



Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency Board of Directors

AGENDA

**Thursday, February 20, 2020
11:30 a.m.**

**Western Riverside Council of Governments
3390 University Avenue
Suite 200
Riverside, CA 92501**

**NOTE NEW
SUITE
LOCATION**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Government Code Section 54954.2, if special assistance is needed to participate in the RCHCA Board of Directors meeting, please contact RCHCA at (951) 405-6702. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to meeting time will assist staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility at the meeting. In compliance with Government Code Section 54957.5, agenda materials distributed within 72 hours prior to the meeting which are public records relating to an open session agenda item will be available for inspection by members of the public prior to the meeting at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 200, Riverside, CA, 92501.

In accordance with Government Code Section 84308(c), any person present at this meeting who wishes to speak on a matter involving a license, permit or other entitlement for use pending before the Board and who has made a contribution of more than \$250 in the past twelve (12) months to any member of the Board will be asked to state for the record the Board member to whom the contribution was made and the matter of consideration with which they are involved.

The Board of Directors may take any action on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of the Requested Action.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER (Michael Vargas, Chair)**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Russ Brown, City of Hemet
Steven Hemenway, City of Riverside**
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At this time members of the public can address the Board regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

6. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS LEADERSHIP FOR 2020 P. 1

Requested Action: 1. *Nominate and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2020.*

7. MINUTES

A. Summary Minutes from the November 21, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting are Available for Consideration. P. 3

Requested Action: 1. *Approve the Summary Minutes from the November 21, 2019, Board of Directors meeting.*

8. CONSENT AND POLICY CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent and Policy Calendar may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Board, any public comments on any of the Consent and Policy Items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Board request specific items be removed from the Consent and Policy Calendar.

A. Status of Mitigation Fee Transfers from Member Agencies Through December 31, 2019 Princess Hester P. 11

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

B. Financial Report Through December 31, 2019 Princess Hester P. 17

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

C. Status Report on the Attendance Roster Princess Hester P. 29

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

D. Approval of the Schedule of Board Meetings for 2020 Princess Hester P. 35

Requested Action: 1. *Approve the Schedule of RCHCA Board Meetings for 2020.*

E. Status Report Concerning Reserve Management Committees for the Southwestern Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve and the Lake Mathews Reserve Brian Shomo P. 41

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

F. Fiscal Year 2019/2020 3rd Quarter Budget Amendment Princess Hester P. 43

Requested Action: 1. *Approve the 3rd Quarter Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.*

9. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Status Update on Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Recovery Efforts Princess Hester, RCHCA P. 49

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

- B. **Steele Peak Public Access Plan Activities Update** *Princess Hester, RCHCA* P. 51
Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*
- C. **Riverside Communities Partnership Project Activities Update** *Princess Hester, RCHCA* P. 53
Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*
- D. **Contracted Land Management and Monitoring Activities Update** *Brian Shomo, RCHCA* P. 55
Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*
- E. **Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Reserve Management and Monitoring Efforts Activities Update** *Brian Shomo, RCHCA* P. 57
Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*
- F. **Innovation in Management and Monitoring Activities Update** *Harry Sandoval, RCHCA* P. 59
Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

10. **REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER** *Rick Bishop*

11. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** *Members*

Members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for discussion at future Board of Directors meetings.

12. **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Members*

Members are invited to announce items / activities which may be of general interest to the Board of Directors.

13. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2020, at 11:30 a.m., at WRCOG's office located at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 200, Riverside.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency Board Meeting

Staff Report

Subject: Election of Board of Directors Leadership for 2020

Contact: Princess Hester, Administrative Services Officer, phester@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6704

Date: February 20, 2020

The purpose of this item is to request that the Board of Directors nominate and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for calendar year 2020.

Requested Action:

1. Nominate and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2020.

RCHCA Policy No. RCHCA-004 addresses the nomination and election of Board Officers. The policy was implemented to provide guidance concerning the nomination and election of Board Officers and to ensure adequate opportunity for the rotation of said officers. The election must take place at the last scheduled meeting of the year.

Prior Action:

February 21, 2019: The Board of Directors elected Michael Vargas as Chair and Christi White as Vice-Chair for 2019.

Fiscal Impact:

Stipends are allocated annually and are included in the Agency's Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Attachment:

None.

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Riverside County Habitat Conservation Authority

7.A

Regular Meeting ~ Minutes ~

Thursday, November 21, 2019

11:30 AM

WRCOG Citrus Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Vargas at 11:34 a.m., at WRCOG's office, 3390 University Avenue, Suite 450, Riverside, CA.

Jurisdiction	Attendee	Status	Arrived
City of Corona	Jacque Casillas	Present	11:30 AM
City of Hemet		Absent	
City of Lake Elsinore	Tim Sheridan	Present	11:30 AM
City of Menifee	Lesa Sobek	Present	11:30 AM
City of Moreno Valley	David Marquez	Present	11:30 AM
City of Murrieta	Christi White	Present	11:30 AM
City of Perris	Michael Vargas	Present	11:30 AM
City of Riverside	Mike Gardner	Present	11:30 AM
City of Temecula	James Stewart	Present	11:30 AM
City of Wildomar	Joseph Morabito	Present	11:30 AM
County of Riverside	Jeff Hewitt	Present	11:30 AM
RCHCA Director	Rick Bishop	Present	11:30 AM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board member Jeff Hewitt led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Vargas presented a Proclamation to outgoing Board member Mike Gardner, one of the RCHCA founding Board members, in honor of his years of service and contributions to the subregion.

5. MINUTES

A. Summary Minutes from the September 19, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the September 19, 2019, Board of Directors meeting.*

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	City of Moreno Valley
SECONDER:	City of Murrieta
AYES:	Corona, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Perris, Riverside, Temecula, Wildomar, County of Riverside
ABSTAIN:	County of Riverside
ABSENT:	Hemet

6. CONSENT AND POLICY CALENDAR

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	City of Riverside
SECONDER:	City of Corona
AYES:	Corona, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Perris, Riverside Temecula, Wildomar, County of Riverside
ABSENT:	Hemet

A. Status of Mitigation Fee Transfers from Member Agencies through September 30, 2019

Action: 1. Received and filed.

B. Financial Report through September 30, 2019

Action: 1. Received and filed.

C. Status Report on the Attendance Roster

Action: 1. Received and filed.

D. Fiscal Year 2018/2019 4th Quarter Budget Amendment

Action: 1. Approved the 4th Quarter Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Stinknet Research Project Activities Update

Loralee Larios, Assistant Professor of Botany at the University of California, Riverside, reported that Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) is a key player in the subregion's eco-system given its foraging and movement in the landscape.

In the early 2000s, Stinknet began showing up. SKR cannot scamper through Stinknet, nor does SKR like to eat Stinknet, even if it is the only source of food. A sample of plants in SKR populated areas was performed; SKR living in habitats populated by Stinknet were thinner. Thinner SKR leads to lower levels of reproduction.

Three different tests were performed to determine the best way to alleviate Stinknet – do nothing in a controlled area, use herbicide pre-emergent, and lastly use herbicide post-emergent. Where herbicide was applied to Stinknet pre-emergent, the plant did not grow. The downside to this was that nothing grew where the herbicide was applied pre-emergent. In order to determine effectiveness, tests need to be performed for multiple years, as conditions can vary.

Board member Sheridan asked if Stinknet has any effects on humans.

Mrs. Larios responded that there has not been enough research to generalize the effects on humans. Stinknet is a chamomile, so people do brew it for tea. There are secondary chemicals in Stinknet that are being explored in South Africa, as they may have medicinal benefits.

Board member Hewitt indicated that if SKR are offered various seeds, perhaps they were not

eating Stinknet merely because they prefer the other choices. If Stinknet were the only option, perhaps they would eat it.

Mrs. Larios responded that the trials are a first glance. The purpose for having multi-year trials is to see how the dynamics change over time and how evolution behaves.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. Status Update on Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Recovery Efforts

Princess Hester, RCHCA Director of Administration, reported that staff continue working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) to demonstrate SKR recovery with the goal of reclassifying SKR under the Endangered Species Act.

USFWS has completed its status review, which is a process of down listing. A draft proposed rule was submitted to and is being reviewed by USFWS.

Staff and Chairman Vargas and Board member Sobek met with Congressional leaders in Washington, D.C., in October 2019. Many of the agencies we met with knew of RCHCA, Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR), and the efforts underway to down list SKR.

During this visit staff learned there were recent updates to legislation regarding the Endangered Species Act in that threatened species are now separated from endangered species. This will have no effect on RCHCA's process of down listing SKR to threatened. This may streamline the process for other species.

Board member Lesa Sobek indicated that Rick Bishop and Princess Hester did a great job in leading the discussions in D.C. Legislators in D.C. know of RCHA and the efforts it has taken to down list SKR.

Chair Vargas indicated that legislative visits are a lot of walking and working. Meeting with just one legislator who knows of the local efforts pays off. RCHCA will be the first entity in California to down list a species.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Steele Peak Public Access Plan Activities Update

Princess Hester, RCHCA Director of Administration, reported that RCHCA owns land at the Steele Peak Reserve located in the Good Hope community in the unincorporated area of Riverside County with no legal access to the land.

Alta Planning + Design performed research to determine if this location would be a good location to create a public access area to bring positive impacts to the area. Staff have attended two public meetings with the Municipal Advisory Council and residents; they are receptive to this idea and are looking forward to having opportunities to recreate in their community.

Surveys were released to the community to inquire as to the types of recreation they would like. Results included basic hiking, small loop trails, and equestrian trails. Next steps include additional surveys with more specific requests will be distributed to the community, funding

needs to be identified to support the management and patrol of the area, and developing specific trails with trail heads and those which are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Staff also met with local wildlife agencies, which were also receptive of this project. Staff also met with the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources, which has land adjacent to the Steele Peak Reserve that is currently being used to park County vehicles used for community clean-ups. In the coming months, staff will initiate discussions about utilizing that land for visitor parking of the Reserve.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. Riverside Communities Partnership Project

Princess Hester, RCHCA Director of Administration, reported that this Partnership is a venture that has been going on behind the scenes for many years. RCHCA collaborates with various partners on different projects; RCHCA is responsible for managing over 40k acres of land for Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) habitat.

In 2018, RCHCA received an \$8k grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, via WRCOG's Supporting Foundation, to support weed control and the establishment of riparian efforts for the Southwest Willow Flycatcher, which lives within RCHCA reserves. In looking at the reserve system and management based upon a holistic approach, rather than just manage for one species, it makes everything successful for the ecosystem.

There are many opportunities to obtain funding if RCHCA had its own 501(c)(3) and expand upon current educational outreach programs. RCHCA applied for a grant through the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) in the realm of collaboration and coordination. The NCCC Program is a volunteer group of individuals between the ages of 18 and 24.

RCHCA partnered with XX for Round I and received a group of NCCC volunteers; RCHCA has recently received notification that it was funded for a Round II group of AmeriCorps NCCC volunteers.

Terri Biancardi, Meadowview Community Association, reported that the Association represents a community of 900 and has approximately 400 acres of open, private space. One of the Association's critical implementation strategies has been with the AmeriCorps NCCC, who first came to work on various projects in 2016, again in 2018, and again this year. The AmeriCorps NCCC volunteers seek to work on projects to improve communities.

The Assistant Director of AmeriCorps reached out to the Association over the summer to devote additional resources to Riverside County, given the past positive experiences and outcomes. Volunteers would be provided for either six weeks or three months; the Association would have to provide accommodations for either timeframe. This was a bit of a stretch for the Association, so Mrs. Biancardi contacted many organizations, and there seemed to be a need for an NCCC team.

That is when the idea of the Riverside Communities Partnership Project (RCP) was born. If an envelope organization consisting of partners who could share the NCCC were to be created, resources could also be shared.

Mrs. Hester introduced two Round I NCCC volunteers who provided brief comments on their respective backgrounds and experiences with AmeriCorps.

Mrs. Hester indicated that the NCCC volunteers will be with RCHCA beginning in January 2020. A third round of volunteers will be here from April 2020 to July 2020. If a member jurisdiction has a need for volunteers for a project, please contact Mrs. Hester with details.

Board member James Stewart asked if RCPP would be the reason RCHCA would be able to apply for the AmeriCorps NCCC.

Mrs. Hester responded that RCHCA would still be able to work with AmeriCorps; however, the creation of RCPP would expand that reach to include funding of some of RCHCA's educational programs, it would help identify grants for RCHCA's Steele Peak Public Access Plan, and eligibility for different funding mechanisms in general.

Currently, elementary students from the Good Hope community come out to RCHCA Sycamore Canyon Reserve to work on science projects and learn about environmental education. Under RCPP, additional opportunities exist to expand eligibility for different funding mechanisms which would allow the students to also receive the same experience at the Steele Peak Reserve, which is located in the Good Hope community.

As the idea of public access at the Steele Peak Reserve is explored, there will be requirements in which RCHCA will need to find ways to fund. This may not be attainable solely through SKR fees. The creation of RCPP would provide the access to additional funding opportunities.

Action: 1. *Authorized RCHCA staff to establish the Riverside Communities Partnership Project as a non-profit 501(c)(3) entity of RCHCA.*

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	County of Riverside
SECONDER:	City of Moreno Valley
AYES:	Corona, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Perris, Riverside Temecula, Wildomar, County of Riverside
ABSENT:	Hemet

E. Educational Outreach Program Activities Update

Jason Verde, RCHCA Intern, reported that RCHCA held its annual "Celebrating Endangered Species" events at the Lake Skinner Reserve September 24 and 25, 2019, and at the Sycamore Highlands Park October 15 – 17, 2019.

Approximately 1,000 fifth and sixth grade students from the Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Menifee, Perris, and Riverside Unified School Districts attended. Board members James Stewart, Joseph Morabito, and Chair Vargas attended events, as well.

At the events, presentations were provided by Riverside County Department of Waste Resources, the Energy Coalition, the City of Riverside Parks & Recreation, and Wild Wonders. Staff are now working with the attending schools to have the students work on an art project under the theme, "Where our world and the natural world meet."

A video was shared that highlighted the event, and included testimonials from the volunteers, parents, teachers, and Board members.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

F. RCHCA New Website Launch

Jason Verde, RCHCA Intern, reported that RCHCA's new and improved, user-friendly website has recently launched, www.rchca.us, and includes information about the Agency such as its background, a listing of the Board of Directors, finances, and programs. Mr. Verde provided a demonstration on the various webpages.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

G. Bureau of Land Management Grant Award Activities Update

Brian Shomo, RCHCA Director of Natural Resources, reported that since the last Board meeting, staff has applied for grant funding through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) so support some of RCHCA's efforts in species recovery and land management, education, and remote sensing. RCHCA received \$606,112. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services asked RCHCA to utilize some of that funding to create a way to consistently monitor and manage the species across the region.

One of the ways to complete this is to prepare genetic sampling of Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR). Staff developed a baseline approximately five years ago; a process to obtain additional samples and compare those to the baseline is next. This will determine if there are any changes in SKR genes and population.

BLM awarded a contract to RCHCA in the amount of \$606,112 to perform various tasks. BLM has requested RCHCA to complete a fencing access control plan and recommend where fencing should be secured and various access control matters. BLM has also asked RCHCA to perform drone sensing on fountain grass on BLM's property.

Staff are 20% complete with approximately 400 acres of SKR habitat that has been mowed; there are approximately 1,600 acres remaining.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

H. Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Reserve Management and Monitoring Efforts Activities Update

Brian Shomo, RCHCA Director of Natural Resources, reported that staff attended the 2019 Wildlife Society Conference, the 2019 Cal-IPC Conference, and ENVI training.

At the Cal-IPC Conference staff was asked to Chair and present a session on grazing as a non-chemical method of controlling non-native vegetation.

At the ENVI training staff learned techniques to expand RCHCA's ability to perform complex image classification and analysis such as fire behavior, habitat modeling, and predictive capabilities.

RCHCA is required to have one field staff obtain a Qualified Applicators Certificate to be able to handle and apply common herbicides. To ensure there is always at least one staff member certified, all field staff will be certified.

RCHCA has been contracted by Waste Management, Inc., to perform small mammal land herpetological surveys; the surveys have been completed.

RCHCA has also been contracted by the Municipal Water District (MWD) for management and monitoring of MWD's property at the Lake Mathews Reserve, and also includes monitoring of all 65 of its species and burn and land management.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

8. REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Rick Bishop, RCHCA General Manager, reported that copies of RCHCA's 2019 annual Report were provided in each members' stipend folder. WRCOG has a series of COGCast episodes on the various WRCOG and RCHCA programs and activities which can be accessed at <http://wrcog.us/283/WRCOGCast>, Apple, Spotify, or Google Play. If anyone is interested in being in a podcast, please contact Mr. Bishop.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board member James Stewart announced that the City of Temecula is celebrating its 30th anniversary on December 1, 2020; Kodi Lee of America's Got Talent will be performing.

Board member Christi White announced that the City of Murrieta just broke ground on an amphitheater and entertainment center. A vacancy was filled on the City Council by Mr. Gene Wunderlich.

Board member Lesa Sobek announced that the City of Menifee swore in its first new Police Captain for the City's newly formed Police Department.

Chairman Vargas announced that the City of Perris is having a Polar Express beginning the day after Thanksgiving through the end of December 2019.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next RCHCA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 11:30 a.m., at WRCOG's office located at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 200, Riverside.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

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Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency Board Meeting

Staff Report

Subject: Status of Mitigation Fee Transfers from Member Agencies through December 31, 2019
Contact: Princess Hester, Director of Administration, phester@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6704
Date: February 20, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the status of Stephens' Kangaroo Rat fee collections for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 as of December 31, 2019.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.
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Member agencies impose a mitigation fee on certain types of development within their jurisdictions for the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR). All SKR mitigation fees collected are forwarded to RCHCA before July 31 for the period of April 1 through June 30; before October 31 for the period of July 1 through September 30; before January 31 for the period of October 1 through December 3; and before April 30 for the period January 1 through March 31.

Revenues, such as mitigation fees, are allocated in RCHCA's Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Agency Budget and are programmed annually. Staff will monitor mitigation fees on a quarterly basis and make budget amendments as necessary.

The attachment shows the status of fee collections for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 as of December 31, 2019.

Prior Action:

November 21, 2019: The Board of Directors received and filed the report through September 30, 2019.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment:

1. Fiscal Year 2019/2020 RCHCA net Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Mitigation Fee collections by Member Agencies based on reports as of December 31, 2020.

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Item 8.A

Status of Mitigation Fee Transfers
from Member Agencies Through
December 31, 2019

Attachment 1

Fiscal Year 2019/2020 RCHCA net
Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Mitigation
Fee collections by Member Agencies
as of December 31, 2019

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FISCAL YEAR 2019 / 2020
RIVERSIDE COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION AGENCY
NET STEPHENS' KANGAROO RAT MITIGATION FEE COLLECTIONS BY MEMBER AGENCY
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019

	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL	PERCENT
	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	FISCAL YTD	OF TOTAL
CITY OF CORONA	0	0	24,700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,700	16.7%
CITY OF HEMET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE	0	0	0	9,575	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,575	6.5%
CITY OF MENIFEE	1,183	0	675	11,350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,208	8.9%
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY	18,444	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18,444	12.4%
CITY OF MURRIETA	0	0	0	12,560	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,560	8.5%
CITY OF PERRIS	0	0	0	0	28,840	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28,840	19.5%
CITY OF RIVERSIDE	0	0	0	3,320	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,320	2.2%
CITY OF TEMECULA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE *	0	4,750	18,250	9,125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32,125	21.7%
CITY OF WILDOMAR	0	250	4,665	250	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,415	3.7%
TOTALS	19,626	5,000	48,290	46,180	29,090	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	148,186	100%

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Riverside County Habitat
Conservation Agency
Board Meeting

Staff Report

Subject: Financial Report Through December 31, 2019

Contact: Princess Hester, Director of Administration, phester@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6704

Date: February 20, 2020

The purpose of this item is to present information concerning the status of the wasting and non-wasting endowments and provide updated information on revenues collected, as well as expenditures and fund balances for the Agency.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.
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Attached for review is the Financial Report summary through December 31, 2019.

Prior Action:

November 21, 2019: The Board of Directors received and filed the report through December 31, 2019.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment:

1. Monthly Budget-to-Actuals for the month ending December 31, 2019.

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Item 8.B

Financial Report Through
December 31, 2019

Attachment 1

Monthly Budget-to-Actuals for the month
ending December 31, 2019

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION AGENCY
TOTAL AGENCY BUDGET
Monthly Budget to Actuals
For the Month Ending December 31, 2019

	Approved 12/31/2019 Budget	Thru 12/31/2019 Actual	Remaining Budget
Revenues			
SKR Mitigation Fee Collections	780,000	117,165	662,835
Interest Income	215,000	11,590	203,410
Deposit Based Fee Draws	1,000	-	1,000
Reimbursement for Services	100,000	12,978	87,022
Lake Mathews Endowment Fund Drawdown		-	-
Total Revenues	1,096,000	141,733	954,267

	Approved 6/30/2019 Budget	Thru 3/31/2018 Actual	Proposed 6/30/2020 Budget
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Expenditures

Wages and Benefits

Regular Salaries	420,659	213,386	207,273
Budgeted Benefits	186,605	98,158	88,447
Total Wages and Benefits	607,264	311,543	295,721

General Operations

General Legal Services & Litigation	25,000	5,919	19,081
Consulting / Professional Contracts & Audit	-	-	-
Board Commission Expense	8,500	1,350	7,150
Carpool Expense (fuel, maintenance, vehicle lease)	-	4,480	(4,480)
Parking Validations	-	138	(138)
Awards / Recognition	200	-	200
Office Supplies	-	1,577	(1,577)
Computer Equipment - Non Fixed Assets	-	3,060	(3,060)
Computer Equipment - Software	-	-	-
Equipment Usage Non Cap Asset	-	255	(255)
Memberships	3,500	545	2,955
Subscriptions	100	-	100
Postage / Mailing	1,500	326	1,174
Misc. Other Expense	10,000	7,261	2,739
Printer Supplies	-	3,524	(3,524)
Printing /Binding	-	3,524	(3,524)
Office Equipment - Non Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Uniforms and Replacement Clothing	3,000	-	3,000
Small Tools & Instruments	10,000	2,698	7,302
Telephone Services (Desk Phones)	-	-	-
Celluar Phones & Wireless Access	4,300	3,955	345
Computer Lines	-	-	-
Field Equipment & Materials	-	708	(708)
Insurance - Special Liability	43,000	44,947	(1,947)
License & Permits	3,000	-	3,000
Conference Registration Fees	-	460	(460)
Private Mileage Reimbursement	-	206	(206)



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION AGENCY
TOTAL AGENCY BUDGET
Monthly Budget to Actuals
For the Month Ending December 31, 2019**

	Approved 12/31/2019 Budget	Thru 12/31/2019 Actual	Remaining Budget
Travel - Airfare	-	1,944	(1,944)
Lodging	10,000	4,878	5,122
Meals	5,000	1,619	3,381
Misc. Travel Expense	-	413	(413)
Special Program Expense	25,000	13,868	11,132
Weed Abatement	22,000	-	22,000
Training - Education /Tuition	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-
Salary Benefit Reimbursement (WRCOG Services)	-	-	-
Contract Services (Overhead & Lease)	-	-	-
GIS Services	5,000	-	5,000
Personnel Services (HR Rate)	-	-	-
Pre-Employment Services	-	-	-
Research / Statistics	-	-	-
OASIS Financials Processing	-	-	-
RCIT Device Access	-	-	-
RCIT Laserfiche	-	-	-
Total General Operations	179,100	107,655	71,445
Total Expenditures	786,364	419,198	367,166



RCHCA GENERAL FUND
Monthly Budget to Actuals
For the Month Ending December 31, 2019

	12/31/2019 Budget	Thru 12/31/2019 Actual	Remaining Budget
Revenues			
SKR Mitigation Fee Collections	780,000	117,165	662,835
Interest Income	215,000	11,590	203,410
Deposit Based Fee Draws	1,000	-	1,000
Reimbursement for Services (MWD & Waste Agreement)	100,000	12,978	87,022
Total Revenues	1,096,000	141,733	954,267

	12/31/2019 Budget	Thru 12/31/2019 Actual	Remaining Budget
Expenditures			
Wages and Benefits			
Regular Salaries	191,882	144,682	47,200
Temporary Employee Salaries	-	-	-
Budgeted Benefits	85,119	66,554	18,565
Overhead Allocation	-	-	-
Total Wages and Benefits	277,001	211,235	65,766

General Operations			
General Legal Services & Litigation	25,000	5,919	19,081
Professional Consulting Services	37,000	-	37,000
Board Commission Expense	8,500	1,350	7,150
Auto Maintenance	25,000	4,480	20,520
Parking Validations	-	138	(138)
Awards / Recognition	200	-	200
Event Support	-	11,964	(11,964)
Program / Office Supplies	5,000	1,577	3,423
Computer Equipment / Supplies	2,500	3,060	(560)
Computer Software	1,500	-	1,500
Rent Lease Equipment	500	255	245
Memberships	2,500	545	1,955
Subscriptions	100	-	100
Postage / Mailing	1,500	326	1,174
Misc. Other Expense	10,000	6,461	3,539
Printing Services	6,000	3,524	2,476
Misc. Office Equipment	1,000	-	1,000
Uniforms and Replacement Clothing	2,000	-	2,000
Small Tools & Instruments	10,000	2,698	7,302
Communication Regular Phones	1,000	-	1,000
Communication Cellular Phones & Wireless Access	6,000	3,955	2,045
Field Equipment & General Maintenance	15,000	708	14,292
Insurance - Special Liability	43,000	44,947	(1,947)
License & Permits	1,500	-	1,500
Seminars & Conferences	5,000	460	4,540
Travel Mileage Reimbursement	500	1,285	(785)
Travel Ground Transportation	-	206	(206)
Travel Airfare	-	1,944	(1,944)
Lodging	10,000	4,878	5,122



**RCHCA GENERAL FUND
Monthly Budget to Actuals
For the Month Ending December 31, 2019**

	12/31/2019	Thru 12/31/2019	Remaining Budget
	Budget	Actual	Budget
Meals	5,000	1,619	3,381
Other Incidentals	5,000	413	4,587
Special Program Expense	25,000	13,868	11,132
Weed Abatement	22,000	-	22,000
Staff Education Reimbursement	5,000	-	5,000
Research & Statistics	25,000	-	25,000
Consulting Labor	-	54,658	(54,658)
Operating Transfers Out (WRCOG Support Cost)	191,912	-	191,912
Total General Operations	499,212	171,238	327,975
Total Expenditures	776,213	382,473	393,740



LAKE MATHEWS OPERATING BUDGET
Monthly Budget to Actuals
For the Month Ending December 31, 2019

	12/31/2019 Budget	Thru 12/31/2019 Actual	Remaining Budget
Revenues			
Lake Mathews Endowment Fund Drawdown	569,179	-	569,179
Total Revenues	569,179	-	569,179
	Budget Budget	Thru Actual Actual	Remaining Budget
Expenditures			
Wages and Benefits			
Regular Salaries	228,777	68,704	160,073
Budgeted Benefits	101,486	31,604	69,882
Total Wages and Benefits	330,263	100,308	229,955
General Operations			
Consulting Labor (Patrol Service)	25,000	-	25,000
Memberships	1,000	-	1,000
Misc. Other Expense	-	800	(800)
Uniforms and Replacement Clothing	1,000	-	1,000
Celluar Phones & Wireless Access	4,300	-	4,300
GIS Services	5,000	-	5,000
License & Permits	1,500	-	1,500
Supplies & Materials	-	-	-
Vehicle Purchase	25,000	-	25,000
Total General Operations	62,800	800	62,000
 Total Expenditures	 393,063	 101,108	 291,955



ENDOWMENT FUNDS

For the Period Ending December 31, 2019

Funds	Principal Amount	Account Balance As of 12/31/19	Amount Available for Land Management
RCHCA General Fund Cash Balance	\$ -	\$ 8,685,341	\$ 8,685,341
Reserved for Purchase of Mitigation Habitat	\$ 53,710	56,338	56,338
Lake Skinner Reserve	500,000	708,072	208,072
Sycamore Canyon Reserve	1,000,000	1,058,635	58,635
Motte Rimrock Reserve	601,200	726,788	125,588
Lake Mathews Reserve Wasting Endowment	6,500,000	4,512,533	4,512,533
RCHCA Reserve Endowment (Lake Skinner)	500,000	528,583	28,583
	<u>\$9,154,910</u>	<u>\$16,276,291</u>	<u>\$ 13,675,091</u>



Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency
Net Stephens' Kangaroo Mitigation Fee Collections
For the Month Ending December 31, 2019
Since Inception

	Mitigation Fees Collected	Percentage of Total
CITY OF CORONA	\$ 164,850	0.30%
CITY OF HEMET	\$ 2,901,302	5.36%
CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE	\$ 310,405	0.57%
CITY OF MENIFEE	\$ 889,992	1.64%
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY	\$ 3,196,092	5.90%
CITY OF MURRIETA	\$ 2,681,371	4.95%
CITY OF PERRIS	\$ 2,492,026	4.60%
CITY OF RIVERSIDE	\$ 7,419,249	13.71%
CITY OF TEMECULA	\$ 2,984,393	5.51%
CITY OF WILDOMAR	\$ 104,758	0.19%
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	\$ 30,978,651	57.25%
MARCH JOINT POWERS (COR) (FY 13)	\$ 9,750	
TOTAL COLLECTED YTD	\$ 54,132,840	100.00%
INTERNAL AUDIT ADJUSTMENT (FY 08 & 09)	\$ 62,942	
TOTAL w/ADJUSTMENT	\$ 54,195,782	

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Riverside County Habitat
Conservation Agency
Board Meeting

Staff Report

Subject: Status Report on the Attendance Roster

Contact: Princess Hester, Director of Administration, phester@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6704

Date: February 20, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide members with a record of attendance at Board of Directors meetings. The Joint Powers Agreement requires the RCHCA Board of Directors to hold at least four meetings per year.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.
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Attached for review is the Board Meeting Attendance Roster.

Prior Action:

November 21, 2019: The Board of Directors received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment:

1. Board meetings attendance roster.

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Status Report on the Attendance
Roster

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Board meeting attendance roster

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RCHCA BOARD MEETING Attendance Roster

MEMBER JURISDICTIONS	2019			
	Feb	May	Sept	Nov
Corona	X	X	X	X
Hemet				
Lake Elsinore	X	X	X	X
Menifee	X	X	X	X
Moreno Valley	X		X	X
Murrieta	X	X	X	X
Perris	X	X	X	X
Riverside		X	X	X
Temecula	X	X	X	X
Wildomar	X	X	X	X
County of Riverside				X

“X” Denotes member / alternate member present at meeting.

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Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency Board Meeting

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of the Schedule of Board Meetings for 2020
Contact: Princess Hester, Director of Administration, phester@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6704
Date: February 20, 2020

Requested Action:

1. Approve the Schedule of RCHCA Board Meetings for 2020.
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The Joint Powers Agreement requires the RCHCA to hold a minimum of four meetings per year. The RCHCA Board meets quarterly on the third Thursday. An additional meeting is scheduled for June. No meeting will be held in August but will be held in September instead.

The remaining dates for 2020 are May 21, June 18, September 17, and November 19. All RCHCA Board meetings are scheduled at 11:30 a.m. at the Western Riverside Council of Governments Office, 3390 University Avenue, Ste 200 Riverside CA.

Prior Action:

September 20, 2018: The Board approved the Schedule of Board Meetings for 2019.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is informational only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment:

1. Schedule of Board meetings for 2020.

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Approval of the Schedule of RCHCA
Board Meetings for 2020

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Schedule of Board meetings for 2020

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Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency

*City of Corona ~ City of Hemet ~ City of Lake Elsinore ~ City of Menifee
City of Moreno Valley ~ City of Murrieta ~ City of Perris ~ City of Riverside ~ City of Temecula
City of Wildomar ~ County of Riverside*

2020

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 20, 2020

MAY 21, 2020

JUNE 18, 2020*

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

NOVEMBER 19, 2020

Meetings are scheduled quarterly.

* An additional meeting is scheduled for June

** No meeting will be held in August, but will be held in September instead.

All meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month as follows:

11:30 a.m.

Western Riverside Council of Governments

3390 University Avenue, Ste 200

Riverside, California 92501

Contact: Janis Leonard
Phone: (951) 405-6702

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Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency Board Meeting

Staff Report

Subject: Status Report Concerning Reserve Management Committees for the Southwestern Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve and the Lake Mathews Reserve

Contact: Brian Shomo, Director of Natural Resources, bshomo@wrcog.us, (951) 840-8070

Date: February 20, 2020

The purpose of this item is to report on staff attendance and topics discussed related to the Reserve Management Committees (RMC) for the Southwestern Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve (SWMSR) and the Lake Mathews Reserve (LMR).

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

Southwestern Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve (SWMSR) Management Committee (12/4/19)

Trails Update: MWD provided the RMC with the completed trails plan. The RMC was requested to approve the plan but the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) voiced concerns that the plan did not include an impact analysis for each species and habitat adjacent to the trail and therefore lacked a mitigation strategy. MWD countered that the trail plan was separate from the mitigation strategy and would be determined in the CEQA process. The motion failed with the USFWS dissenting.

Reserve Management Request for Proposals (RFP) Process: MWD provided information for soliciting and reviewing Reserve Management RFP proposals Additional information will be provided at a later meeting.

Status of Reserve Office Building: RCHCA requested RMC approval of its offer to solicit quotes / bids for the construction and/or purchase of a building /shop for use by Reserve staff at the Lake Skinner Reserve. The motion was tabled for a future meeting

Lake Mathews Reserve Management Committee

No Lake Mathews RMC meeting was scheduled during the current reporting period.

Prior Action:

November 21, 2019: The Board of Directors received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment:

None.



Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency Board Meeting

Staff Report

Subject: Fiscal Year 2019/2020 3rd Quarter Budget Amendment

Contact: Princess Hester, Administrative Services Officer, phester@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6704

Date: February 20, 2020

The purpose of this item is to request approval of RCHCA's 3rd Quarter Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/2020. The staff report includes a summary of increases and/or decreases to both revenues and expenditures.

Requested Action:

1. Approve the 3rd Quarter Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

RCHCA's annual Budget is adopted by the Board of Directors. The annual Budget is designed to support Agency goals and objectives with available resources and to be transparent so that the financial activities of the Agency are clear and easily tracked. RCHCA operates on a fiscal year calendar; July 1st through June 30th.

Background

RCHCA received grant awards from the Bureau of Land Management and the Department of Agriculture. A portion of these funds will be used to contract for services related to habitat management. A Budget amendment is required to align revenues and expenditures.

Revenue

RCHCA had an increase in Reimbursement for Services in the amount of \$747,533 due to an increase in grants and management contracts.

Consulting & Professional Service Contracts

There is an increase in Consulting & Professional Service Contracts due to new contractual agreements to support the grants received for a Range-Wide Management and Monitoring Program, Genetics Study, and Grant Writing Program.

The expenditures listed above, totaling \$532,967, will be offset by \$747,533 in revenues that will be received from the Bureau of Land Management and the Department of Agriculture.

Staff will continue to monitor revenues and expenditures and make necessary adjustments to minimize additional amendments and to achieve financial goals.

Prior Action:

May 16, 2019: The RCHCA Board of Directors approved the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Agency Budget.

Fiscal Impact:

For the 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2019/2020, there will be an overall net increase in revenues of \$214,566.

Attachment:

1. Fiscal Year 2019/2020 3rd Quarter Budget amendment.

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Fiscal Year 2019/2020 3rd Quarter
Budget Amendment

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Fiscal Year 2019/2020 3rd Quarter
Budget amendment

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**Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency
Annual Budget
For the Year Ending June 30, 2020**

	Thru 12/31/2019 Actual	Approved 6/30/2020 Budget	Anticipated Revenue 6/30/2020	Amendment Needed 3/31/2020
Revenues				
Reimbursement for Services	12,978.00	100,000.00	647,533.00	747,533.00
				\$747,533.00
Expenditures				
	Thru 12/31/2019 Actual	Approved 6/30/2020 Budget	Anticipated Expenditure 6/30/2020	Amendment Needed 3/31/2020
Consulting & Professional Service Contracts	128,498.00	20,000.00	384,469.00	532,967.00
				\$532,967.00
Total net (increase)/decrease				\$214,566.00

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Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency Board Meeting

Staff Report

Subject: Status Update on Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Recovery Efforts
Contact: Princess Hester, Director of Administration, phester@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6704
Date: February 20, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on staff's efforts and meetings to discuss opportunities regarding species recovery efforts for the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and File.
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RCHCA was formed in 1990 under a Joint Powers Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 5, Division 7, Title 1 of the Government Code. The Endangered Species Act was established in 1973 when Congress declared that various species of fish, wildlife, and plants in the United States have been rendered extinct as a consequence of economic growth and development untampered by adequate concern and conservation. RCHCA was formed for the purpose of acquisition, administration, operation and maintenance of land and facilities for ecosystem conservation and habitat reserves for the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat.

The endangered Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) is a species endemic to Western Riverside and Northern San Diego Counties. Recovery of an endangered species is considered when the critical levels that lead to that species' listing as endangered are fulfilled with sufficient population numbers and a low level of threats to maintain or increase populations in the future.

Staff is tracking paperwork outlining the Draft Proposed Rule recommending Downlisting. Currently these draft documents are with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Sacramento office for review. Visits are being scheduled with USFWS Sacramento for follow up.

Prior Action:

November 21, 2019: The Board of Directors received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

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Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency Board Meeting

Staff Report

Subject: Steele Peak Public Access Plan Activities Update

Contact: Princess Hester, Director of Administration, phester@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6704

Date: February 20, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide and update on the Public Access Plan being developed for the Steele Peak Reserve.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.
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RCHCA manages over 40,000 acres of land conserved for the endangered Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR). These lands reflect multiple ownerships, some of which are not currently open to the public, and they have different objectives as it relates to public access. Staff spends significant time and resources repairing and replacing fencing for unapproved access at the reserves. With direction from the Board, staff is working to prepare a pilot Public Access Plan for one of the reserve areas (Steele Peak). The idea behind the Plan is that the introduction of controlled, limited public access will serve to dissuade illegal and harmful access to RCHCA lands, thus improving SKR habitat.

The Steele Peak Reserve is located adjacent to the City of Perris in unincorporated Riverside County. RCHCA owns approximately 200 acres of land that is conserved for the endangered SKR. Staff identified this area as being best suited for a pilot Public Access Plan because these lands are solely owned by RCHCA and the community would benefit greatly from the opportunity to experience and appreciate the natural environment that is being protected in this area.

This report provides an update on the progress of the public access project at the Steele Peak Reserve.

Prior Action:

November 21, 2019: The Board of Directors received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

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Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency Board Meeting

Staff Report

Subject: Riverside Communities Partnership Project Activities Update
Contact: Princess Hester, Director of Administration, phester@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6704
Date: February 20, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on RCHCA's Riverside Communities Partnership Project.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.
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RCHCA works collaboratively with community partners on projects throughout the region to recover threatened and endangered species, to protect our natural resources, and to foster environmental stewardship. RCHCA and other agencies recognize that although each may have different functions, many share similar challenges in fulfilling its mission and the need for regional collaboration is the only way to meet some objectives.

At the November 21, 2019, meeting, the RCHCA Board authorized staff to implement the Riverside Communities Partnership Project (RCPP). The RCPP will soon become the 501(c)(3) for the RCHCA and will expand opportunities to be eligible for grant awards and other funding mechanisms aligned with the mission of conservation, coordination, education, and collaboration.

RCHCA applied for and received the grant of a team from AmeriCorps National Civilian Communities Corps (NCCC), a national organization that offers a variety of service opportunities from the classroom to the outdoors, and everything in between, to youth volunteers between the ages 18 and 24. The goal of NCCC is to build focused and committed future leaders with diverse backgrounds and interests to becoming the greater good in the community.

The NCCC team assists the RCPP in Riverside County with restoration of the ecological balance to areas destroyed by fire and/or flood, provide a benefit to community through service, and to participate in community outreach efforts. The team will be here through April 2020. RCPP partners are from the RCHCA Reserve Managers Committee, Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve, City of Riverside, California Conservation Corps, Habitat for Humanity, Louis Rubidoux Nature Center, Meadowview Community Association, Wild Wonders, Riverside County Department of Social Services Homelessness Division, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Riverside County Parks and Recreation Open Space District, Riverside County Veterans Services, and Riverside County Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill. Additional partners will be added as the Partnership grows.

The establishment of the RCPP and the inclusion of NCCC in this effort is a vital component of RCHCA and supports efforts to expand coordination among the many agencies in Riverside County responsible for various land management, community development, emergency preparedness, volunteer, and educational projects. The RCPP will give all participating agencies a measurable and focused way to deliver services that are mission critical and creates awareness of the many accomplishments of the programs in Riverside County.

Additional information including articles of incorporation and bylaws will be presented at the May 2020 meeting.

Prior Action:

November 21, 2019: The Board of Directors authorized staff to establish the Riverside Communities Partnership Project as a non-profit 501(c)(3) entity of the RCHCA.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment:

None.



Riverside County Habitat
Conservation Agency
Board Meeting

Staff Report

Subject: Contracted Land Management and Monitoring Activities Update
Contact: Brian Shomo, Director of Natural Resources, bshomo@wrcog.us, (951) 840-8070
Date: February 20, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide a status update on the various tasks associated with RCHCA-contracted land management activities. Outside agencies and organizations often solicit RCHCA for help in managing their lands or mitigation projects. RCHCA then uses these contract revenues to support staff salaries and other projects outside the purview of the SKR Fee revenue.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.
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This item is reserved for a staff presentation concerning RCHCA's management and monitoring contract obligations.

Prior Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

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Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency Board Meeting

Staff Report

Subject: Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Reserve Management and Monitoring Efforts Activities Update
Contact: Brian Shomo, Director of Natural Resources, bshomo@wrcog.us, (951) 840-8070
Date: February 20, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide a presentation on RCHCA management and coordination efforts occurring for RCHCA-owned lands at the Lake Mathews and Steele Peak Reserves, as well as information on the lands at the Lake Mathews / Estelle Mountain Reserve owned by Metropolitan Water District and managed by RCHCA.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.
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This item is reserved for a staff presentation concerning current management practices and coordination efforts.

RCHCA has effectively worked with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to manage lands at the Lake Mathews-Estelle Mountain Reserve.

Prior Action:

November 21, 2019: The Board of Directors received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment:

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Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency Board Meeting

Staff Report

Subject: Innovation in Management and Monitoring Activities Update

Contact: Harry Sandoval, Senior Ecological Resource Specialist hsandoval@wrcog.us,
(951) 206-3260

Date: February 20, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide a presentation on innovative practices developed and employed by RCHCA to help with land management and monitoring within the SKR Reserve System. Topics may include technological advancements, innovative research, and creative solutions to complex problems.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.
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This item is reserved for a staff presentation concerning RCHCA's innovation in management and monitoring.

Prior Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment:

None.