

## **Minutes**

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

Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 8, 2014

Santa Rosa Plateau Visitor Center

#### **Call to Order: 1:45pm**

**Roll Call:** Directors Vicki Long, Pam Nelson, Gary Thomasian, Kathi Head (1:50pm) and Kelcey Stricker (absent), Associate Directors, Matt Rahn, (absent) and Dave McElroy,

Legal counsel: Ray Johnson (absent)

NRCS: Bob Hewitt (absent)

**Motion to Approve the Agenda:** Nelson, Thomasian, 3-0, Long(yes), Thomasian (yes), Nelson(yes)

**Minutes,** March 13, 2014. Motion to approve, Long, Nelson, 2-0; Long(yes ), Nelson(yes ), Thomasian(abstain )

**Public Comments:** n/a

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

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

Vote to approve April bills to be paid: Thomasian, Head; 4-0, Long (yes ), Head(yes ), Nelson(yes ), Thomasian (yes). Accountant is working on the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report. Long is looking into a new auditor for our annual audit; possibly the same one SJBRCD uses.

Bills; Rent: \$701, Verizon \$114.

General fund is \$19953.36.

##### **1.2 Correspondence:**

--Special District magazine.

--Phil Williams is running for the LAFCO board and is looking for support.

-- Developers are looking for mitigation in our District (mostly looking for credits from a land bank).

--Nelson: Rancho Water District sent a notice about a grant for drinking water quality in DAC areas. She wondered about Quail valley. This area is not in our district. The Los Alamos area is a DAC and Long submitted a project to help them get water in the last round of the IRWM.

##### **2.1 Acceptance of Director Kathi Head's resignation from the Board**

Head is participating in the Natural Resources Volunteer Program (NRVP) that is part of the CDFW. Their goal is to protect the wildlife and reduce the interaction of people, pets and wildlife. Riverside and San Bernardino Counties have an active program and has been recruiting people. She distributed CDFW materials. The educational pamphlets they use are to help the public understand how to live with and protect wildlife. Another

program is about being aware of what goes into our storm drains. Awareness of ways to alert rangers of poachers and other illegal activities is another effort. Invasive species is another program, particularly for boaters. Hunting and fishing educational programs are available.

She's an unpaid employee of the State. She has to pass all the tests and be certified.

Because of this new venture, Head has given us a letter of resignation from our Board. She would like to remain as an Associate Director. Motion to accept her resignation, Thomasian, Nelson; 3-0, 1 abstain (Head) Nelson (yes), Long(yes), Thomasian (yes)

Motion to appoint Head as an Associate Director; Long, Thomasian, 3-0, Thomasian (yes), Nelson(yes), Long(yes)

## **2.2 Approval of Associate Director Dave McElroy to the Board:**

Motion: Long, Thomasian, 3-0, Thomasian (yes), Long(yes), Nelson(yes). McElroy took his oath administered by Long. It was signed by Nelson and it will be delivered to the Board of Supervisors.

**Agency Report:** none

### **Old Business:**

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

--CA State Parks OHV grant: The report was submitted, but the billing is still being negotiated. Long will not be paid as grant manager or Nelson's in-kind time, but mileage, some equipment and other incidentals.

--Leadership Awards program: still investigating

--Safe Crossings for Wildlife project: Still looking for funding and projects. Long is discussing areas with Caltrans (Cole Canyon and the 15 corridor)

--Discussion of Tier 1: No discussion at the area meeting. Some RCDs have donated to the effort, but Long doesn't know what is happening. She's looking into it.

### **New Business:**

4.1 Ethics training will need to be done on-line. Long and Thomasian will look for it.

### **Directors' Requests for Future Agenda Items:**

--Nelson; Board's documents to be reviewed.

### **Monthly Reports:**

**5.1 District counsel:** absent.

### **5.1 Director's Reports:**

Long: The RC&D issue is being pushed out 2 months.

Nelson: Mentioned the Meadowview HOA open space project in association with the Sierra Club and USFW. They may be a good choice for our environmental award. She will invite Teri Biancardi to attend one of our meetings (July or August?).

**5.2 Associate Director:** none

**5.3 SAWA/Fire Safe Council:** SAWA is still working on their budget.

**Adjournment: 3:25pm.** Motion, McElroy, Long, 4-0; Long (yes), McElroy (yes), Nelson (yes), Thomasian (yes).

*Ramona L Nelson, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

**Secretary's signature and date**