
Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency

City of Corona ♦ *City of Hemet* ♦ *City of Lake Elsinore* ♦ *City of Moreno Valley*
City of Murrieta ♦ *City of Perris* ♦ *City of Riverside* ♦ *City of Temecula* ♦ *County of Riverside*

MINUTES

Thursday, September 11, 2003
9:00 a.m.

Riverside County Administrative Center
Fifth Floor – Conference Room D
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92501

PRESENT: Ms. Robin Reeser Lowe, City of Hemet - Chairperson
Supervisor Bob Buster, County of Riverside
Mr. Mark Yarbrough, City of Perris
Mr. Bob Schiffner, City of Lake Elsinore
Mr. Kelly Seyarto, City of Murrieta
Mr. Bill Batey, City of Moreno Valley
Mr. Eugene Montanez, City of Corona

ABSENT: Ms. Laura Pearson, City of Riverside
Mr. Sam Pratt, City of Temecula

1. CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Robin Reeser Lowe called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Roll call of the RCHCA Board of Directors showed seven member agencies present with the cities of Riverside and Temecula absent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were offered.

3. MINUTE APPROVALS

The minutes of the May 15, 2003 meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION for approval: Mark Yarbrough
SECOND: Bill Batey

Motion approved

Ayes – 5
None opposed
Abstain: City of Murrieta
City of Hemet

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 June 2003

Brief discussion regarding items 4.1 and 4.2 was held to the extent of visiting any potential financial issues and any potential overlapping responsibilities regarding the newly adopted MSHCP. Carolyn Syms Luna offered a brief overview of the SKR fee revenue stream and any potential RCHCA expenses.

4.3 Update on the Reserve Management Coordinating Committee (RMCC)

Additional discussion was held regarding any reserves that might lack a Reserve Management Plan and/or a Reserve Manager. Ms. Luna offered to contract out for the preparation of any missing Reserve Management Plans for property held by the County, but opined that it might be financially feasible to see what is born from the MSHCP management requirements.

4.4 RCHCA Financial Audit for Year End 2002

MOTION for approval: Supervisor Bob Buster
SECOND: Eugene Montanez

Ayes – 7
None opposed

Motion approved as presented, all items for block approval.

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

5.1 Board Discussion – Implementation Agreement No. 1 Creating the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority of the Western Riverside Council of Governments (Agendized pursuant to requests from Supervisor Ashley and Mayor Pro Tem Batey).

Mayor Batey offered that concerns were voiced within the City Council for Moreno Valley regarding the proposed structuring of the RCA, as presented by WRCOG. The Moreno Valley council suggested a study be performed on WRCOG's workload and their effectiveness to administer both the TUMF road / transportation tasks and the MSHCP. Mr. Batey offered that one of the suggestions the council offered is that the RCHCA's experience allows them to easily transcend into a larger organization for overseeing the MSHCP and/or at minimum suggests that the RCHCA be an advisory to the RCA.

Richard Lashbrook added that the intent would be to keep the SKR permit in place so neither the MSHCP permit or the SKR permit, would subsequently eliminate or threaten the existence of either plan.

The current proposed organization structure of the RCA was offered as a basis for discussion among members and several suggested changes to the same were offered. Additional discussion was held regarding, roles, staffing and coordination was held. Discussion included Richard Lashbrook, Director Transportation Land Management Agency, Darcy Kuenzi from Supervisor Marion Ashley's office and Gail Wanczuk-Barton, property owner. Consensus was reached that the organizational chart should be amended to show the RCHCA as an Advisory committee to the RCA.

MOTION for approval: Bill Batey motioned for approval with a modification to the organizational structure to reflect that the RCHCA would be an advisory Board to the RCA.

SECOND: Supervisor Bob Buster

**Ayes – 7
None opposed**

Motion approved

5.2 Adoption of Resolution 2003-01 Amending and Adopting Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et. seq.)

5.3 Letter of support request from the City of Riverside – Parks and Recreation Department for State grant monies pertaining to the *Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park Trails 2003 Project*.

MOTION for approval: Policy Calendar items 5.2 through 5.3 – Supervisor Bob Buster

SECOND: Kelly Seyarto

**Ayes – 7
None opposed**

Motion approved

6. CLOSED SESSION

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Government Code §§ 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)
2. Lockheed Martin Corporation v. U.S. Department of the Interior, et. al. Central District Case No. EDV 97-0051 RT (VAPx)

B. Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation

3. Three Potential Cases

7. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to the next regular meeting of November 20, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.