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RIVERSIDE COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION AGENCY

MINUTES

Friday, January 18, 2002
9:30 a.m.

Riverside County Administrative Center
Kay Cenicerros Board Room
4080 Lemon Street – Fourteenth Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

PRESENT:

Robin Reeser Lowe, RCHCA Chair, City of Hemet
Kelly Seyarto, City of Murrieta (joined at 10:12)
Mark Yarbrough, City of Perris
Bob Schiffner, City of Lake Elsinore
Janice Rudman, City of Corona (departed at 10:30)
Carolyn Syms Luna, Executive Director
Karin Watts-Bazan, Legal Counsel
Michelle Ouellette, Best, Best & Krieger

1. CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Robin Reeser Lowe at 10:10 a.m.

Roll call of the RCHCA Board of Directors showed five member agencies present, with the cities of Riverside and Temecula being absent. Mr. Seyarto joined closed session at 10:12 a.m. Ms. Rudman departed from the meeting during closed session at 10:30 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public offered comments regarding access to Estelle Mountain Reserve (Lake Mathews) for the purpose of hunting with dogs and horses. The following individuals requested access be granted:

Terry E. Paine

With the following individuals requesting access be denied:

Blanca and Gary Hill
Alan L. Koosed
Monte Liebele

Robin Reeser Lowe advised the public that the Board could not take action on this item since it was not agendaized. Carolyn Syms Luna offered that staff could meet with Mr. Paine in order to secure a formal request for the proposed activity that could be forwarded to USFWS and CDFG for review prior to agendaizing the matter before the Board. Chairperson Lowe directed staff to proceed with Ms. Syms Luna's suggested course of action.

3. MINUTE APPROVAL

3.1 Approval of minutes for the meeting of July 2, 2001

MOTION: Kelly Seyarto motioned for approval.
Seconded by Mark Yarbrough

Motion: Ayes - 4
None opposed
1 abstention City of Corona

3.2 Approval of minutes for the meeting of December 6, 2001

MOTION: Kelly Seyarto motioned for approval.
Seconded by Mark Yarbrough

Motion: Ayes - 5
None opposed

4. CONSENT CALENDAR: Presented for Block Approval: Board Members have the option of excluding discussion items from a master motion.

- 4,1 Status of Mitigation Fee Transfers from Member Agencies
- 4.2 RCHCA Financial Report through December 2001

MOTION: Kelly Seyarto motioned for block approval of both items.
Seconded by Mark Yarbrough

Motion: Ayes - 5
None opposed

5. **CLOSED SESSION**

Supervisor Bob Buster then called for the Board to go into closed session to consider matters of litigation and property negotiations.

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9:

A. Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation:

1. Lockheed Martin Corporation v. Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency et al. Riverside County Superior Court Case No. 280025

No reportable actions taken

2. Lockheed Martin Corporation v. U.S. Department of the Interior, et al. Central District Case No. EDV97-97-0051 RT (VAPx)

No reportable actions taken

3. San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society v. Metropolitan Water District, et al.

Karin Watts-Bazan, RCHCA General Counsel, reported the following item from closed session:

The RCHCA Board has authorized the payment of attorneys' fees in the amount of \$15,000.00 plus interest at an accrual rate of \$3.16 per day to the San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society pursuant to the Appeals Court order.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Robin Reeser Lowe at 11:40 a.m.