga area and potential partnership.**

Director Biancardi reviewed a meeting she had with RCAC (Rural Communities Association Corporation) Merl Johnson and interested citizens in Anza including water distributors, a person from the Valley News and unidentified stakeholders to discuss potential projects in the area and was asking the Board for the extent of her authority as liaison to the area and what extent the Board would authorize her to do on behalf of this area. Following is the excerpt from the transcript:

**TB:** Yes, so I met with the RCAC, which is the Rural Communities Association Corporation. I'm not really sure what that-- what the acronym is for and Merl and another group of interested citizens in Anza so this is a collaborative group that's started. Basically, Merl and I were assigned by that team to work on coming up with a possible potential project list and then potentially, once that's approved by them, to try and arrange a meeting with Supervisor Washington to begin the conversation about issues in Anza and how perhaps a supervisor could lend support.

You probably saw the letter in the packet. I wrote to Rose because this was a potential meeting that I might be helping to facilitate. As you know, I don't really understand the Norm's documents so I was keen not to transgress. I informed her that there was this potential happening. She wrote me back saying that I needed to present today about what the RCAC is, whether or not you approve me working in this particular direction and if I have the authority to go ahead and arrange a meeting. I can tell you a little bit about the RCAC. They are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides training, technical and financial resources, and advocacy so rural communities can achieve their goals and vision.

They work with low-income rural communities where unemployment rates are high. Housing is often substandard, and poverty is commonplace. Many of these communities also face daunting challenges to access affordable, safe drinking water and other vital infrastructure. Rural communities are often overlooked in the policy arena because they lack the resources, training or social network that larger communities have in place. There's water distributors in that group, other stakeholders, there's the Valley News person who's turning up, there's a clear water quality expert. I guess I'm asking permission, where are my guardrails here or what I'm authorized to do on behalf of Anza and Aguanga water issues?

**RC:** First of all, I'm trying to figure out-- we didn't know who RCAC was to begin with. This seems like a very large group, I looked them up, I think Rick, you looked at the financials for them didn't you?

**RN:** Have looked at their financials and what they do and where they're located. It's western United States, Hawaii, Alaska, they're very large organization...

**TB:** Well, the RCAC I think it's--

**RC:** Let him finish, please. Thank you.

**RN:** Looking at that and I'm trying to make a correlation other than very specificity to wells and water quality. Those are all good things. How does that group benefit us or how do we benefit them I think, is what we're looking to talk about. Other than the wells, I don't know that there's much more correlation. I mean, they have a great testing program. Have you guys reached out to them and their testing program to see if that's something that the Anza group would tie in with? Those are some of the questions that I would have.

**RC:** They have a lot of money. I don't know where we really fall into that until it gets to the point they even know what their goals are, what they're going to be wanting to do. I mean, granted, none of us have had a chance to read Merl's thing. Since you have so many different groups that are involved, I think they need to get together. We shouldn't be inserting one of our directors until there's a role for us to play. You're certainly welcome to give them-- I mean Supervisor Washington's information, his number, Michelle DeArmand, this nice lady here, I'm sure they can get together.

Once they decide what it is they're trying to achieve, I just don't see a place for us right now. We need you to report on what's going on with all of those people, but inserting TEAM RCD when they haven't really decided as a group, what they're trying to do, I just don't see that as advantageous right now.

**TB:** I think they have decided what they want to do as a group and what they're trying to do is help organize Anza so that they can advocate for themselves. It's specifically what the project that Merl is particularly interested in, is doing testing of the private wells there anonymously so that we can get a sense of how extensive the issue of contamination with these illegal cannabis growers are. My role would be simply, I'm local. I'm here on the ground, I'm with TEAM RCD, and I have connections with the supervisor's office, RCAC. There's two people on our call, one is in Northern California, one is in New Mexico, and so they're relying on local expertise. All I can do is help facilitate and maybe bring in a component of professionalization to the meeting with Supervisor Washington, should we even have one?

**LB:** I see what's going-- the well testing, it's similar to the CropSWAP business, so you see your role as a director, at TEAM, as you would be a facilitator to facilitate the well testing. Is that correct?

**TB:** Yes.

**LB:** I do have a concern about doing anonymous testing or something like that. I think that we need to be transparent. I'm not sure what you meant by anonymous testing, but I think that I wouldn't want our group to be involved in anything that could be perceived as sneaky. I guess, for lack of a better word.

**TB:** What's the word? I didn't hear you.

**RN:** Why was the word anonymous used? I gather, why wouldn't you go contact the landowner and say, "Here we have a process for testing your wells."

**RC:** Yes, but that's not us.

**RN:** I know that. I'm saying this (RCAC) group, they have a whole Department of doing this well testing. Why wouldn't it be done and create a schematic, a GIS map of where these wells are at, and what potential nitrates are in those? Unless that's something that Merl already has.

**RC:** RCAC does that.” (end of transcript at this point)

Director Biancardi indicated other concerns of the community and homeowners and suggested the Mr. Johnson might be better to speak to those issues. AD Neugebauer and other board members weighed in with opinions. AD Neugebauer inquired if the Anza group had reached out to Environmental Health or the Department of Environmental Health since they have a well program of testing the water when its drilled and post drilling and that there was an entire program with the County. He also inquired if the Anza group had reached out to them via the Supervisors office. Director Biancardi stated that she was listening to what the locals were saying and what they were expressing as their needs in this area. Director Battiato noted that she saw similarities between the CropSwap program as far as public knowledge but asked if the information was kept by the property owners and did they have well numbers. Director Biancardi responded by saying it was kept in a data base but she was not sure how the entire program worked. Director Parkes asked if all the wells were legal and Director Biancardi noted that this program would be voluntary.

At this juncture, President Corona recognized Merl Johnson at which point he said that what he was hearing was that the Board was commingling two different programs. He noted that the pesticide use in the private wells was done by the State of California and the nitrate issues works with the County. When asked if the state program was affiliated with SB1, Mr. Johnson said he wasn't familiar with that program. He included some additional information for the board regarding testing, water technology and a myriad of problems in the Anza area. AD Neugebauer suggested that potentially the two parallel paths might be one path through Environmental Health at the County in regards to testing the wells. Merl Johnson said that “it would come down to that”.

AD Neugebauer stated that there are a myriad of issues where there may be code enforcement issues surround illegal wells, illegal electrical hookups etc. It was his opinion that if TEAM RCD was going to be involved that there must be complete transparency and involvement with any level of well testing. The owners should have a permit number, that they had been tested and that a process needed to be looked at and put into place before representing the Board in any capacity with any group. There would need to be a written plan in place for the Board to make a decision on how that would work.

Director Biancardi responded that this was just a preliminary report and that she was gathering information on these issues with this group and that there was no plan in place yet. AD Neugebauer acknowledge Director Biancardi's effort's but his opinion was that there was more work to be done. Director Corona stated that her opinion was that if TEAM RCD Board Directors were going to be working with groups, that the Board decides in what capacity that would be as reflected in the correspondence that was included in the last packet and that the entire Board should be able to aware of those conversations. She also offered that the Board wasn't saying no completely but that again, the Board needed more information and noted that Director Biancardi is welcome to continue to bring that information from all different groups in the area.

Director Battiato stated that there was a huge amount of information the Board was listening to and spoke to the importance of gathering information from every group possible, have those groups isolate the issues and then identify them specifically as to how the goal meets with TEAM RCD's mission statement and “then what components go into that goal and how TEAM RCD can help with that goal”.

Director Parkes stated that he would like to add that there was a tremendous amount of information that “we need to understand and be able to deal with in order to know how we might involve ourselves in some of the items that you're identifying. I think continuation of collecting the information is a good thing. I think trying to visualize how it might connect with what we could do in those situations would be really helpful, because that's something that could have a real good discussion on as the board decides how to proceed.” No motion necessary.

**Item 6: Update and discussion of the TEAM RCD website progress.**

Director Battiato reports the site is up and running. Deborah Getty reports that the changes mentioned in last month's meeting had been made. She has received a couple of suggestions to better enhance the CropSWAP and water audit user experience it was recommended to place the farm bureau link on the site. She encourages all Board members to send over any recommendations. No motion necessary

**VI. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS**

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Director Biancardi reports that Amicus, not sure if it is a steelhead or rainbow trout has been discovered in the Santa Margarita River for the first time since 2009. They were discovered at Camp Pendleton and Sandia Creek. There is a fish blockage at Sandia Creek which should be removed and replaced with a bridge in two years' time which means that the fish can come all the way up to the upper watershed. The person who identified it was Robert Fisher. Camp Pendleton has been very good at removing invasive and it is a flowing river. She feels there may be ramifications for us as we go forward, particularly as there is a petition listed as an endangered species before the California Fish and Wildlife Service and they are reviewing it now. It will take months before we have results on that.

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

None

**VII. SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Steve Corona introduces himself. He is currently on the Board of Eastern Municipal Water District Division 2 which takes care of the Temecula and Murrieta area. Prior to that, he served on the Board for Rancho California Water District for 16 years, former Farm Bureau President as well as previously on the Board of EMARCD.

Mr. Corona gave an in depth discussion on:

- Rancho California Water District
- Eastern Municipal Water District
- State water system
- Colorado river system
- General discussion of why water prices are what they are.

**VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Corona motions to adjourn the meeting and Director Battiato seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.** Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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**Secretary/Treasurer**

# CONSENT CALENDAR

## FINANCIALS

# Management Report

TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

For the period ended July 31, 2021



Prepared on

August 24, 2021

# TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

## Profit and Loss YTD Comparison

July 2021

	TOTAL	
	JUL 2021	JUL 2021 (YTD)
Income		
CropSwap Income	11,800.00	11,800.00
Interest Income	0.83	0.83
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$11,800.83</b>	<b>\$11,800.83</b>
GROSS INCOME	<b>\$11,800.83</b>	<b>\$11,800.83</b>
Expenses		
Contract Services		
CropSwap Management		
Post Audit	335.00	335.00
Pre Audit	1,675.00	1,675.00
<b>Total CropSwap Management</b>	<b>2,010.00</b>	<b>2,010.00</b>
Water Audit Management		
Pre Audit	1,085.00	1,085.00
<b>Total Water Audit Management</b>	<b>1,085.00</b>	<b>1,085.00</b>
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	<b>3,095.00</b>	<b>3,095.00</b>
General and Administration		
Accounting Fees		
Bookkeeping	437.50	437.50
<b>Total Accounting Fees</b>	<b>437.50</b>	<b>437.50</b>
Administrative Consulting	560.00	560.00
Insurance - Package Policy	2,650.87	2,650.87
Legal Fees	2,038.30	2,038.30
Membership Dues	75.10	75.10
Transcription	52.36	52.36
<b>Total General and Administration</b>	<b>5,814.13</b>	<b>5,814.13</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,909.13</b>	<b>\$8,909.13</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>\$2,891.70</b>	<b>\$2,891.70</b>
NET INCOME	<b>\$2,891.70</b>	<b>\$2,891.70</b>

# TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

## Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2021

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Chase CD	
Chase CD - Benton Channel	165,000.00
Chase CD - Greer Ranch	125,000.00
<b>Total Chase CD</b>	<b>290,000.00</b>
Chase CD Interest - 0618	29,903.32
Chase Flood - 0600	143,284.09
Chase General - 0592	144,064.06
Checking/Savings	<b>98,234.94</b>
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$705,486.41</b>
Other Current Assets	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$705,486.41</b>
Fixed Assets	
Adeline Farms Easement	162,750.00
Clinton Keith Land	475,000.00
Greer Ranch Easement	110,000.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$747,750.00</b>
Other Assets	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,453,236.41</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
AMEX 41005	43.16
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>\$43.16</b>
Other Current Liabilities	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$43.16</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$43.16</b>
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	0.00
Retained Earnings	1,450,301.55
Net Income	2,891.70
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$1,453,193.25</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$1,453,236.41</b>

# TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

## Statement of Cash Flows

July 2021

	TOTAL
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net Income	154,611.51
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	-147,278.41
Accounts Payable:Shortage in Restricted Depo-Due to Developers	-4,441.40
AMEX 41005	43.08
<b>Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:</b>	<b>-151,676.73</b>
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>\$2,934.78</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Prepaid Insurance	2,650.87
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	<b>\$2,650.87</b>
<b>NET CASH INCREASE FOR PERIOD</b>	<b>\$5,585.65</b>
Cash at beginning of period	699,900.76
<b>CASH AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$705,486.41</b>

# TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

## A/P Aging Summary

As of July 31, 2021

	CURRENT	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 AND OVER	TOTAL
Riverside Office of County Counsel		691.90		1,888.00		\$2,579.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$691.90</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,888.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,579.90</b>

# TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

## A/R Aging Summary

As of July 31, 2021

	CURRENT	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 AND OVER	TOTAL
RCWD - Water Audit/CropSwap		7,750.00				\$7,750.00
Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	159,078.41					\$159,078.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$159,078.41</b>	<b>\$7,750.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$166,828.41</b>

## TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

## Chase General - 0592, Period Ending 07/30/2021

## RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 08/24/2021

Reconciled by: Deborah Getty

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

## Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance.....	138,479.24
Checks and payments cleared (11).....	-4,176.88
Deposits and other credits cleared (3).....	11,800.00
Statement ending balance.....	<u>146,102.36</u>

Uncleared transactions as of 07/30/2021.....	-2,038.30
Register balance as of 07/30/2021.....	144,064.06
Cleared transactions after 07/30/2021.....	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 07/30/2021.....	-43.16
Register balance as of 08/24/2021.....	144,020.90

## Details

## Checks and payments cleared (11)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
07/01/2021	Bill Payment	1031	Lafco	-84.38
07/08/2021	Bill Payment	1030	D.A. Getty	-997.50
07/14/2021	Bill Payment	1034	Mission Resource Conservati...	-415.00
07/14/2021	Bill Payment	1032	Mission Resource Conservati...	-335.00
07/14/2021	Bill Payment	1040	Mission Resource Conservati...	-335.00
07/14/2021	Bill Payment	1039	Mission Resource Conservati...	-335.00
07/14/2021	Bill Payment	1036	Mission Resource Conservati...	-335.00
07/14/2021	Bill Payment	1035	Mission Resource Conservati...	-335.00
07/14/2021	Bill Payment	1033	Mission Resource Conservati...	-335.00
07/14/2021	Bill Payment	1038	Mission Resource Conservati...	-335.00
07/14/2021	Bill Payment	1037	Mission Resource Conservati...	-335.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>-4,176.88</b>
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## Deposits and other credits cleared (3)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
05/07/2021	Check	1015	Voided Check	0.00
07/13/2021	Receive Payment	160033	RCWD - Water Audit/CropSwap	8,400.00
07/23/2021	Receive Payment	160122	RCWD - Water Audit/CropSwap	3,400.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>11,800.00</b>
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## Additional Information

## Uncleared checks and payments as of 07/30/2021

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
07/14/2021	Bill Payment	1041	Riverside Office of County Co...	-2,038.30

<b>Total</b>	<b>-2,038.30</b>
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## Uncleared checks and payments after 07/30/2021

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
08/06/2021	Check	ACH	American Express Plus Busin...	-43.16

<b>Total</b>	<b>-43.16</b>
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TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Chase CD Interest - 0618, Period Ending 07/30/2021

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 08/24/2021

Reconciled by: Deborah Getty

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

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Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance.....	29,903.32
Checks and payments cleared (0).....	0.00
Deposits and other credits cleared (0).....	0.00
Statement ending balance.....	<u>29,903.32</u>
Register balance as of 07/30/2021.....	29,903.32

TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Chase Flood - 0600, Period Ending 07/30/2021

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 08/24/2021

Reconciled by: Deborah Getty

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance.....	144,330.19
Checks and payments cleared (1).....	-1,046.10
Deposits and other credits cleared (0).....	0.00
Statement ending balance.....	<u>143,284.09</u>

Register balance as of 07/30/2021.....143,284.09

Details

Checks and payments cleared (1)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
06/29/2021	Bill Payment	1010	Santa Ana Watershed Associ...	-1,046.10
<b>Total</b>				<b>-1,046.10</b>

TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Mitigation Account xx0102, Period Ending 07/31/2021

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 08/24/2021

Reconciled by: Deborah Getty

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance.....	98,234.11
Checks and payments cleared (0).....	0.00
Deposits and other credits cleared (1).....	0.83
Statement ending balance.....	<u>98,234.94</u>

Register balance as of 07/31/2021..... 98,234.94

Details

Deposits and other credits cleared (1)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
07/31/2021	Journal	19		0.83
<b>Total</b>				<b>0.83</b>

## TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

AMEX 41005, Period Ending 07/15/2021

## RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 08/24/2021

Reconciled by: Deborah Getty

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

## Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance.....	0.08
Charges and cash advances cleared (1).....	52.36
Payments and credits cleared (2).....	-9.28
Statement ending balance.....	<u>43.16</u>

Register balance as of 07/15/2021.....	43.16
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## Details

## Charges and cash advances cleared (1)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
07/15/2021	Credit Card Expense		Got Transcript	52.36

<b>Total</b>	<b>52.36</b>
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## Payments and credits cleared (2)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
07/07/2021	Credit Card Credit		American Express Plus Busin...	-0.08
07/09/2021	Credit Card Credit		American Express Plus Busin...	-9.20

<b>Total</b>	<b>-9.28</b>
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## MINUTES

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, May 13, 2021 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 (Vice President), Newt Parkes (Secretary/Treasurer), Teri Biancardi (Director), Randy Feeney (Director)

**Directors Absent:** None

**Associate Directors Present:** Rick Neugebauer

**Associate Directors Absent:** None

**Office Manager:** Deborah Getty – Present

**Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS):** Robert Hewitt – Absent

**District Counsel:** Melissa Cushman

**Guest Speakers:** Scott Murray – President of Mission Resource Conservation District.

**Public Guests:** Andrea Mares – District Supervisor Chuck Washington's office.  
David Murray – Member of the public.

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **III. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

#### **Item 1: Bob Hewitt – Report and Update on NRCS activity and ongoing projects. Discussion and potential inclusion of Chipping program on the website.**

In Bob Hewitt's absence President Corona reports that in addition to the CropSWAP and RootStock programs, landowners can also put in an application to receive monies for the trees they chip down. The money for the program has been spent for this year, however NRCS will start looking at applications again in September and October of 2021. After a general discussion, Director Battiato makes a motion to include the NRCS Chipping program information as a link and put it on our website. Director Parkes seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

#### **Item 2: Discussion and potential approval of Board Policy norms to be added to the Board Policy Manual.**

Director Battiato asks the Board to refer to the Operating Principles of the Board that were included in the packet. Director Battiato made a motion to accept the document as proposed. President Corona seconds. General discussion ensues and following is the transcript from this portion of the meeting.

**LB:** If you folks would refer to your packet we decided to start this late last year, just to get some procedures in writing. I think it's on your action items, discussion calendar. It's the operating principles of the board. I'm assuming everybody has had the opportunity to read it since it was in our agenda packet. I would like to make a motion to accept this document as proposed.

**RC:** I'll second. Shall we have a discussion here?

**LB:** Sure.

**TB:** I have some comments. I think a document like this could be incredibly useful to help directors understand their roles and responsibilities, but I think it needs to be an inclusive effort. Some of the things that jumped out at me are that it seems to me the definition section, where it's norm, member, authority, reach, speaker TEAM RCD, things that I think needs to be defined.

The process by which a breach is determined is not explained. Frankly, as a new board member, I found the whole document a little scary, because it starts off by saying we have these norms. If you don't abide by these norms, someone's going to give you a stiff talking too. Then only at that point do we start talking about what these norms are.

I don't know if that's exactly the tone that our district wants to promote. I also found some inconsistencies with our policy manual, which I think needs to be rectified, for example, that the part about representing our assigned area. Our policy manual says that directors do not represent any fractional segment of the community, but are rather a part of the body that represents an act for the community as a whole.

I think there's some inconsistency there. There is also references to a hierarchy. I am a little bit confused about where a hierarchy came because I understand that board members all have equal rights. In fact, it says that in our policy manual presidents have the same rights as directors. The Board of Directors is a unit or authority within the district, directors have no individual authority. It also concerns me that it requires that we directors surrender our right to add items to the agenda. I'm definitely not comfortable with that. In the fifth bullet point, it's written as though attending meetings is banned. Personally, I attend probably 10 a week, so I'm confused by that. I think there's some language, it really needs some revision to. My suggestion would be that, that we set up an executive committee to go over this so that we can have a truly inclusive process, so that everyone gets an equal say, and we move forward that way.

**RC:** Are you making a substitute motion?

**TB:** Yes, I would make a substitute motion that we set up an executive committee to review this document before it moves forward.

**RC:** Okay, so for the board that's never really has, as I recall, had a substitute motion, this is how substitute motions work. We already have a motion on the floor with a second. Substitute motions, always go before a general motion. The substitute motion that Terry just made needs a second. If it doesn't get a second, it dies for lack of a second and we go back to the first. Teri, you want to state your motion? You just did. Is there a second? There is no second, it dies for lack of a second. Let's go back to Lisa's first, except before we finish that I like to hear from the rest of our directors. Newt, do you have anything to say?

**NP:** I don't really have much I apologize in advance for not having looked at it before the meeting today. I've read it in the past, but not at the level that it should be. I'd be happy to be part of an executive group that does that. I've got some experience in such types of documents. At this point, without having reviewed it, and particularly in the depth that you have, there's not much I can comment on.

**RC:** Anyone else, Lisa?

**LB:** I would just like to ask Melissa, did you find anything that was objectionable in the document?

**Melissa:** I did not find anything legally objectionable. It's a fairly flexible, not particularly formal document. It could be made much more formal, it could have provisions added that are mandatory, rather than more discretionary as it's written now. That's all up to the board. What the board's preferences are for a lot of these items. Legally, I don't have any objections to it or the way it is written now. The board certainly has the ability to change its focus, its specific provisions and this level of formality as the board sees fit.

**LB:** Thank you.

**RC:** My final thing on that is that we tried to make it flexible. I think if we needed to get into specifics down to every single inch, we are going to have to create just a subcommittee to take on every single thing we try to do our best here, as well. All of these things can always be brought up and changed in the future. We have a motion on the board on the floor.

**RC:** So we have discussion?

**TB:** Shall we have a discussion?

**TB:** Is there further discussion allowed?

**RC:** Well, we can have further discussion, if you like.

**TB:** Yes, I would like to have further discussion. I'm very concerned that this concept is a huge concentration of power in the President's hands. It's extremely micro-managing. It also sets up a system in which work can't actually be done.

**NP:** How so?

**TB:** Because if you have to, at every step of the way, get the approval of the President and the board to actually attend a meeting or set up a meeting, then nothing will get done. We understand that as Chris Grey said last month, that grants are increasingly the way that things are being funded. We see that grants come out with really unforgiving timelines of about one month, maybe two months. It does not give us the ability to gather our research, develop proposals and then get the approval of the board under this existing system. Newt, I really would wish that you would read this when you go home, if you decide to approve this because I find it a shocking document. very unprofessional.

**NP:** Well, as I said, it's been a while since I read it and I certainly didn't have that type of reaction to it. With respect to the timeframes that are necessary to respond to grants, obviously, we'll have to take that

into account as we make decisions as to what sorts of grants we might want to propose on. I don't see that being that big of a deal, or that difficult to accomplish when we need to.

**LB:** I would like to jump in. When I read the document, I actually thought to myself, "Well, these are my expectations in writing." It's following a chain of command and following the process. I felt completely comfortable with it.

**RC:** Randy, do you have anything that you want to say I'm sorry?

**RF:** What's that?

**RT:** Do you have anything you want to add?

**RF:** Nothing constructive.

**NP:** Honest.

**RTC:** Well, there you go.

**RF:** I have just emotions. That's it.

**RC:** Let's go back to the initial motion by Lisa. Lisa, do you want to restate the motion?

**LB:** I'd like to make a motion to accept the operating principles of the board as a document for to abide by for future interaction with respect to our work.

**RC:** Okay and there was a second, I seconded. All in favor? Aye.

**LB:** Aye

**NP:** Aye

**RC:** Randy?

**RF:** Aye.

**RC:** Teri?

**TB:** Emphatic no.

**RC:** All right, passed four to one.

### **Item 3: Discussion and review of submitted two (2) choices by each Director for potential inclusion on the annual work plan.**

President Corona reads the annual work plan submittals as included in the packet. President Corona suggests a sub-committee be formed to include two of the executive directors and our associate director to look at the potential ideas and determine if they are really feasible. After a general discussion, President Corona makes a motion to form a sub-committee to include Director Parks, Associate Director Neugebauer and Director Feeney. Director Parkes seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item 1: Discussion and potential approval of executive sub-committee to review grants.**

President Corona reviews the need for a sub-committee to review potential grants. President Corona volunteers to be on the sub-committee as she already is the liaison with Chris Gray of WRCOG. Director Biancardi nominates herself and Director Battiato second. Both Director Battiato and Director Parkes state that they cannot participate on the sub-committee due to other commitments. After general

discussion and clarification by District Counsel Melissa Cushman regarding notice of meeting and quorum restrictions should three (3) executive members be on the sub-committee. Director Biancardi moves to nominate herself, President Corona and Director Feeney to form the sub-committee to review grants. Motion dies for lack of a second. President Corona moves to nominate herself, Director Feeney and Associate Director Neugebauer to form the sub-committee to review grants. Director Parkes seconded. **Motion passed 4 – 1.**

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Director Parkes reports upon receiving the April reports from SAWA there are two sites with activity at the San Gertrudis Channel, one near Chaparral High school and another location. Director Parkes reported the activity to Mike Wooten giving them a better sense of what is going on. He will continue to follow up on the progress there. Director Parkes further reports that the Homeless Task Force meeting had been postponed a week and will include any updates at the next Board meeting. Associate Director Neugebauer recommends looking into activity in the creek that is just South of the auto dealerships between the freeway and Ynez. Director Battiato recommends reaching out to Larry Markham as he is involved in this project. President Corona reports that Larry Markham had reached out a few months ago to talk about potentially taking that as a conservation easement in terms of adding it to our monitoring and monitoring through Flood Control. President Corona will call Flood Control and ask if that is something they are particularly interested in as well as contact Larry Markham. No motion necessary.

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

Director Battiato reports that we billed and received a nice deposit from the CropSwap program from RCWD. The program is slowing down but everyone who is enthusiastic about the Rootstock and have already submitted applications with quite a few from McMillian properties. As noted earlier, Director Battiato will go and retroactively notify all those who have done the CropSWAP about the chipping grant. No motion necessary.

### **Item 3: Update on Anza/Aguanga area.**

Director Biancardi reports she abandoned any work on the cannabis watershed grant because she was told that we wouldn't be discussing it until today, With it being due in two days there wasn't the capacity to put that together in that short period of time, but it did emerge that there is an appetite for the development of a map by the residents of Anza that would show the historic sites of cannabis grows as well as the present ones that they on their own can start to monitor the movement of the toxins through the watershed. Director Biancardi spoke with her CDFW contacts, also Water Master, and they both thought that would be quite an interesting project and have value in and of itself to their own respective agencies. There's the seeds of a potential partnership between the locals and those two agencies to develop this map. No motion necessary.

### **Item 4: Update and discussion of the TEAM RCD website progress.**

Deborah Getty reports that after our monthly meeting with RCWD we can finalize the CropSWAP and AIEP pages, we have met all of our transparency items and a few required items for the Board Directors and we should be ready to go live prior to our next Board meeting. Director Battiato reports that we are working with RCWD to make sure they have all of our forms on their website to help automate the process as well. No motion necessary

## **VI. SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Introduction of Scott Murray – President of Mission Resource Conservation District who also has his own organic farming operation and presents on Agri-ecology programs run by MRCD.

Speaker Murray first gave an overview of his District and the work they are doing in their area along with the collaboration that Mission RCD has with TEAM RCD. He then expanded into the Agroecology, Farming and Food Pathways (AFFP) program that they are working on in expanding the knowledge of farming to the average everyday individual as well as the farm community.

They are working with a nonprofit organization based in Berkeley California called the MESA Program. This program concentrated on bringing agricultural interns to study in the US from 57 different foreign countries. There are local programs now to work with stimulating the increase in agriculture in California especially but also the entire U.S. and worldwide. The program is run through the USDA and also includes underserved farmers.

There are two six week sessions for training and it includes three training days on a farm and one farm visit. Some of those training sessions have been live but most have been virtual during the pandemic. Director Battiato asked what was included in these training sessions.

Mr. Murray explained that in the first six weeks, there is a lot of training about the principles of agroecology. The first six weeks is more of the theoretical part of an agroecology and how farm design is an integrated approach from this viewpoint. The second six weeks, according to Murray, is more practical. There are discussions about different systems on the farm such as irrigation, planting crops, planting design, and biodiversity to sites. After a brief discussion on pollinators, Murray notes that the key is to get people a hands-on experience with different types of agriculture. Most training days are half days on three Saturdays a month. Then the program moves to an advanced stage and that is called a fellowship. At that stage, they work on specific projects.

He proceeded to give one example called "Primal Pastures and how they have worked with several different challenges by designing their farm to accommodate for challenges that they are aware of. President Corona asked Mr. Murray to discuss the podcasts and give a general overview of how those work and were working for the program. Mr. Murray stated that at his District he is the person who the District refers "farm" questions so with this program, he can assist future farmers or the local community by helping them avoid huge financial mistakes or putting in or using products that may be detrimental to a more environmentally friendly approach or cause more damage. He also expanded on collaborating with not only TEAM RCD but other RCD's and the NRCS and suggested partnering with research institutions. Also working on mulching and compost to farmers in order to reduce water loss and improve the soil.

While giving a larger overview of the water issues in Southern California and discussed a myriad of issues from recharge to the level of water that is being dumped into our oceans. He also discussed the podcasts that he partners with in Phoenix Arizona called "The Urban Farm" where he has had the opportunity to discuss avocado and coffee farming. He also mentioned that he isn't the only resource that the AFFP program is where we have technicians providing direct support to the students. The teachers are all qualified and offer support during the classes but in the fellowship phase they get access to the mentors who will mentor them. Also, since the program is paid for through a grant, all one needs to start is an internet connection and the desire to learn. Mr. Murray indicated that that Mission RCD is at a point where they want to partner more with TEAM RCD to reach more members of the public.

President Corona asked if there was anything in the program as to education on livestock such as chickens or cattle. Mr. Murray responded that is the next step and once the program has collected enough good data to go back to the Government, it is only logical to include livestock since most every farmer has some animal component to their operations.

Director Battiato asked wanted to know what the water usage was between coffee compared to avocados. Mr. Murray responded that it was relatively the same amount but indicated that they were carefully tracking the difference between a monoculture of avocados and a polyculture of coffee and avocados. Plus including other tropical fruit like bananas and cherimoyas Mr. Murray expanded into the conversation of crossing different varietals of cherries, peaches, nectarines apricots and plum and how there are new varietals out there have created 476 new fruit varieties from just one man alone.

President Corona said she had reached out to the Riverside Farm Bureau and asked if this would be something they would be interested in and they said they would discuss and get back to her. Director Biancardi asked Mr. Murray what his vision of a partnership with TEAM RCD would look like. Mr. Murray responded It is something we've been building for 20 years. When we've been able to work together on common projects, we've done very well. We had a kerfuffle for a number of years where there were a number of years there was a political change on this Board. The Board actually attacked us. We just backed off. Then I got a call from Rose one day and she said "Hey we'd like to start working with Mission again" and I said "That's absolutely our priority. If we can find a way to collaborate, we are absolutely there."

AD Nuegebauer shared his meeting with Mr. Murray over a decade ago and shared his admiration of Mr. Murray's knowledge about soils and all the resources we have in the area. Mr. Murray responded by adding that we have to find ways to expand our collaboration and that agriculture is a primary way to do that through this Agroecology program. He also discussed looking forward in this area to potentially looking at the commercial business and governmental locations and their landscaping processes to see if we can improve the performance of their properties that have common areas with sharing simple techniques from NRCS. Director Battiato said that she works with developers all the time and where do we send them if they need more information.

AD Neugebauer said that the best place to start is with the city and county planners in order begin a change. He mentioned his 32 years of career experience as a landscape general Contractor and how over the years so much of the landscaping has rid itself of trees and other kinds of landscape that might be more effective in caron drawdown. Director Battiato mentioned that if they could get lead credits or can promote their projects as carbon neutral in their landscaping that might prove very effective to get developers to start looking at other options.

## **VII. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS**

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

None

### **ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

None

## **VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Corona made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Batiatto seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.** Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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**Secretary/Treasurer**

## OPERATING PRINCIPLES OF THE BOARD (NORMS)

Every board should have operation principles and certain “norms” that are accepted practices and behavior that each director and member should follow as a representative of the Board.

## IMPLEMENTATION AND PROCESS NORMS

- We are committed to practice these norms, whereupon we evaluate and adjust as the Board deems necessary.
- Upon the occasion of the occurrence of what appears to be a breach of these norms, we are committed to addressing this perception first to the individual(s) involved, before raising the issue with the Board itself. The Executive Director would be the individual to address the perception and if there is no Executive Director, the President would address the issue. For all TEAM RCD business, as discussed in this document and otherwise, if the President is unavailable during the time necessary to respond or otherwise undertake the actions in question, the responsibility will go to the successive elected Officers, in order of seniority of position, Vice President and then the Secretary/Treasurer. If the occurrence becomes necessary to discuss at Board level, it will be the Board that takes the appropriate action to remedy the breach.
- All Communication should be accurate and brief. Communication must be funneled to the Office Manager with a copy to the Executive Director. If there is no Executive Director, the Board President should be copied. E-mail communication that is meant for informational or information gathering purposes for Directors prior to any meeting will be sent through the office manager who will ensure the inability of Directors to “reply all”.
- Information gathering for Director assigned project areas is encouraged, however, should be in the Directors’ area assigned to them and may need to be authorized by the Board with parameters as to the project scope and representation from the Board to that effect.
- Basic information gathering and reporting to the Board generally would not include larger meetings with multiple organizations, larger governmental and sister agencies and/or groups. These type of requests from Directors should follow a chain of command in order to keep the Executive Director and/or the President aware of Board Director activities and to enable them to anticipate agenda items that may need addressing. Following is the chain of command to follow:
  1. All requests for larger meetings should be brought to the Executive Director and/or President and office manager to decide the necessity of the larger meeting.
  2. The President or other assigned Board officer (if the President is not available) will review the existing request and be given the authority to collect all the necessary information. This should include the purpose of the call, the nexus as to the included individuals, an agenda, specific scope of discussion detailing the process and potential goals to be achieved, current information collected, and the needs or interest of existing partners

and how this call would be of benefit our partners, those on the call and/or the community.

3. At this time, the Executive Director and/or President will be given the authority by the Board to determine if there is still more information needed before reaching out to groups or other governmental agencies prior to moving forward. If so, it will be given back to the Director to do more research.
4. Once sufficient information has been gathered, the outreach to Executive Directors of outside organizations, groups, or governmental agencies as potential partners on larger calls will be done by the Executive Director and/or the President to decide if there is interest on the part of the participants to be part of a call or if the call is of benefit to both organizations. This will help determine whether a larger call is necessary or if more data needs to be collected to host a larger call. It has been the norm of the board to be respectful of sister agencies, their staff and their time as well as TEAM RCD's time.
5. If those calls show minimal or no interest in the District's project, no call will be scheduled, however the President and/or appropriate designated officer of the Board, will give a report on the results of the outreach at the next meeting and give the Board opportunity to discuss options. The Board can or may agendaize either to move forward to finding alternatives to getting the project done and/or abandon the project, as decided by the Board.
6. If sufficient information has been gathered that warrants further discussions with several partners or advancement based on interest, the item will be agendaized and discussed at the next available meeting as to the potential for advancing discussions with those partners and what the Board hopes to achieve.
7. If the Board votes to host a meeting, an agenda will be established in advance and brought to the Board for a vote. All meetings will have agendas in order to keep the meeting and focus on track.
8. All virtual or in person meetings that affect or have anything to do with TEAM RCD that are initiated by any Director should go through the office manager and be arranged through the TEAM RCD offices and technology for arrangements to be made for the physical location or virtual platform.
9. The President and the office manager will make all arrangements and send out to the interested parties an invitation with a concrete agenda and discussion points which have been approved by the Board. This process also includes notifying all Board members, if interested in attending that they must make clear to the office manager that they will be attending. If three or more members wish to attend then the meeting may be required to be noticed to the public to make sure the Board is in keeping with state rules and regulations.
10. Once the call or meeting commences, the President or designated TEAM RCD representative will give an overview of the reason for the meeting and what they hope can be achieved. At which time, should an individual Director be the point person in their assigned area of the discussion, the President will do a formal introduction of the Director and ask them to give their presentation and answer questions.
11. Board members are encouraged to seek out all kinds of information particularly if it pertains to their specific area of assignment from the Board. There are also many

informational and training videos available through our member associations CSDA and CARCD which are free. Executive Directors, or in the absence of one, elected officers of the board in order of authority (President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer) historically have been given more authority to speak on behalf of the Board due to the nature of their elected position to speak on behalf of the Board. The President has the authority to speak for the Board as its representative as the elected head of the Board and in the absence of the President in order of position, the Vice President and then the Secretary would be afforded those duties and authority to maintain the normal order of business if the President is not available. Individual Directors shall have no power to act on behalf or speak for TEAM RCD or the Board or to direct the staff of TEAM RCD unless specifically authorized by the Board.

12. If there is any question as to the extent of an individual Director authority or lack of written policy does not specify exact direction to act on specific subjects, it is advised that the Director contact either the President, Vice President or Secretary/Treasurer (Senior officers in order of board hierarchy) prior to doing anything if they are unsure of or unclear on the chain of command in achieving a specific goal. Board members must be conscious that there may be additional information that they are personally unaware of that may impact the District or the Board itself should they decide to act unilaterally. Clarification can also be obtained through District Counsel.

- The Executive Director and the President are in charge of putting together the Agenda and working with the Office Manager to put all the appropriate materials together for the Board Packet. In the absence of the President, these duties fall to the elected officers in order of rank. Should specific information miss the packet deadline but will be discussed at the meeting, hand-outs will be available to the Board and the public at that time.
- The agenda is based on the current work plan, speakers, Directors projects, ongoing projects and available time. The President is given the authority by the Board to create the agenda as the President deems necessary and sees fit in order to run an efficient meeting within accepted norms for the board. As a rule, the meetings last roughly 1 hour or more however they do not usually last more than one and half hours unless they are for specific required training sessions for Directors which as a rule are a minimum of 2 hours. All speakers are given a relative time frame for presentation. However, speakers who request to present to the Board that are current collaborators or are working on current projects will normally take priority over a new speaker since they may have current project information that the Board may need to act upon quickly. These organizations are given deference in the time they are given and therefore a speaker or presentation will affect the timeline of the agenda.
- If someone would like to speak at a meeting, they should contact the Board President directly through the office manager to discuss the purpose and subject to be discussed. The President and the speaker will discuss how the subject will benefit TEAM RCD's mission statement and the District and a decision will be made as to the viability of the subject and if a presentation is necessary. Members of the public can also speak during public comment for up to 3 minutes.
- TEAM RCD is a quasi-governmental non-political body and strives to maintain partnerships and collaborations with those organizations whose goals coincide or enhance TEAM RCD's mission statement and in doing so, help and enhance the District and the community in a non-partisan

way. The Board is clear that it has no interest in putting the District in the middle between opposing sides of conservation, habitat or political issues, locally, regionally or nationally. TEAM RCD does not feel it productive to take either side of controversial issues and prefers to be more collaborative with their sister agencies, its partners and the community. Since governmental agencies both County and State have more enforcement authority than Resource Conservation Districts, TEAM RCD can provide support with their resources once issues or discussions are decided at the higher levels of government if the Board decides to act. The District's focus is to use their resources to achieve common sense and reasonable conservation goals that gives everyone involved a piece of the pie and strive for a win-win situation for all sides in the District, not to divide it by taking particular sides.

#### AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD

- The Board of Directors shall act only at regular, regularly adjourned or special meetings as provided by State Law.
- Individual Directors shall have no power to act for TEAM RCD, or the Board, or to direct the staff of TEAM RCD except as authorized by the Board.
- The Board is authorized to delegate any of its powers and duties to "an officer of TEAM RCD". This is usually the Executive Director or the President. The TEAM RCD Board has delegated day-to-day responsibility of the administrating and delegation of general District business to the President, to be summarized and discussed at the next Board meeting in the form of an agenda. In the absence of the President, due to illness or unforeseen issues, the authority passes first to the Vice-President and then to the Secretary-Treasurer to act in the role of President. The Board, however, retains ultimate responsibility over the performance of those powers or duties so delegated.
- The Board sets the policy for the TEAM RCD. When there is no Executive Director, the authority lies with the President of the Board, who is elected once a year for a one-year term in June. Should the President not be available, authority passes to the Executive Officers, the Vice-President and then the Secretary Treasurer. The Board provides policy direction to the Chief Executive and/or the President on matters within the authority given to them by majority vote of the Board members present during duly-convened Board meetings.

## MINUTES

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

#### Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, July 8, 2021 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 (Vice President), Newt Parkes (Secretary/Treasurer), Teri Biancardi (Director), Randy Feeney (Director)

**Directors Absent:** None

**Associate Directors Present:** Rick Neugebauer

**Associate Directors Absent:** None

**Office Manager:** Deborah Getty – Present

**Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS):** Robert Hewitt – Absent

**District Counsel:** Melissa Cushman – Present

**Guest Speakers:** None

**Public Guests:** Andrea Mares – District Supervisor Chuck Washington's office.  
Merl Johnson – Water System Management - Member of the public.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Merl Johnson introduces himself as a water distribution operator in the Anza area. He notes that there are a couple of problems going on that he would like the Board to look into. First item being the nitrate levels due to the septic systems. Secondly, the activity with the cannabis growers that are leaving behind fertilizers and illegal pesticides. Mr. Johnson is looking for someone to look into the state program to check the properties with ground water wells adjacent to the illicit groves. President Corona asks Mr. Johnson to put his request in writing and submit to the office manager or to her directly so the Board has concise information and may discuss further.

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

President Corona called for a motion to approve the consent calendar, financials, and correspondence. Director Biancardi requests to pull the minutes, President Corona requests to leave them in. District Counsel confirms that a motion should be made. Director Biancardi makes a motion to pull the minutes and the motion dies for a lack of a second. President Corona calls for a motion to approve the consent calendar, financials, and correspondence. Director Battiato moved and President Corona seconded.

- Rose Corona – Aye
- Randy Feeney – Aye
- Newt Parkes – Aye
- Teri Biancardi – Nay
- Lisa Battiato - Aye

**Motion passed 4 - 1.**

## **III. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

### **Item 1: Indoor public setting mask policy and end of remote participation ending September 30, 2021.**

President Corona addresses the COVID-19 prevention requirements of the California Department of Public Health that has put in place for indoor public settings, including local board and commission meetings. Our counsel, the Riverside County Counsel's Office has advised that unvaccinated individuals are required to wear masks at these meetings of the RCD. Vaccinated persons are not required to wear masks but may choose to do so. It's completely up to the individual if you're vaccinated and you wish to wear a mask and if there are any further questions they can be addressed with Melissa Cushman. President Corona requests if Ms. Cushman would like to elaborate.

Ms. Cushman states that the only elaboration she would like to add at this time is that the Department of Public Health recommendations, they're just guidelines at this point. They have not been adopted by Cal/OSHA, so they're not actual requirements more just guidelines from the Department of Public Health. If there's any problem with people not wearing masks, she is happy to address anything related to that as well.

President Corona adds as advised by County Counsel, remote participation will be ending September 30, 2021. President Corona reads the notification stating to please be advised that all legislative bodies which are currently holding virtual meetings only must return to in-person meetings no later than September 30th. Of course, the legislative body may continue to offer members of the public to participate remotely. For members of the legislative, they may appear by teleconference under the Brown Act provisions that address teleconferencing. Ms. Cushman adds that it goes back to the requirements as they were prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Item 2: Conflict of Interest clarification.**

President Corona states that as there was a request for copies of all the Form 700's of all the Directors on file, it might be beneficial for Melissa Cushman to clarify for all what is involved with the Form 700 submission. Associate Director Nuegebauer asks to know who made the request and Director Biancardi volunteered that it was she who made the request. Ms. Cushman briefly states the following:

"As you're all aware, every public official and public employee who "makes or influences governmental decisions" is required to submit a statement of economic interest, which we usually just call the form 700 when entering office leaving office and on an annual basis, while holding office. The records of all the completed form 700s are kept by both the county and by Team RCD.

When completing the form 700 it's important to consider that there's two primary purposes of that form. The first is to inform the public about the officials' personal financial interests, to ensure that the officials are making decisions that are in the best interest of the public and not enhancing their personal finances through the decisions. Because purpose is to inform the public, obviously the information provided is entirely public information that's available to anyone upon requests. Well, whatever ownership interests you may have must be disclosed as they're requested on the form 700.

If you have concerns about using your personal address or telephone number, you can use a business address or telephone number on form 700, instead, as long as it's something that identifies you and you can be contacted at. That is the one part of it that you don't necessarily have to disclose your personal information on. The second purpose of the form 700 is just remind you as public officials of the potential for conflicts of interests so that you can abstain from participating in any governmental decision that's deemed a disqualifying conflict of interest.

Conflict of interest is basically disqualifying if it's foreseeable that the decision will have a financial impact on the official's personal finances or other financial interests. These would be things like ownership, interests in business, entities in real property, ownership interest and other types of assets, as well as income sources or gifts above a certain amount. Those can all create a disqualifying conflict of interest.”

Associate Director Nuegebauer asks Director Biancardi as to why she wanted to see the Form 700's and Director Biancardi responded as follows:

“I wanted to see it because it came up in a conversation about whether or not some associate directors, where were, excuse me let me back up a minute. Rose told me that there was a ruling, some years ago or they would advise some years ago that voting directors could not serve on the board at SAWA, that it had to be someone who was affiliated with team RCD, but not actually voting director.

That the reason for that was because there could be a conflict-of-interest code, a conflict of interest there. That seemed curious to me because I don't think things normally work like that. I went through our policy manual to look up our conflict-of-interest code and discovered that it was actually the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District conflict of interest code. It wasn't ours. I started asking questions about are we actually in compliance with the code, conflict of interest code and what does that entail and so Melissa and Rose were helpful enough to send me copies of that, the amended code which was in 2020 which did update to include associate directors as being included as being required to form a file from 700 so I asked to see them.” No motion necessary.

### **Item 3: Election of Officers:**

Director Battiato motions to nominate Rose Corona for President with no further nominations a motion is made to close the nominations by Director Parkes and Director Feeney seconds. Director Biancardi asks for a discussion in which she states that she believes it is important that maybe the Board consider rotating positions. It gives everyone an opportunity to learn more about the district and make contributions and keep things fresh. With no further discussion the Board moves to a roll call vote for Rose Corona as President.

- Rose Corona – Aye
- Randy Feeney – Aye
- Newt Parkes – Aye
- Teri Biancardi – Nay
- Lisa Battiato – Aye

**Motion passed 4 – 1**

Nominations are opened for Vice President. Director Parkes nominates Lisa Battiato and seconded by Director Biancardi. With no further nominations a motion is made to close the nominations by Director

Parkes and seconded by President Corona. With no discussion the Board moves to a roll call vote for Lisa Battiato as Vice President.

- Rose Corona – Aye
- Randy Feeney – Aye
- Newt Parkes – Aye
- Teri Biancardi – Aye
- Lisa Battiato – Aye

**Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0**

Nominations are opened for Secretary/President. Director Battiato nominates Newt Parkes and seconded by Director Feeney. With no further nominations a motion is made to close the nominations by President Corona and seconded by Director Battiato. With no discussion the Board moves to a roll call vote for Newt Parkes as Secretary/Treasurer.

- Rose Corona – Aye
- Randy Feeney – Aye
- Newt Parkes – Aye
- Teri Biancardi – Aye
- Lisa Battiato – Aye

**Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0**

**Item 4: Report and Update on NRCS activity and ongoing projects.** – No report provided as Bob Hewitt was not present.

**Item 5: Discussion and approval of proposed 2021/2022 Budget.**

General review and discussion of proposed budget by Director Parkes. With no questions, Director Biancardi moves to approve the 2021/2022 budget as presented, Director Feeney seconds. **Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0**

**Item 6: Discussion and potential approval of proposed Nigro & Nigro audit at a cost of not to exceed 1,750.00 plus \$250.00 to complete the State Controllers Report.**

President Corona explains that this audit is completed every three (3) years. Due to the potential high costs TEAM RCD is part of a pilot which is now becoming a template for the smaller districts. TEAM reports their financials to the county official's quarterly keeping audit costs down. With no further discussion, President Corona calls for a motion to approve the audit costs for Nigro & Nigro. Director Parkes moves and President Corona seconds. **Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0**

**Item 7: Discussion and potential approval of recommendations from sub-committee on Annual Work Plan.**

Associate Director Neugebauer reports that he, Director Parkes and Director Feeney met on June 15<sup>th</sup> & June 30<sup>th</sup> and discussed the following.

1. How to improve our Districts Area's Erosion and Sedimentation Conservation?
  - a. Contact the City of Murrieta and Temecula with regard to their CE, Need list of them and status

- b. Contact PW/ Parks and Rec Directors
- c. Go to City Council Meetings with BOD approvals as a Directive.
- d. Our Streambed Agreements will help us
- e. Timeline 120-180 days to implement contact with the Cities.
- f. Rick Neugebauer to contact City of Murrieta and City of Temecula

2. How to implement and restore clean water to those in Anza and surrounding area (due to Illegal Cannabis Growing)

- a. Teri Biancardi was assigned this area by the BOD.
- b. Work with F&W to map impact areas. What are F&W protocols for information?
- c. Locate Grant monies either Local, Fed or State, bring info back to BOD or President Rose.
- d. Timeline 90-120-day implementation of plan submit to Sub-committee review.
- e. Sub-Committee submit to BOD for approvals.

3. How to promote NRCS mulching program and work with Crop Swap and Root stock programs.

- a. Add information on our WEB site. Advertising block.
- b. Contact Farm Bureau members, via email, or personal contact from our TEAM Members
- c. Timeline once new WEB site is operational and approved hopefully 90 days.
- d. Request RCWD link to TEAM RCE web site, and email contacts

4. Research and Collaborate with Mission RCD regarding and its Board President Scott Murray, re AGRI-Ecology program.

- a. This needs to be a pilot program; we will need a Director to head this program once approved by Subcommittee and BOD.
- b. Prepare written plan, review draft with Annual Work Plan subcommittee
- c. Timeline approx 90-120 day to submit to Sub-committee.
- d. Submit to BOD for Final Approvals

5. Work with Chris Gray/ WRCOG to identify grant opportunities that would ensure potential short term and permanent funding for full time Staffing of TEAM RCD.

- a. President Rose and Lisa to meet with Chris to initially to start the conversation and direction.
- b. Timeline, initiation 120–180-day, implementation and or as required.

6. Expand our collaboration with the City of Lake Elsinore homeless taskforce.

- a. Also work of restoration and funding sources with the City of LE.
- b. Director Newt Parks to head up.
- c. Timeline 90 days to report back to Sub-committee.

7. Encourage and support SAWA in obtaining and or preparing grant applications for regional project that would include TEAM RCD

- a. Rick Neugebauer to provide liaison to BOD.
- b. Timeline 60 days provide report.

The sub-committee with AD Neugebauer as the liaison will provide an updated report within the next sixty (60) days. No motion necessary.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Item 1: Riverside County Farm Bureau Membership.**

President Corona reports that after speaking with Stephanie at Riverside Farm Bureau anyone is allowed to join at the following levels.

- Ag Customer - \$230.00 annually
- Associate Account (non Ag with an interest in farming) - \$85.00 annually

- Business wanting to support the program - \$230.00 annually
- Student – 25 years or younger - \$25.00 annually

No motion necessary.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Item 1: Discussion and potential approval of collaboration with Mission RCD on their Agri-ecology program.**

President Corona reports that she spoke with Scott Murray and they are in the middle of their programs right now. Once they have ended they will be looking to get into the new season in fall and would keep us updated. In the meantime, we can promote them on our website and gather information and see how the programs evolves such as how TEAM RCD started CropSWAP and AIEP. No motion necessary.

### **Item 2: Update on Homeless Task Force.**

Director Parkes reports upon receiving the June reports from SAWA in addition to the two locations at San Gertrudis Channel there was some activity at the Temecula Creek Channel which is new. He has forwarded the information over to Mike Wooten for further follow up and is hoping to schedule a meeting with him in the coming months. In regards to Lake Elsinore they are just plugging along and providing statistical analysis. They have received numerous grants that have been acquired for the task force or by SWAG the social action group that is focused specifically on the homeless and trying to get them off the streets. They continue to meet monthly and the next meeting will be in person in which Director Parkes plans to attend. No motion necessary.

### **Item 3: Update and discussion on AEIP and CropSWAP reports.**

Director Battiato reports that she had the opportunity to go out on a couple of post audit walk-throughs with Lance of Mission RCD. There is availability of new avocado rootstock and it seems people are taking advantage of the upgrades. We are starting to see some completion audits in terms of our CropSWAPs. Luis will be replacing Lance at Mission RCD and has been very responsive. A meeting is scheduled with Mission RCD the end of July to review reporting and invoice submittals as well as communication to help streamline processes. No motion necessary.

### **Item 4: Update on Anza/Aguanga area.**

Director Biancardi reports that the rural communities group that she has been working with is really starting to gel. They have done some valuable visioning exercises to understand what people would like to see Anza turned into which is limited by the fact that no new wells are being approved until the tribal legislation is worked out and that is going all the way to Washington DC. The real issue for them is finding a fundable entity so they can apply for grants. They don't have anyone who is nonprofit solid enough, which is where TEAM RCD could be really useful. No motion necessary.

### **Item 5: Update and discussion of the TEAM RCD website progress.**

Deborah Getty reports that we met our goal and the website is live along with ease of use. She requests for the Board to review and provide any feedback. At first glance, well received by all with a professional appearance. Director Biancardi mentions a few items such as the mitigation and Earth day comments which were moved over from the previous site. Updates to be made.. No motion necessary

## **VI. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS**

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

None

## **ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

None

## **VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Corona calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Battiato moves and Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.** Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

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**Secretary/Treasurer**