

Natural Communities Coalition

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes of Quarterly Meeting

Date: September 20, 2018
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Duck Club, Irvine Ranch Water District
15 Riparian Way
Irvine, CA

I. Call to Order

In the absence of President Steve LaMar, Vice President Diane Doesserich called the meeting to order at 1:12 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
Will Miller (Alternate), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
David Mayer, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Kyle Rice (Alternate), California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Eric Dymmel (Alternate), California Department of Parks and Recreation
Stacy Blackwood, County of Orange
Ian Swift, Irvine Ranch Water District
Renee Latu, 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)
Elisabeth Brown (Alternate), At-Large Public Director (Environment)
Michael Recupero, At-Large Public Director (Business)
Hallie Jones (Alternate), At-Large Public Director (Recreation)
Tom Maloney, Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Brian Norton, Orange County Fire Authority
Dave Erickson (Alternate), Orange County Fire Authority
Shelli Lamb, Southwest Resource Management Association
Kerwin Russell (Alternate), Southwest Resource Management Association

The following Directors were recorded as absent:

- II. **On a motion by Director Nancy Gardner, which was seconded by Alternate Director Eric Dymmel, the minutes of the June 21, 2018, meeting were approved** with abstentions from those who were not present at the meeting.

- III. **Investment Report: 2nd Quarter 2018**
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 2nd Quarter of 2018.

- IV. **Wildland Report:**
 - A. **Status Report on NCC/Utah State University Recreation Management Study**
Dr. Chris Monz, Utah State University, provided the Board of Directors an update to the multiyear recreation management study on the Reserve, reported on anticipated activities in the coming year, and responded to questions.

 - B. **Wildland Fires and the Future**
Dr. Jon Keeley, USGS and science advisor to NCC, provided the Board of Directors an overview of changes to the fire regime in the state and the Reserve specifically, and speculated on future trends. Dr. Keeley responded to Board members' questions.

 - C. **Update on Mountain Lion Research in Southern California**
Dr. Winston Vickers, U.C. Davis, updated the Board on his and other partners' research on the status of mountain lions in southern California in general and the Reserve specifically.

- V. **Financial Report: August 31, 2018**
Vice President Doesserich invited Treasurer Dean Kirk to provide the August 31, 2018, financial report. After a brief overview, Treasurer Kirk called for a motion to approve the Financial Report.

On a motion by Alternate Director Dymmel, which was seconded by Director Darin Loughrey, the August 31, 2018, financial report was approved unanimously.

- VI. **FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget**
Executive Director Jim Sulentic provided the Board of Directors an overview of the proposed FY 2018-19 budget and reported that the document has been reviewed and

recommended by the Finance and Executive Committees. He explained the draft budget only addresses the operational needs of NCC. Projects in 2019 are not included since the current approved Strategic Plan ends at the end of the 2018 calendar year, and the new strategic plan will not receive Board review and approval until the December 13, 2018, regular meeting. Following a brief presentation and questions by the executive director, Treasurer Kirk asked for a motion to approve the budget.

On a motion by Director Gardner, seconded by Director Loughrey, the proposed FY 2018-19 interim operations budget was unanimously approved.

VII. Committee Reports

Vice President Doesserich asked if any of the committee chairs had anything additional to add to the committee minutes included in the Board meeting packet or if there were questions from the Board at large.

VIII. Strategic Plan Update

The executive director thanked members of the Board and NCC partners for their involvement in the strategic planning workshop that was held prior to the current Board meeting.

IX. Executive Director's Report

Due to the combined strategic planning workshop and regular Board of Directors business meeting, no Executive Director's Report was made.

X. Oral Communications

Vice President Doesserich invited members of the Board or public in attendance to address the Board on matters not part of the meeting agenda. 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 13, 2018, in the Community Meeting Room on the Irvine Ranch Water District campus. The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, _____
James Sulentich, Executive Director

ATTEST: _____
Vice President, Diane Doesserich