

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MULTI-SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS.

Richard Lashbrook called the meeting order at 1:20 p.m. Those in attendance were:

Cindy Domenigoni *	Landowner
Barry Burnell *	Landowner
Shelli Lamb *	Riverside-Corona RCD
Kerwin Russell	Riverside-Corona RCD
Peter Kiriakos *	Sierra Club
Ed Sauls *	Landowner
Robin Reeser Lowe *	WRCOG
Kristi Lovelady	County of Riverside – TLMA
Richard Lashbrook	County of Riverside – TLMA
Bob Perkins	Riverside County Farm Bureau
Randy Sheppeard * (Zully Smith)	Riverside County Flood Control
Jeff Newman	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Wendy Picht *	MWD
Tom Scott *	University of California, Riverside
Bob Wheeler *	EMA / RCD
Dan Silver *	Endangered Habitats League
Wesley Hylen	PSC
Won Yoo *	Landowner
Tracey Alsobrook *	Southern California Edison
Jim Sullivan	University of California, Riverside
Jim Bessant	Landowner
Jim Miller	City of Murrieta
Ed Studor	County of Riverside – TLMA
Shenna Moqheet	City of Calimesa
Michele Staples	Jackson, DeMarco & Peckenpaugh
Ken Graff	County of Riverside, BOS District 3
Joel Schultz	BLM
Richard Laten	Earth Consultants
Joe Lewis	EMWD
Ruth Olsen	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Michelle Shaughnessy *	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Norman D. Gritton	Landowner – Meadowbrook
Sandra Wilson	Landowner
Bruce Colbert	Riv. Co. Property Owners Association
Gail Wanczuk-Barton	Landowner
Sharon Bolton	Riverside County Farm Bureau
Michael Rowe	Landowner

Dave Downey	Californian / No. Co. Times
Monica Lawrence	Nossaman Law Firm
Terry Wold	Sierra Club
Frank Coyle	The Keith Companies
Steve Lech	Riverside County Waste Management
Barbara Darracq	Warmington Land Company
David L. Phares	D.L. Phares & Associates
Dale Stubblefield	City of San Jacinto
Tom Jex	Burke, Williams & Sorensen
Steve Brown	City of Temecula
John Freiman	City of Canyon Lake
Kathleen Hamilton	1 st District Representative
Scot Scialpi	TCA
D. Eisenberg	For Bruce Their
Tamara Brown	Landowner
Ann Borel	Landowner
Alison Shilling	California Native Plant Society
Bob Nelson	Riverside Co. Waste Department
Andy McElhinney	Landowner
June Collins	Dudek
Jim Henderson	Sverdrup
Sandy Wilson	Land Owner, Real Estate Agent
Jerry Jolliffe	County of Riverside, TLMA
Steve Smith	TransCore

Richard Lashbrook thanked those in attendance and offered a memorial statement regarding the passing of Gary Wanczuk, Advisory Committee Chair. Mr. Lashbrook clarified the restructuring of the Advisory Committee in moving to a more formal meeting process and advised that public comments would take at the beginning and end of the meeting and those speaking would be held to a 3 minutes per speaker.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Rowe, property owner, expressed approval of the more formalized meeting structure. He was concerned about non-participating committee members.

3. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS CONCERNING ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Bob Wheeler, EMA / RCD, expressed his condolences over the passing of Gary Wanczuk, Advisory Committee Chairman, and moved to appoint co-chairs, Ed Sauls, property owner and Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League. Richard Lashbrook, TLMA, expressed appreciation for the motion and noted that the election of a new chair appeared on the agenda as Item 12. Bob Wheeler, EMA / RCD asked if it could be taken out of order. Richard Lashbrook, TLMA, stated that it could if it was the desire of the Advisory Committee.

Cindy Domenigoni, property owner, motioned to accept item 12 out of order. Bob Wheeler, EMA / RCD seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

12. ELECTION OF NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR (CURRENT MSHCP ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROSTER ATTACHED) AND CONSIDERATION OF PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

Kristi Lovelady, TLMA, distributed a current roster.

Cindy Domenigoni, property owner, moved that Richard chair the meeting. She also requested that inactive members be contacted to ascertain their intent to participate. Robin Reeser Lowe, WRCOG, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Peter Kiriakos, Sierra Club, moved to nominate Gail Barton as a member. Cindy Domenigoni, property owner, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Peter Kiriakos, Sierra Club, expressed concerns that the MSHCP and GPAC efforts need to be coordinated.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING GARY WANCZUK'S PASSING AND DISCUSSION OF APPROPRIATE MEMORIAL.

Kristi Lovelady, TLMA, expressed her appreciation for ideas brought forth for a memorial for Gary Wanczuk. Robin Reeser Lowe, WRCOG representative and Chair of the RCHCA, suggested that possibly a portion of RCHCA land holdings be dedicated to Gary Wanczuk and the Rawson Family.

Tom Scott, UCR, suggested the creation of a scholarship in Gary's name with the intent that it be awarded to a student whose actions best personified Gary's spirit. Contributions would go to a fund that would be administered by the Center for Conservation Biology.

5. REPORT FROM GENERAL PLAN, CETAP, AND STEERING COMMITTEES

Jerry Jolliffe, TLMA, reported that the General Plan Advisory Committee met on Tuesday in Indio. The Planning Center prepared preliminary draft plans for the western region of Coachella Valley, the Desert Center area, and the Palo Verde Valley area. A decision was made to carry all three draft plans forward for community meetings.

Steve Smith deferred a CETAP report to Item 10 on the agenda.

6. REPORT ON STATUS OF PROJECTS SUBJECT TO THE RCIP INTERIM PROJECT REVIEW GUIDELINES.

Jerry Jolliffe, TLMA, reported that the Domenigoni/Barton Specific Plan was reviewed under the interim guidelines. A meeting was scheduled with the wildlife agencies to discuss areas of concern.

Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League, stated that it would be helpful to know the relationship of this project to the conservation analysis units. Kristi Lovelady, TLMA, stated that conservation analysis units covered much of that area.

7. RECAP OF DECISION TO PURSUE AN MSHCP.

Richard Lashbrook, TLMA, gave a presentation outlining the decision to pursue an MSHCP. Several questions were asked after the presentation.

Bob Perkins, Farm Bureau, expressed the position that the plan should represent a mechanism that would fund a process to acquire from willing sellers in a non-regulatory manner the habitat that would be preserved and in turn preserve species.

Garry Grant, property owner, expressed concern over lack of landowner representation.

8. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF MSHCP ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT.

June Collins, Dudek, offered a brief update on the development of the Alternatives Document.

In response to Committee Member questions, June confirmed that rough area maps and rough acreage estimates would be included. It was suggested that land use and financial feasibility be included and that CETAP and General Plan uses be considered.

October 12th was scheduled for the full presentation of the Alternatives Document. Additional meetings were tentatively scheduled for October 26th and November 2nd.

9. REPORT CONCERNING MSHCP FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION DISCUSSIONS.

Richard Lashbrook, TLMA, gave a presentation of potential funding and implementation strategies that examined possible revenue sources, including a developer fee, in relation to various acreage scenarios. The presentation also identified potential MSHCP income from State and Federal sources.

Bob Perkins, Farm Bureau, expressed concern over burdens imposed on individual property owners. He also stated the expectation that the final product be a clean and simple program involving willing sellers.

10. PRESENTATION CONCERNING STATUS OF CETAP/MSHCP INTEGRATION.

Steve Smith, TransCore, gave an update on the status of CETAP/MSHCP Integration, including the circulation element of the General Plan rail/bus transit corridors, trails, and major transportation corridors. He outlined a schedule of advisory and public meetings that would culminate in a recommendation on the alternatives.

11. PRESENTATION OF STATUS OF HAZARD MAPPING FOR GENERAL PLAN AND INTEGRATION OF DATA INTO MSHCP DEVELOPMENT.

Jim Henderson, Sverdrup, June Collins, Dudek, and Richard Laten, Earth Consultants International, presented the relationship between the Potential Preserve Planning Areas (PPPA) and relevant hazards areas.

Accuracy of the fault hazards map was questioned. It was concluded that the hazards maps, were an evaluative tool and that not all hazards necessarily represented a constraint.

13. STATUS REPORT ON PERMITTED ACTIVITIES INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PUBLIC AGENCIES.

Kristi Lovelady, TLMA, informed the Committee that responses had not yet been received from Perris, San Jacinto, Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa and Lake Elsinore.

14. NEXT MEETING.

October 12, 2000.

15. FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Sandy Wilson, property owner, asked if a map and mitigation fee for Multi-Species would eliminate the individual endangered species inspections taking place currently. Richard Lashbrook, TLMA, responded that one mitigation fee should cover all the species addressed within each respective MSHCP Alternative.

16. ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.