

Natural Communities Coalition

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes of Quarterly Meeting

Date: December 12, 2019
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Community Meeting Room
Irvine Ranch Water District
15500 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA

I. Call to Order

President Steve LaMar called the meeting to order at 1:11 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
Eric Dymmel, California Department of Parks and Recreation
Stacy Blackwood, County of Orange
Steve LaMar, Irvine Ranch Water District
Diane Doesserich, Metropolitan Water District
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)
Elisabeth Brown, At-Large Public Alternate (Environment)
Hallie Jones (Alternate), At-Large Public Director (Recreation)
Michael Recupero, At-Large Public Director (Business)
David Erickson, Orange County Fire Authority
Tom Maloney, Coastal Greenbelt Authority (Director)
Mary Fegraus, Coastal Greenbelt Authority (Alternate)

The following Directors were recorded as absent:

David Mayer, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Kenneth Borngrebe, Southern California Edison

Travis Huxman, University of California, Irvine
Shelli Lamb, Southwest Resource Management Association

- II. On a motion by Director Nancy Gardner, which was seconded by Director Stacy Blackwood, the amended minutes of the September 19, 2019, meeting were approved with abstentions from those who were not present at the meeting.**

III. Investment Report: 3rd 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 3rd Quarter of 2019.

IV. Audited Financial Statements, September 30, 2019

Michael Barloewen, CPA, Partner with Windes, provided the Board of Directors and overview of the draft audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

On a motion by Director Nancy Gardner, which was seconded by Director Stacy Blackwood, the audited financials for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, were approved as submitted.

President LaMar requested that the agenda be modified to allow the Wildland Report to precede the monthly Financial Report as a courtesy to our visiting presenters.

V. Wildland Report

Orange County Wildlife Corridor Camera Monitoring Study: Final Report

Kim Ferree (San Diego Natural History Museum), John Foley (Laguna Greenbelt) and Mary Fegraus (Laguna Greenbelt) provide the Board of Directors a report on a study of the effectiveness and issues associated with the current wildlife corridor linking the coastal wildlands to the foothills.

Update: Upland Habitat Restoration and Seasonal Pool Creation- Western Spadefoot Toad

Danny Fry, NCC Science Coordinator, updated the Board on the status of the project in the coastal portion of the Reserve to enhance breeding habitat for the Western spadefoot toad.

2019 Wildfire Summary for the Central and Coastal Subregion, Orange County

Danny Fry provided a brief overview of the wildland fires that affected the Reserve in 2019.

VI. Financial Report: November 30, 2019

Treasurer Dean Kirk and Executive Director Jim Sulentic provided the Board a brief review of the November 30, 2019, financials. 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 November 30, 2019, financial report was approved unanimously.

VII. Committee Reports

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

VIII. Executive Director's Report

The executive director presented a staffing transition plan in response to the November, 2019, departure of the science director. The plan generated considerable discussion and the ideas shared improved the concept and implementation.

The executive director provided a quarterly overview of progress made on the implementation of the NCC Strategic Plan.

A list of potential quarterly 2020 Board of Directors meeting dates was present for members' consideration.

On a motion by Director Nancy Gardner, which was seconded by Director Stacy Blackwood, the 2020 quarterly Board meeting dates were approved unanimously.

IX. Oral Communications

President LaMar invited meeting attendees to present on matters not part of the meeting agenda. No interest was expressed by the attendees.

X. Closed Session

President LaMar announced that the Board of Directors would go into closed session to conduct the annual review of NCC staff.

XI. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m., on March 19, 2020, in the Community Meeting Room on the Irvine Ranch Water District campus. The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, _____
James Sulentic, Executive Director

ATTEST: _____
President, LaMar