

# Natural Communities Coalition

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes of Quarterly Meeting

Date: March 17, 2016  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Location: Irvine Ranch Water District  
Community Meeting Room  
15500 Sand Canyon Avenue  
Irvine, CA

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### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m., by President Mark Denny. President Denny led the meeting attendees in the flag salute.

### **Roll Call**

The following Directors or Alternates, constituting a quorum of the Board, were recorded as present at the meeting:

- Jonathan Snyder, US Fish and Wildlife Service
- David Mayer, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Lana Nguyen, California Department of Parks and Recreation
- Mark Denny, County of Orange
- Ian Swift, (*for*) Irvine Ranch Water District
- Diane Doesserich, Metropolitan Water District
- Doug Feremenga, Transportation Corridor Agencies
- Dan Miller, Irvine Company
- Nancy Gardner, City of Newport Beach
- Garry Brown, At-Large Public Director (Environment)
- Elisabeth Brown, At-Large Public Alternate (Environment)
- Thomas Eastman, At-Large Public Director (Recreation)
- Michael Recuperero, At-Large Public Director (Business)

The following Directors were recorded as absent:

- Larry Labrado, Southern California Edison
- Travis Huxman, University of California, Irvine
- Laurie Hoffman, City of Irvine
- Headlands Reserve, LLC
- Brian Norton, Orange County Fire Authority

Tom Maloney, Coastal Greenbelt Authority

- II. On a motion by Treasurer Dan Miller, which was seconded by Director Nancy Gardner, the minutes of the December 17, 2015, meeting was approved** with abstentions from those who were not present at the meeting.

**III. Investment Report: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2015**

Daniel Schoessow, Senior Vice President and Senior Investment Officer of Northern Trust, reported on the investment performance of the Endowment, Acquisition and Restoration, and Cowbird Funds during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2015.

**IV. Audited Financial Statement and Tax Returns, FY 2015-16**

Charles Fedak, CPA, with Fedak & Brown LLP, provided the Board of Directors and overview of the audited financials and responded to questions from Board member. Tax returns covering the 2015-16 fiscal year were presented to the Board.

**On a motion by Director Garry Brown, which was seconded by Director Michael Recupero, the audit was approved unanimously.**

**V. Wildland Reports:**

**A. “Synopsis of the Science Integration Meeting and Short-term Science and Land Management Priorities ”**

Dr. Milan Mitrovich, Science Coordinator for Natural Communities Coalition, summarized the initial outcomes of the Science Integration Meeting convened to get input from science experts and Reserve partners into the three to five year science and land management priorities for the Central and Coastal Subregion of Orange County.

**B. “Draft 2015 Nature Reserve of Orange County Annual Report”**

Dr. Mitrovich provided the Board of Directors an overview of the draft 2015 annual Report, summarizing key findings and actions across the Reserve.

**On a motion by Director Gardner, which was seconded by Director Tom Eastman, the 2015 Annual Report was approved by the Board unanimously and direction given to NCC staff to submit copies to the Wildlife Agencies for review, comment and reference.**

**VI. Financial Report: February 29, 2016**

Treasurer Miller was asked by President Denny to provide highlights of the February, 2016 financials. The treasurer reported that the financials give a five month look into the fiscal year. Treasurer Miller than invited questions from the Board. Following questions, President Denny called for a motion to approve the financial report.

**On a motion by Treasurer Miller, which was seconded by Director Garry Brown, the February 29, 2016 financial report was approved unanimously.**

**VII. Committee Reports**

President Denny referred Board members to the minutes of committee meetings included in the Board packet. The president invited committee chairs to provide expanded highlights of meetings and actions.

**VIII. Executive Director's Report**

The executive director provided the board a brief overview of administrative issues and accomplishments since the December, 2015, Board meeting. He shared photos of soil salvage habitat restoration efforts conducted in collaboration with the Irvine Company and Irvine Ranch Conservancy, and reported on NCC hosting the annual meeting of the California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition earlier in the month.

**IX. NCC Strategic Plan**

The executive director reminded the board that due to the lack of a quorum towards the end of the December meeting, the draft 2016 – 2018 Strategic Plan, requires approval. President Denny called for a motion.

**On a motion by Director Gardner, which was seconded by Director Doug Feremenga, the 2016 -2018 Strategic Plan was approved unanimously.**

The vote was followed by an update of implementation progress by the executive director.

**X. Oral Communications**

President Denny invited members of the Board and meeting attendees to take part in oral communications.

**XI. Closed Session**

President Denny asked if any member of the Board felt there was a need to go into closed session. No request was made.

**XII. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m., on June 16, 2016, in the Community Meeting Room on the Irvine Ranch Water District campus. The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, \_\_\_\_\_  
*James Sulentich, Executive Director*

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Mark Denny, President*