

Natural Communities Coalition

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes of Quarterly Meeting

Date: December 14, 2017
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Irvine Ranch Water District
Community Meeting Room
15500 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA

I. Call to Order

In the absence of President Steve LaMar, Vice President Diane Doesserich called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Vice President Doesserich 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
- Ian Swift, Irvine Ranch Water District
- Renee Latu (Alternate), Southern California Edison
- Douglas Feremenga, Transportation Corridor Agencies
- Darin Loughrey, City of Irvine
- Dean Kirk, Irvine Company
- Nancy Gardner, City of Newport Beach
- Elisabeth Brown, At-Large Public Alternate (Environment)
- Michael Recuperero, At-Large Public Director (Business)
- Tom Maloney, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
- Brian Norton, Orange County Fire Authority

The following Directors were recorded as absent:

- Travis Huxman, University of California, Irvine
- Darin Loughrey, City of Irvine
- Mark Denny, At-Large Public Director (Recreation)

Shelli Lamb, Southwest Resource Management Association
Headlands Reserve, LLC

II. On a motion by Director Nancy Gardner, which was seconded by Director Stacy Blackwood, the minutes of the September 21, 2017, meeting were approved with abstentions from those who were not present at the meeting.

III. Investment Report: 3rd 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 3rd Quarter of 2017.

IV. Audited Financial Statement,, September 30, 2017

Michael Barloewen, CPA, Partner, Audit & Assurance Services at Windes, presented the draft audited financial statements to the Board of Directors and responded to questions. Executive Director James Sulentich announced that the Audit Committee received a similar briefing and recommends approval to the Board.

On a motion by Director Blackwood, seconded by Alternate Director Elisabeth Brown, the September 30, 2017, audited financial statement was unanimously approved.

V. Wildland Report

A. Update of Canyon and Canyon 2 Fires

Danny Fry, NCC Wildland Fire Management Coordinator, provided a summary of cumulative impacts of the two fall wildfires to the Central portion of the NCCP/HCP Reserve.

B. Recreation Ecology: Mobility Data

Milan Mitrovich, PhD, NCC Science Coordinator, provided an overview of the potential GPS and other mobility data bring to our understanding of human use of the reserve system and a unique partnership with StreetLight Data, Inc. Dr. Mitrovich reported that the Executive Committee was fully briefed on a limited term contract that would provide NCC access to a mobility data subscription and technical expertise. The Executive Committee approved the proposed \$152,000 off-budget expenditure. However, the Executive Committee requested assurances that confidentiality of private data would be protected. NCC staff agreed to provide the committee the confidentiality assurances at the January 2018, meeting. After a thoughtful discussion Vice President Doesserich called for a motion.

On a motion by Treasurer Dean Kirk, seconded by Director Gardner, the limited term \$152,000 contract with StreetLight Data, Inc. was approved with the condition that NCC staff would provide the data confidentiality assurances to the Executive

Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Financial Report: November 30, 2017

Treasurer Dean Kirk directed the Board of Directors' attention to the November 30, 2017, financial report in the meeting packet. He invited questions from the Board. Following a brief discussion, Vice President Doesserich called for a motion to approve the Financial Report.

On a motion by Director Gardner, which was seconded by Director Jim Newland, the November 30, 2017, financial report was approved unanimously.

VII. Committee Reports

Vice President Doesserich directed the Board to the committee reports in the meeting packet and called on committee chairs to provide any necessary updates.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

A. In-Lieu Mitigation Fee Update

Executive Director Sulentich reminded the Board of the precedent set in the NCCP/HCP Implementation Agreement for the creation and periodic update of the In-Lieu Mitigation Fee for the take of coastal sage scrub on lands outside of the Reserve. The executive director reported that the Executive Committee has considered and is recommending that the Orange County Central and Coastal Subregion NCCP/HCP In-Lieu Mitigation Fee be increased to coincide with the current In-Lieu Mitigation Fee and the annual review protocol for the Orange County Southern Subregion HCP.

In a resolution (Resolution 17-01) made by Director Gardner and seconded by Director Blackwood, the Board of Directors approved the Orange County Central Coastal Subregion NCCP/HCP In-Lieu Mitigation Fee be increased to \$80,316.78 per acre effective January 1, 2018, and to be adjusted annual based on the CPI reported by the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics. The Resolution was approved unanimously.

The Board directed staff to report the change in amount and future protocol to all Nonparticipating Landowners.

B. Proposed 2018 Board Meeting Schedule

Executive Director Sulentich presented the proposed quarterly dates for 2018 reviewed by the Executive Committee. These dates are:

March 15, 2018

June 21, 2018

September 20, 2018

December 13, 2018

On a motion by Director Gardner, seconded by Director Blackwood, the quarterly meeting dates for 2018 were approved unanimously.

C. Orange County Parks Foundation

Executive Director provided the Board a brief update on the transition of the Foundation's administrative functions to NCC.

VIII. Strategic Plan Update

The executive director provided an overview on progress since the last Board meeting on NCC's strategic Plan. A draft 2019 – 2021 strategic plan will be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration in the fourth quarter of 2018.

IX. Oral Communications

Vice President Doesserich inquired if any members of the Board or the public in attendance had matters, not related to the meeting agenda, they would like to raise with the full board. No communication was offered.

X. Closed Session

No need for close session was expressed.

XII. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m., on March 15, 2018, in the Community Meeting Room on the Irvine Ranch Water District campus. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, _____
James Sulentich, Executive Director

ATTEST: _____
Diane Doesserich, Vice President