

# Natural Communities Coalition

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes of Quarterly Meeting

Date: September 19, 2019  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Location: Community Meeting Room  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
15500 Sand Canyon Avenue  
Irvine, CA

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

President Steve LaMar called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. President LaMar led the Board members and other meeting attendees in the flag salute.

### **Roll Call**

The following Directors and/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  
Todd Lewis, California Department of Parks and Recreation  
Stacy Blackwood, County of Orange  
Steve LaMar, Irvine Ranch Water District  
Diane Doesserich, Metropolitan Water District  
Renee Latu, Southern California Edison  
Douglas Feremenga, Transportation Corridor Agencies  
Scott Smith, City of Irvine  
Dean Kirk, Irvine Company  
Nancy Gardner, City of Newport Beach  
Thomas Eastman, At-Large Public Director (Environment)  
Hallie Jones (Alternate), At-Large Public Director (Recreation)  
Michael Recuperero, At-Large Public Director (Business)  
Brian Norton, Orange County Fire Authority  
Tom Maloney, Coastal Greenbelt Authority  
Shelli Lamb, Southwest Resource Management Association  
Kerwin Russell (Alternate), Southwest Resource Management Association

The following Directors were recorded as absent:

Travis Huxman, University of California, Irvine

- II. On a motion by Treasurer Dean Kirk, which was seconded by Director Stacy Blackwood the minutes of the June 20, 2019, meeting were approved** with abstentions from those who were not present at the meeting.

**III. Investment Report: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019**

Daniel Schoessow, Senior Vice President and Senior Investment Officer of Northern Trust, reported on the investment performance of the Endowment, Acquisition and Restoration, Cowbird, and Pacific Pocket Mouse Custodial Funds during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2019.

**IV. Wildland Report:**

**Summary of Proposed Projects in FY 2019-20**

Milan Mitrovich, Science Director for Natural Communities Coalition (NCC), and Danny Fry, Wildland Fire Management Coordinator of NCC provide the Board of Directors an overview of ongoing and new projects proposed for inclusion in the FY 2019-20 draft budget. NCC staff responded to questions.

**V. Financial Report: August 31, 2019**

Treasurer Kirk provided an overview of the August 31, 2019, financials. The Treasurer and Executive Director Jim Sulentic responded to questions from the Board of Directors. President LaMar called for a motion to approve the Financial Report.

**On a motion by Director Nancy Gardner, which was seconded by Director Blackwood, the August 31, 2019, financial report was approved unanimously.**

**VI. FY 2018-19 Proposed Budget**

Executive Director Sulentic directed board members to the analyses and draft FY 2019-20 budget documents in the meeting packet. The draft budget has been vetted by the Finance and Executive Committees. Following the presentation, the executive director called for questions from the Board of Directors. Treasurer Kirk asked that the Board adopt the draft budget as presented.

**On a motion by Director Gardner, seconded by Treasurer Kirk, the proposed FY 2019-20 budget was unanimously approved.**

**VII. Committee Reports**

President LaMar called on committee chairs to provide any updates on committee activities.

**VIII. Strategic Plan Update**

Executive Director Sulentich directed board members to the table in the board meeting packet summarizing progress to date on the implementation of the NCC Strategic Plan.

**IX. Executive Director's Report**

The executive director introduced the Board to a recent staff publication on the use of mobility data to estimate public recreational use of parks and open space enrolled in the Reserve.

**X. Oral Communications**

President LaMar extended an invitation to members of the Board and public in attendance to raise any 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 12, 2019, in the Community Meeting Room on the Irvine Ranch Water District campus. The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
*President, LaMar*