
Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency

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City of Wildomar ♦ *County of Riverside*

MINUTES

Thursday, September 17, 2009 - 10:00 a.m.

County of Riverside
4080 Lemon Street
1st Floor – Board Chambers
Riverside, CA 92501

- PRESENT:** Mr. Bill Batey, City of Moreno Valley
Supervisor Bob Buster, County of Riverside
Mr. Bob Cashman, City of Wildomar
Ms. Maryann Edwards, City of Temecula
Mr. Mike Gardner, City of Riverside
Ms. Melissa Melendez, City of Lake Elsinore
Mr. Gary Thomasian, Vice-Chair, City of Murrieta
Mr. Fred Twyman, City of Menifee
Mr. Mark Yarbrough, City of Perris
- ABSENT:** Mr. Eugene Montanez, Chairperson, City of Corona
Ms. Robin Lowe, City of Hemet
- STAFF:** Carolyn Syms Luna, RCHCA
Gail Barton, RCHCA
Princess Hester, RCHCA
Brian Shomo, RCHCA
Karin Watts-Bazan, County Counsel
- GUEST:** Dr. Debra Shier, CRES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Gary Thomasian, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call of the RCHCA Board of Directors showed nine member agencies present with the Cities of Corona and Hemet absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were offered.

4. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

There were no additions/revisions to the agenda.

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

6.1 Minutes from the May 21, 2009 Meeting

The minutes from the May 21, 2009, meeting was presented for approval.

6.2 Minutes from the August 4, 2009 Special Meeting

The minutes from the August 4, 2009, special meeting was presented for approval.

6.3 Status of Mitigation Fee Transfers from Member Agencies through June 30, 2009

The fees collected as of June 30, 2009, for FY 2008/09 total \$200,993.75.

6.4 RCHCA Financial Report through June 30, 2009

The fund balance as of June 30, 2009, is \$15,871,267.

6.5 Report on the Attendance Roster

The roster, which shows the attendance of each Board member, was presented.

6.6 Status Report Concerning Reserve Managers Coordinating Committee

The Status Report concerning the Reserve Managers Coordinating Committee was presented.

MOTION for approval of items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6: Fred Twyman

SECOND: Mike Gardner

Motion Approved

Ayes-9

None Opposed

7. POLICY CALENDAR:

7.1 Presentation on the Lake Mathews Reserve

Mr. Shomo discussed the Lake Mathews Reserve and shared the following:

Status Summary – Year 2

Grazing Update

A pilot study to identify grazing effectiveness at reducing non-native grass cover began at the end of June and continued to the end of August using 500 sheep. Vegetation cover was reduced substantially using traditional grazing methods and seed heads were noticeably reduced using “speed grazing”. Two colonies of k-rats were monitored by utilizing 5m transects within 100m x 100m quadrats. All active burrows within the two quadrats were marked using pin flags. The result was 242 burrows in Quadrat #1 and 108 burrows in Quadrat #2. This monitoring will be repeated regularly to identify changes in borrow counts.

Federal Permit Update

Mr. Shomo reported that he received his Federal Permit in June and submitted an application to the State of California for a Scientific Collecting Permit in July. The permit will allow staff to conduct and determine monitoring efforts independent of costly consultants.

Grant Status

Grants have been received in the amount of \$206,000 from the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (W.H.I.P.) and \$20,210 from the USFWS Partners Program. Both grants will reimburse for funds expended for management actions within the Reserve.

Waste Management MOU

An MOU was signed by the appropriate parties that will benefit the reserve by having Waste Management remove large piles of irrigation tubing and providing waste removal services. In return, RCHCA’s Ranger will patrol El Sobrante’s 350 acre conservation area that is contiguous with RCHCA land.

Vegetation Management Plan (VMP)

A VMP will enable the RCHCA to execute controlled burns for vegetation management if the RCHCA chooses to do so. The cost of the biological/cultural surveys has been borne by the BLM at a cost savings to the RCHCA of \$235,000. Coordination with CalFire has begun in order to draft the VMP.

7.2 Approval of Policy No. RCHCA-009, “Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director to Apply for Outside Grant Opportunities on Behalf of the RCHCA and Authorization for the Executive Director to Sign Grant Applications”

Princess Hester presented RCHCA Policy No. RCHCA-009 which addresses the grant application process. She stated that RCHCA staff has been working to identify funding opportunities, both monetary and non-monetary, that require the Executive Director’s signature to apply on behalf of the RCHCA. She stated that in most cases the grant process is competitive and requires a timely response that may not be possible with the regular Board meeting schedule.

Ms. Hester stated that in order to address the potential limitation to receiving grant funding, RCHCA staff is requesting that the Board authorize the Executive Director to sign grant applications on behalf of the RCHCA. Staff would then bring the information of potential award to the Board for review and approval at its regularly scheduled meeting, or at a special meeting, if mandated time frames require it, in order to accept the funds in the time allowed by the grantor.

Ms. Hester requested that the Board approve Policy No. RCHCA-009, “Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director to Apply for Outside Grant Opportunities on Behalf of the RCHCA and Authorization for the Executive Director to Sign Grant Applications”.

MOTION to approve Policy No. RCHCA-009 authorizing the RCHCA Executive Director to apply for outside grant opportunities on behalf of the RCHCA and authorization to sign grant applications: Maryann Edwards

SECOND: Bill Batey

Motion Approved

Ayes–9

None Opposed

7.3 Report on Reserve Management Committees for the Southwestern Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve and the Lake Mathews Reserve

Ms. Barton gave an update on the Reserve Management Committee (RMC) meetings as follows:

Southwestern Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve RMC (May 6, 2009 and August 5, 2009)

Items presented included the following:

1. Presentation by Dr. Debra Shier on her SKR translocation study at Lake Skinner.
2. Evaluation of the financial well-being of the Reserve concluding that the Reserve was found to be consistent with projected required funding to meet management needs into the future.
3. Metropolitan Water District (MWD) proposed tours for MWD Directors and worked with Christine Moen, Reserve Manager, to evaluate options for a set of tour destinations that would be educational and succeed in highlighting the Reserve’s

assets. RCHCA offered to participate in these events and suggested showcasing the work being done by Dr. Shier.

4. Recommendation of the preparation of a map delineating areas within the Reserve where water quality issues may preclude certain management activities. Some of the management activities described in the Reserve Management Plan may be inconsistent with MWD water quality restrictions in certain areas of the reserve. The RCHCA will work with MWD and Christine Moen to prepare a map that will inform management activities on the Reserve.
5. The RMC was elated to know that the RCHCA increased the non-wasting endowment from which interest is used to assist in management activities. The RMC will be considering the specifications for a tractor that will assist in SKR management and meet the needs unique to the Reserve.
6. It was generally agreed that the removal of grass from the Reserve Office site (the Alamos School) was a good thing. Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District (RCRPOSD) will work with Christine Moen to come up with a plan to remove the grass and to place some native plants strategically along the walkway.

Lake Mathews Reserve RMC (August 12, 2009)

Items presented included the following:

1. MWD requested that the committee consider relocating an existing patrol road for better access. MWD reported that fencing that was to have been installed by MWD contractor at Reserve expense to prevent trespass by neighboring property owner has not yet been installed.
2. MWD presented the Request for Proposal (RFP) for preparation of a management plan for MWD owned reserve lands (including the area of the RCHCA held easement) which was approved for release by the committee.
3. Brian Shomo, RCHCA Natural Resources Manager, provided a summary of management activities on RCHCA owned land that included an update on grazing, grants, and patrol.

7.4 RCHCA Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget Report

Ms. Hester gave the following update on the FY 2008-2009 Budget Report:

Fiscal Year Highlights

The budget for FY 2008/09 was \$2,129,259. The RCHCA collected \$200,994 in mitigation fees, a 74% decrease from the prior year, and \$395,718 in interest, a 50% decrease from the prior year, for a total of \$596,712 in revenue. The unreserved fund balance was used to cover the shortfall that resulted from unrealized revenue.

Projects Undertaken

- Weed abatement on RCHCA lands.
- Collaborative efforts with Code Enforcement, Waste Management, etc.
- Grazing at Lake Mathews.
- Fencing projects at Steele Peak and Lake Mathews Reserves.
- Ranger patrol services at Lake Mathews and Sycamore Canyon Reserves.
- Transfer of RCHCA lands from the County of Riverside.
- BLM land exchange.
- Sycamore Canyon Management Plan.
- Amendments to the JPA and the IA to add the cities of Menifee and Wildomar.
- RMC and RMCC participation.
- Pursuit and achievement of grant funds.
- Fire Management Plan for Lake Mathews.
- Monitoring Protocol.
- Translocation Project.
- Active management of RCHCA owned lands at Lake Mathews and Steele Peak Reserves.
- Promote management of all reserves consistent with the SKR HCP.

7.5 Update on the Lake Mathews Reserve Facility

Mr. Shomo stated that he has been working to get several estimates on a “green” building for the reserve. Several of the potential builders were requesting a plot plan for the building and Mr. Shomo felt that wasn’t feasible at the time. He reported that we did receive one estimate, from Clayton Homes, for their new I-House, which is an all self-contained green technology mobile home. The estimated additional cost to make this mobile home ADA and commercially compliant would be \$15,000, bringing the total to approximately \$185,000.

Mr. Shomo stated that he made an appointment with CalFire to have them come out to the Reserve to look at possible locations for the building, but due to the recent Station Fire, the appointment had to be cancelled. This appointment will be rescheduled in the near future.

Mr. Shomo stated that he will give another update at the November RCHCA Board meeting.

7.6 Approval of the Professional Services Agreement between the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency and the County of Riverside Environmental Programs Department for a Management Plan for the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park

Ms. Hester stated that the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park is a 1,500 acre open space area located within the city of Riverside, designated as the Sycamore Canyon Core Reserve under the Stephens’ kangaroo rat (SKR) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). She reported that the existing Management Plan for the park was created in 1999 for the purpose of providing guidelines for the management of the park in a manner that would support the long-term survival of the SKR.

Because the Management Plan does not meet the current needs of the Reserve or provide adequate information for staff to successfully manage a healthy multi-use reserve that will also allow for the persistence of SKR, the City of Riverside published a Request for Proposal to solicit bids to monitor for SKR and to develop an updated Management Plan. The bid responses exceeded budget limitations.

The City of Riverside sent a letter to the RCHCA asking for its assistance in completing a management plan for Sycamore Canyon. The RCHCA suggested that the City allow the Riverside County Environmental Programs Department (EPD) to review the needs of the City with regard to monitoring and the production of an adequate and functional management plan. EPD is made up of professional planners and qualified biologists who have the capability of performing the tasks that are necessary to complete the monitoring, all field work, and the analysis necessary to produce a quality management plan. EPD has prepared a Scope of Work and provided a cost for services not to exceed \$90,000.

The RCHCA intends to subcontract with EPD to develop the Management Plan for Sycamore Canyon Reserve. The cost of the service will not exceed \$90,000 and will be paid from the available balance in the Sycamore Canyon SKR Reserve non-wasting endowment fund.

Ms. Hester asked the Board to accept the request from the City of Riverside to assist in the completion of the Management Plan for Sycamore Canyon Reserve and approve and execute the Professional Services Agreement with the County of Riverside Environmental Programs Department for monitoring and preparation of a Management Plan for Sycamore Canyon Reserve consistent with the Scope of Work provided in the Professional Services Agreement.

Supervisor Buster expressed his opinion about Sycamore Canyon Reserve not being a viable reserve for SKR as it is located in an urban area, surrounded by homes, industrial development, major thoroughfares, etc. He stated he is curious about the number of SKR that actually inhabit the reserve because of its location.

Acting Chairperson Thomasian stated that he feels Supervisor Buster raised a valuable question regarding whether or not Sycamore Canyon is still a viable SKR reserve. He suggested that we bring Supervisor Buster's concerns back for further discussion at a future meeting.

Karin Watts-Bazan stated that Sycamore Canyon Reserve is still an SKR reserve and is identified as such in our HCP. She stated that we, the RCHCA, as well as the City of Riverside, have an obligation to ensure that the land is managed for SKR. She reported that this reserve has always been a multi-use, joint-use type of facility.

Ms. Watts-Bazan stated that she asked Mr. Shomo if we or the City have done any recent studies at the Reserve to determine current population. Mr. Shomo stated that no, we have not. Ms. Watts-Bazan stated that she is hopeful that if we get the proposed Management Plan in place, we will be able to obtain information to determine the status of the SKR population and the viability of the reserve. She stated that she believes the wildlife agencies will be interested in our findings as well.

Supervisor Buster asked about the understanding of the relationship of the Reserve to the March Air Force Reserve.

Ms. Watts-Bazan stated that she can elaborate on the March Reserve trade-out and the Potrero acquisition. She stated that the RCHCA contributed about 5+ million dollars to the Potrero acquisition. At or around that time, the RCHCA was approached by representatives of the March JPA to effectively trade out the reserve at March in exchange for land that was acquired at Potrero. RCHCA staff submitted a request to USFWS and CDFG to approve that transaction. We have written documentation from the USFWS and CDFG confirming their approval of the exchange.

Ms. Watts-Bazan stated that litigation was recently filed in San Diego. She reported that she has not actually seen the litigation, but to her knowledge, the RCHCA and the March JPA are not parties to the litigation. Ms. Watts-Bazan stated that her understanding of the litigation that was filed by the Center for Biological Diversity against the US Department of Interior challenges the action that was taken in approving the trade-out.

Supervisor Buster stated that Sycamore Canyon Park is bigger and it's in good shape from that standpoint because it has some remoteness due to the canyon. However, the other reserve created adjacent to it has jagged perimeters with houses bordering three sides of it and a major road running directly between the two. He stated that if you take one of those away, he believes that anyone from an environmental species standpoint would say that we are unnecessarily putting in jeopardy the entire reserve.

Ms. Watts-Bazan stated that since Alessandro Blvd. has been there for many, many years, she has personally wondered about the connectivity of the two reserves. She stated that we have documented populations of SKR at the March Reserve and we have had a lot of joint-use activities going on there for many years.

Supervisor Buster stated that that is exactly the key issue on most of the major open wildlands conservation areas across California.

Ms. Watts-Bazan stated that there probably was, at one time, connectivity before Alessandro Blvd. went in. Once that road went in, she doesn't know if there was connectivity anymore between the two areas. But still, we had persistence of SKR at the Sycamore Canyon Reserve.

Mr. Batey stated that he knows the City has taken on the management of Sycamore Canyon Reserve and that they have asked the RCHCA for assistance in monitoring and developing the plan to manage it. They also know that the March portion located across Alessandro has been contemplated for release and ultimate development since the late 1990's. Mr. Batey stated that he doesn't believe that we need to delay our action in approving the City of Riverside's request for help in developing a management plan. He stated that if we want to have the discussion at a later time regarding the viability of the reserve it should be placed on a future agenda for further discussion. But right now, we have the obligation to manage Sycamore Canyon and the City of Riverside has asked for our assistance in doing so. He stated that we have a member of this agency asking for our assistance in developing an effective

management plan and he doesn't see where a delay is going to help that process.

Mr. Twyman thanked the Board members and staff for educating him on the Sycamore Canyon Reserve. He stated there is a lot of background that he was not aware of as a new Board member.

Supervisor Buster stated that he was not trying to hold anything up here as long as all parties are in agreement.

**MOTION to accept the request from the City of Riverside to assist in the completion of the Management Plan for Sycamore Canyon Reserve and approve and execute the Professional Services Agreement with the County of Riverside Environmental Programs Department for monitoring and preparation of a Management Plan for Sycamore Canyon Reserve consistent with the Scope of Work provided in the Professional Services Agreement: Bob Buster
SECOND: Fred Twyman**

**Motion Approved
Ayes-9
None Opposed**

Acting Chairperson Thomasian stated that we will bring this item back for future discussion, possibly with a discussion of the viability of the reserve in light of the master development plan for that area.

Ms. Watts-Bazan asked if this Board would be interested in knowing what is going on with the lawsuit she mentioned. She stated that she would be happy to look into that and bring information back to the Board at future meetings.

Please note that Board Member Melissa Melendez left the meeting at this time.

7.7 Presentation on Request Regarding APN 454-090-014 and Request for Board Direction

Ms. Barton stated that in June of this year, the RCHCA was contacted by a private property owner stating they were interested in purchasing approximately one acre of the RCHCA owned parcel APN 454-090-014 located adjacent to their property (APN 451-250-037) with the intention of erecting a solar photovoltaic array on the site. RCHCA staff sent a letter to the property owner on June 29, 2009, stating that:

- A sale like the one proposed would not result in sufficient cost benefit to the RCHCA to defray the expense of the transaction.
- Such a transaction could set a precedent that would not be beneficial to either the RCHCA or to the general public.
- The request could be taken directly to the RCHCA Board for their consideration.
- The dialog would continue if it involved leasing or leasing to purchase the whole parcel.

Ms. Barton stated that subsequent to the receipt of the RCHCA's letter, the property owner contacted RCHCA staff to say that they would be interested in a lease with the option to purchase, or an outright purchase of the subject parcel. RCHCA staff then provided the property owner with an electronic version of the Acquisition of Real

Property and Disposal of Surplus Real Property Policy and advised them that a staff report would be prepared and that the RCHCA Board would be requested to provide direction regarding a sale, lease, or neither.

RCHCA staff was contacted by the agent of a second private property owner regarding securing an easement over or purchasing a portion of the RCHCA owned parcel APN 454-090-014 located adjacent to their property (APN 451-250-042). Staff responded to this request with a letter dated August 19, 2009, which stated essentially the same information as listed above in the first letter.

Ms. Barton stated that selling at this time would not achieve the greatest potential for gain for the RCHCA. Pursuant to the policy RCHCA-003, "Acquisition of Real Property and Disposal of Surplus Real Property" adopted by the Board on November 15, 2007, pursuing a sale or lease agreement would involve a lengthy process.

Ms. Barton stated that originally the staff recommendation was that the Board provide direction to staff regarding pursuing a sale, lease, or neither. However, Ms. Barton stated that she would like to change that recommendation as she would like to provide the Board with an update on this matter.

Ms. Barton stated that she received a phone call yesterday from the first party saying that their engineer looked at it and informed them that they don't need this parcel, they need the parcel to the west. Ms. Barton also stated that the second party's representative is not sure if they are interested in pursuing this matter. Therefore, Ms. Barton asked the Board to continue this item off calendar.

MOTION to continue this item off calendar: Bill Batey
SECOND: Fred Twyman

Motion Approved
Ayes-8
None Opposed

7.8 Presentation on San Jacinto Wildlife Area as it Relates to the SKR Core Reserve System

Ms. Barton reported that at the special August 4, 2009, meeting of this Board, staff was asked to prepare a report on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA) as it relates to the SKR Core Reserve System.

Ms. Barton stated that in 1979, the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Water Resources, and the Metropolitan Water District executed an agreement for the mitigation of the State Water Project wildlife losses in southern California. One of the results of this effort was the creation of the SJWA. The SJWA consists of approximately 20,000 acres of land and adjoins the 8,000 acre Lake Perris State Recreation Area. The SJWA is owned, operated, and managed by CDFG.

Ms. Barton reported that within the SJWA is an area designated as core reserve for SKR that, along with a portion of the Lake Perris State Recreation Area, comprises the approximately 11,000 acre San Jacinto/Lake Perris Core Reserve under the SKR HCP.

Of particular concern to the RCHCA is the portion of the SJWA that contributes to the SKR core reserve. Under the SKR HCP, CDFG is the responsible party and managing entity of the lands within the SJWA that are part of the SKR core reserve. While CDFG is subject to limited funds, it is currently engaged in the preparation of a management plan to address the management of the SJWA, including the lands within the SKR core reserve that are to be managed for the benefit of SKR. At the initial planning level, RCHCA staff provided input to the management plan preparation.

Ms. Barton stated that Scott Sewell, the SJWA Manager, has ramped up management practices to benefit the SKR by mowing to improve habitat, increasing patrol, and conducting some monitoring. Following the completion of the management plan, grazing is contemplated as a planned activity to improve habitat.

Ms. Barton stated that Mr. Sewell regularly attends the Reserve Managers Coordinating Committee meetings and shares valuable information resulting from his experience with management practices that has added to the knowledge base of other reserve managers.

7.9 Presentation on the SKR Translocation Project at Lake Skinner by Dr. Debra Shier

Dr. Shier stated that she is happy to share what's going on with her translocation project at the Southwest Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve. She reported that in 2008 she translocated 54 animals from two locations and was addressing the following two research questions:

1. Will scent cues of conspecific presence encourage settlement at the release site?
2. If animals are moved in neighboring groups, will that affect their survival rate post release?

Dr. Shier stated that at the relocation site she mowed the non-native grass and installed artificial burrows. Animals were captured from the donor site, fecal samples were taken to determine stress, they were outfitted with transmitter backpacks for location monitoring, and genetic samples were taken to enable us to look at the reproductive success of these animals on the release site. The animals were transferred to a holding cage for a period of time followed by a soft release in which they were held in acclimation cages for approximately one week so they could become accustomed to the new site.

Dr. Shier stated that the goals for 2009 were the following:

- To assess the translocation success from the 2008 release.
- To learn more about species behavior from close observation because what we know about this species is from trapping and not from observation.
- Conduct two more translocations this year; one to replicate the 2008 experiment; and the other to examine the results of using top predator scent.

Results of the study, to date, are as follows:

- Animals translocated without SKR scent placed at the new release site have a

- lower survival rate and a higher proportion of animals that leave the release site.
- Neighbor translocation significantly increases the survival rate at the release site.
 - No adult female SKR survived post release if they were translocated without their neighbors.
 - Animals that are moved without their neighbors are taking a longer time to settle.
 - Females give birth to more pups if they are translocated with their neighbors.

Dr. Shier reported that the San Diego Zoo has a very competitive fellowship program for interns. There were over 130 applicants for the Animal Ecology fellowship. As a result of the funding she received from the RCHCA, she was able to fund one research fellow. Dr. Shier chose Megan Crompt from Ohio State University and set her to the task of learning about SKR behavior. Megan spent several hours a night just observing SKR on the reserve and learned that they spend a great deal of time being alert and traveling and foraging. They spend time chasing each other and communicate and establish territorial boundaries through sand bathing.

The findings showed that the SKR are not aggressive with each other. They would spend a lot of time foraging, but they do not fight over food. They took turns at feeding and actually avoided one another.

Please note that Board Member Mike Gardner left the meeting at this time.

Dr. Shier stated that a controlled burn was conducted on the reserve this year and this provided the site-prep needed for the receiver site. Preliminary results of the translocation showed that at one month post-release, neighbor groups were surviving at a higher rate than non-neighbor groups. However, the mortality rate during the first month of this release was very high (7 out of 45 animals) due to predation by barn owls. Dr. Shier was able to track the transmitters to a small house. Inside the house it looked like a kangaroo rat graveyard.

Dr. Shier stated that she will be looking at using top predator scent this year to see if this will deter coyotes from the site, particularly at the release time. She wants to place mountain lion scent on half of the release site. The next release site will be on the north shore of Lake Skinner with a total of 50 animals being released.

Dr. Shier stated that she could not have done all of this work without the support and funding from the RCHCA and thanked the Board for supporting her in this endeavor.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Luna stated that with pressing issues such as global greenhouse gasses, advances in science and technology are in high demand and funding is limited. The Dean of Natural and Agricultural Resources at UCR recently stated that a grant that is written today has a less than one in 10 chance of being funded and that the writing of a single grant can easily consume three months from the life of a member of UCR's faculty. Ms. Luna stated that we are relying on science now for many of our economic drivers. Ms. Luna encouraged the Board members to be as supportive of their staff as possible when requesting grants as it is a very competitive world out there. She stated she feels very fortunate that the RCHCA has been able to acquire the grants it has through Mr. Shomo's efforts.

9. CLOSED SESSION

No items were scheduled for closed session.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

No items were suggested for the next meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on November 19, 2009, in the Board Chambers of the Riverside County Administrative Center.