



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Minutes of Quarterly Meeting**

Date: June 18, 2020  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Location: Teleconference

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was held via teleconference in compliance with the orders from the State of California and consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. President Steve LaMar called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The following Directors and/or Alternates, constituting a quorum of the Board, were recorded as present at the meeting:

Kyle Rice (Alternate), California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Eric Dymmel (Alternate), California Department of Parks and Recreation  
John Arnau (Alternate), County of Orange  
Steve LaMar, Irvine Ranch Water District  
Diane Doesserich, Metropolitan Water District  
Renee Latu (Alternate), Southern California Edison  
Travis Huxman, University of California, Irvine  
Douglas Feremenga, Transportation Corridor Agencies  
Nancy Gardner, City of Newport Beach  
Mark Denny, At-Large Public Director (Recreation)  
David Erickson (Alternate), Orange County Fire Authority  
Tom Maloney, Coastal Greenbelt Authority  
Kerwin Russell (Alternate), Southwest Resource Management Association

The following Directors were recorded as absent:

Jonathan Snyder, US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Scott Smith, City of Irvine  
Dean Kirk, Irvine Company

Thomas Eastman, At-Large Public Director (Environment)  
Michael Recupero, At-Large Public Director (Business)

- II. On a motion by Director Nancy Gardner, which was seconded by Alternate Director John Arnau, the minutes of the June 18, 2020, meeting were approved** with abstentions from those who were not present at the meeting.
- III. Investment Report: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020**  
Daniel Schoessow, Senior Vice President and Senior Investment Officer of Northern Trust, provided a performance summary for the Endowment, Acquisition and Restoration, Cowbird, and Pacific Pocket Mouse Custodial Funds during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2020.
- IV. Financial Report: May 31, 2020**  
President LaMar called on the executive director to brief the Board of Directors on the May 31, 2020, financials. Following the report, the president called for a motion to approve the Financial Report.

**On a motion by Director Gardner, which was seconded by Secretary Mark Denny, the May 31, 2020, financial report was approved unanimously.**

**V. Wildland Report**

**A. 2019 Nature Reserve of Orange County Annual Report Update**

Danny Fry, NCC Science Coordinator, provided the Board an overview of the draft 2019 Nature Reserve of Orange County Annual Report. He thanked all the land owners and managers for their timely submissions and embracing the new web-based template.

Following Board action to approve the 2019 draft annual report, the document will be delivered to the Wildlife Agencies for review and comment. Following a response from the Wildlife Agencies NCC staff will call a meeting of the Land Management Committee to discuss comments from the agencies on the annual report and seek feedback on how to improve the template in 2020. President LaMar called for motion to approve the draft 2019 Annual Report.

**On a motion by Director Gardner, which was seconded by Alternate Director Arnau, the draft 2019 NROC Annual Report was approved and released for submission to the Wildlife Agencies.**

**B. Western Spadefoot Toad Pool Creation /Upland Habitat Restoration Update**

Danny Fry provided a progress report on the status of the project in the coastal portion of the Reserve to enhance breeding habitat for the Western spadefoot toad.

**C. Outreach and Engagement Priorities Update**

Darin Loughrey, Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, provided the Board of Director a reminder of the Outreach and Engagement priorities identified in the 2019 – 2021 NCC Strategic Plan driving his work.

**VI. Committee Reports**

President LaMar called on Committee chairs to provide any updates not reflected in the meeting minutes included in the board meeting packet.

**VIII. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Jim Sulentich summarized the impacts Covid-19 safety measures have had on project timelines and staffing. Since the March, 2020, Board meeting NCC staff applied for and received a forgivable loan through the federal government's Paycheck Protection Program. The loan purpose is to partially support staff payroll and other essential expenses during the pandemic.

**IX. Strategic Plan Update**

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

**X. Oral Communications**

President LaMar invited meeting participants to communicate on any topics of interest to the Board.

**XI. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held telephonically at 1:00 p.m., on September 17, 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

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

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*President, LaMar*