

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2016



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Montanez at 12:15 p.m., Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at the RCA Conference Room, 3403 Tenth Street, Suite 320, Riverside, California, 92501.

2. ROLL CALL – was taken by Rose Esparza.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Eugene Montanez, Chairman – City of Corona	Natasha Johnson - City of Lake Elsinore
John Tavaglione, – County of Riverside District II*	Chuck Washington, Vice Chairman County of Riverside – District III
Maryann Edwards - City of Temecula	
Ben Benoit – City of Wildomar	
Marion Ashley – County of Riverside District V	
*Arrived after start of the meeting 12:36 p.m.	

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Montanez welcomed RCA Board Member Verne Lauritzen who was in the audience.

5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 16, 2015

M/S/C (EDWARDS/BENOIT) to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2015 meeting of the Executive Committee as submitted.

(3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain ASHLEY)

7. WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN (MSHCP) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT MITIGATION FEE (LDMF) COLLECTION AND CIVIC/INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015.

Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services presented the LDMF Collection and Civic/Infrastructure Contribution Report for December 2015. The RCA received fees in the amount of \$1,890,160 for 710 residential units and 77.9 commercial acres. There were 49 reported exemptions totaling \$95,200. Seventeen in the City of Lake Elsinore and 32 in the County of Riverside. Contributions were received for two civic/infrastructure projects. One from the City of Lake Elsinore and the other from the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

M/S/C (EDWARDS/ASHLEY) that the RCA Executive Committee:

- 1) Recommend that that RCA Board of Directors receive and file the Western Riverside County MSHCP LDMF Collection and Civic/Infrastructure Contribution Report for December 2015; and**
- 2) Authorized staff to agendize this matter for the February 1, 2016 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.**

(4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain)

8. FOURTH DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2016-XX, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY REVISING IT'S FEE CREDIT AND WAIVER POLICY SUPERSEDING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 05-05.

The Executive Committee and staff discussed the comments received from the County of Riverside and were agreeable to the requested changes. Additions were requested to Section I.A, page 2 and Section II.B on page 3.

M/S/C (BENOIT/ASHLEY) Authorizing staff to agendize this matter for the February 1, 2016 meeting of the RCA Board of Directors.

(4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain)

9. PRESENTATIONS REGARDING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS AND TRAILS

Charles Landry, Executive Director, stated that at the December 7, 2015 RCA Board of Directors' meeting, Board Member Hewitt requested a presentation on wildlife corridors and trails be given by staff. Charles Landry was of the opinion that the presentation would be beneficial for the new members.

Chairman Montanez asked if an orientation for the new members has been scheduled. Charles Landry answered yes, and stated that RCA's newest Board Member, Jonathan Ingram attended orientation. Honey Bernas, Director of Administrative Services, asked Rose Esparza, Administrative Manager, if there were any other members scheduled for orientation. Rose Esparza stated that the newly appointed Alternate Board Member for

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City of Calimesa, Joyce McIntire, has been invited and that Board Member Yarbrough, having served on RCA in the past, did not require an orientation.

Laurie Dobson Correa, Director of Reserve Management and Monitoring, presented an overview of the Western Riverside County MSHCP Wildlife Corridors and Trails. She added Linkage 23 (Bogart County Park in Cherry Valley and San Timoteo Creek) for the benefit of the City of Calimesa who requested the presentation.

She further presented the Existing Core Reserves and Extensions, New Core Reserves, Existing and Proposed Linkages, and Existing and Proposed Constrained Linkages. She presented several maps showing Cores and Linkages and their relation to surrounding properties.

She identified species within each Live In Linkages and Movement Linkages. She commented on the topography of each linkage and how the surrounding areas affect the species. She discussed population of species within each linkage. She pointed out the properties where acquisitions are taking place that will enhance the connections of one linkage to another.

Chairman Montanez asked if the presentation could be shortened for the sake of time.

Laurie Correa asked if there were any questions of the Executive Committee. There were no questions and Chairman thanked Laurie Correa for her presentation.

Board Member Tavaglione arrived during the presentation of the Wildlife Corridors and Trails.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Charles Landry reported on the following items:

10.1 Loan Program Update

The RCA is working with Congressman Calvert and Senator Feinstein on standalone legislation. National Refuge has been pushed further by congress and senate.

10.2 Acquisition Update

The RCA has acquired 49,806 acres. RCA still needs to acquire 100,000 acres. In February RCA anticipates adding another 3,000 acres to the reserve.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: *(Committee members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for future discussion.)*

There were no requests for future agenda items by the Executive Committee.

12. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

12A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

- Case No. RIC 1600058 A.T. Paulek; Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley vs. Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority, Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, California Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Case No. 12-57297, D.C. No. 8:11-cv-01263-JVS-AN Bear Valley Mutual Water Company v. Sally Jewell

12B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph 4 of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9

Seven potential cases

After closed session, the meeting was reconvened. There were no announcements from close session.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more items before the Executive Committee, Chairman Montanez adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at 12:00 p.m., at the Riverside Centre, 3403 Tenth Street, Suite 320, Third Floor, RCA Conference Room, Riverside, California, 92501.

Prepared by:



Rose Esparza
Administrative Manager

Respectfully submitted:



Honey Bernas
Clerk of the Board