

# Natural Communities Coalition

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes of Quarterly Meeting

Date: September 21, 2017  
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**

In the absence of President Steve LaMar, Treasurer Dean Kirk called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Treasurer Kirk led the Board members and other 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  
Jim Newland, California Department of Parks and Recreation  
Eric Dymmel (Alternate), California Department of Parks and Recreation  
Stacy Blackwood, County of Orange  
Paul Cook (Alternate), Irvine Ranch Water District  
Ken Borngrebe, Southern California Edison  
Travis Huxman, University of California, Irvine  
Douglas Feremenga, Transportation Corridor Agencies  
Darin Loughrey, City of Irvine  
Dean Kirk, Irvine Company  
Nancy Gardner, City of Newport Beach  
Thomas Eastman, At-Large Public Director (Environment)  
Michael Recuperero, At-Large Public Director (Business)  
Mark Denny, At-Large Public Director (Recreation)  
Hallie Jones, At-Large Public Director (Alternate) (Recreation)  
Tom Maloney, Coastal Greenbelt Authority  
Brian Norton, Orange County Fire Authority  
Dave Erickson (Alternate), Orange County Fire Authority  
Shellie Lamb, Southwest Resource Management Association  
Kerwin Russell (Alternate), Southwest Resource Management Association

The following Directors were recorded as absent:

Diane Doesserich, Metropolitan Water District  
Headlands Reserve, LLC

**II. On a motion by Director Nancy Gardner, which was seconded by Director Stacy Blackwood, the minutes of the June 15, 2017, meeting were approved** with abstentions from those who were not present at the meeting.

**III. Investment Report: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2017.

**IV. Wildland Report:**

**A. FY 2017-18 Proposed Projects**

Dr. Milan Mitrovich, NCC Science Coordinator, and Danny Fry, Wildland Fire Management Coordinator provided a summary of proposed projects associated with the 2017-18 fiscal year and proposed budget.

**B. Introductions**

Executive Director Jim Sulentich announced that there have been several additions to the Board of Directors worthy of introductions. Director Chief Brian Norton introduced Dave Erickson, Wildland Resource Planner for OCFA. Mr. Erickson will be serving as the OCFA Alternate on the NCC Board of Directors.

Executive Director Sulentich introduced Hallie Jones, Executive Director of the Laguna Canyon Foundation. Ms. Jones will be serving as the At-Large Public Alternate for Recreation.

With the summer 2017 addition of the 100 acre Portola South Property (also known as the SCE Property and Viejo Property) into the Central and Coastal Subregional NCCP/HCP Reserve, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to extend an invitation to Southwest Resource Management Association—the recent owners and managers of the property, to join the NCC Board as an *Ex-Officio* member. Executive Director Sulentich introduced Shelli Lamb (Director) and Kerwin Russell (Alternate). Ms. Lamb and Mr. Russell provided a brief presentation on their organization.

**V. Financial Report: August 31, 2017**

Treasurer Kirk called the Board of Directors' attention to the eleven-month financial report in the meeting packet and asked the executive director to highlight the most significant issues since the last quarterly Board meeting. Following a brief discussion, Treasurer Kirk called for a motion to approve the Financial Report.

**On a motion by Director Gardner, which was seconded by Director Jim Newland, the August 31, 2017, financial report was approved unanimously.**

**VI. FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget**

Treasurer Kirk asked the executive director to present an overview of the draft FY 2017-18 budget in the Board packet. The executive director provided the Board a summary of the proposed budget for the Endowment, Restoration and Cowbird Funds, and compared the proposed budget to the current fiscal year budget. The executive director thanked the Finance and Executive Committees for their review and input into the draft FY 2017-18 budget. The executive director responded to questions from the Board. Following questions, Treasurer Kirk asked for a motion to approve the budget.

**On a motion by Director Gardner, seconded by Director Paul Cook, the proposed FY 2017-18 budget was unanimously approved.**

**VII. Committee Reports**

Treasurer Kirk called Directors' attention to the committee meeting minutes in the Board packet and invited committee chairs to highlight any actions they deemed of special significance or if committee business required action of the full Board of Directors.

Director Blackwood, Chair of the Boundary Amendment & Acquisition Committee, introduced a Reserve boundary amendment involving the Irvine Company's Orchard Hills Project. The Committee reviewed the proposed boundary amendment and, in consultation with the Wildlife Agencies, supports the addition of 1.83 acres of high conservation value habitat in exchange for the 0.35 acres deleted. The result is a net gain of 1.48 acres to the Central and Coastal Subregion NCCP/HCP Reserve.

Treasurer Kirk called for a motion and added he would abstain from the vote because of his connection to the project.

**On a motion by Director Gardner, seconded by Director Mike Recupero, Minor Amendment (MA 17-01) Orchard Hills Project was unanimously approved with Treasurer Dean Kirk abstaining.**

**VIII. Strategic Plan Update**

The executive director provided an overview on progress to date on advancing the objectives of the NCC Strategic Plan. He reported out of 40 objectives, 27 have been completed and 12 are moving forward with satisfactory progress.

**IX. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Sulentich introduced Director Jonathan Snyder, US Fish and Wildlife Service. Director Snyder summarized the progress to date on Take accounting among Reserve landowners.

The executive director presented the Board of Directors a draft amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between NCC and the Orange County Parks Foundation. He reminded the Board of the original purpose and terms of the collaboration. The proposed amended Memorandum of Agreement, which was reviewed and recommended by the Executive Committee, will further advance the mutual mission-related interests of the two organizations. After a brief discussion, Treasurer Kirk called for a motion.

**On a motion by Director Gardner, seconded by Director Kenneth Borngrebe, the Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Orange County Parks Foundation and NCC was approved unanimously.**

**X. Oral Communications**

Treasurer Kirk extended an invitation to members of the Board or public in attendance to address the Board on matters relevant to the mission of NCC. No communication was offered.

**XI. Closed Session**

No need for close session was expressed.

**XII. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m., on December 14, 2017, in the Community Meeting Room on the Irvine Ranch Water District campus. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Dean Kirk, Treasurer*