



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Minutes of Quarterly Meeting**

Date: December 10, 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 in compliance 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 1:05 p.m.

**II. 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  
Kyle Rice, California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Stacy Blackwood, County of Orange  
Steve LaMar, Irvine Ranch Water District  
Diane Doesserich, Metropolitan Water District  
Douglas Feremenga, Transportation Corridor Agencies  
Dean Kirk, Irvine Company  
Nancy Gardner, City of Newport Beach  
Thomas Eastman, At-Large Public Director (Environment)  
Michael Recuperero, At-Large Public Director (Business)  
Mary Fegraus, Coastal Greenbelt Authority (Alternate)  
Kerwin Russell, Southwest Resource Management Association (Alternate)

The following Directors were recorded as absent:

Todd Lewis, California Department of Parks and Recreation  
Kenneth Borngrebe, Southern California Edison  
Scott Smith, City of Irvine  
Mark Denny, Public Member, At-Large Director Recreation  
Dave Erickson, Orange County Fire Authority

Travis Huxman, University of California, Irvine

**III. Approve Minutes of September 17, 2020 Meeting**

President LaMar requested this item be postponed.

**IV. Investment Report: 3rd Quarter 2020**

President LaMar requested this item be postponed.

**V. Audited Financial Statements, September 30, 2020**

Michael Barloewen, CPA, Partner with Windes, provided the Board of Directors an overview of the draft audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. President LaMar called for a motion to approve the audited financials.

**On a motion by Director Nancy Gardner, which was seconded by Director Michael Recupero, the audited financials for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, were approved as submitted.**

**VI. Financial Report: November 30, 2020**

Danny Fry, Science Coordinator/Wildland Fire Lead, in the absence of the executive director, provided the Board a brief review of the November 30, 2020, financials. President LaMar called for a motion to approve the Financial Report.

**On a motion by Director Gardner, which was seconded by Director Stacy Blackwood, the November 30, 2020, financial report was approved unanimously.**

**VII. Wildland Report**

**A. Silverado Fire Update**

Danny Fry, Science Coordinator/Wildland Fire Lead provided the Board with a brief summary of the October 26, 2020 Silverado Fire which burned 13,738 acres in the southern half of the Central Reserve. He also gave a status report on the active Bond Fire.

**B. Outreach and Strategy for Newly Elected Officials**

Darin Loughrey, Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, presented an update highlighting planned efforts to connect with newly elected officials. Proposed strategies include sending introductory letters, offering presentations, and coordinating guided tours of the Reserve. He also gave a brief summary of the content planned for the January edition of the NCC newsletter. Director Blackwood suggested adding drone aerial footage of the Reserve to the presentations and indicated that OC Parks may be able to assist with this effort.

**C. Strategic Plan Focus of Natural Resource Management**

Mendel Stewart, Natural Resource Management Coordinator, introduced himself to the Board and provided them with a brief summary of his background and work experience. He then presented a summary of the approved Strategic Plan objectives on which he will focus into 2021. Proposed projects include working with the California Botanic Gardens to develop a cost-effective model to provide and distribute regional seeds and plant materials, implementing a pilot grazing program in Weir Canyon, and conducting annual workshops for land managers and direct administrators to discuss long-term Reserve-wide implementation strategies. Director Blackwood suggested reviewing the annual report template to see if edits could be made to capture additional land management information.

**VIII. Committee Reports**

**Administration:** President LaMar invited committee chairs to provide updates on committee activities.

**Science & Land Management:** Danny Fry, Science Coordinator/Wildland Fire Lead provided the Board with a summary of the November Land Management Committee meeting.

**IX. Executive Director's Report**

President LaMar requested this item be postponed.

**A. Proposed 2021 NCC Board Meeting Schedule**

A list of potential quarterly 2021 Board of Directors meeting dates was presented for member's consideration.

**On a motion by Director Dean Kirk, which was seconded by Director Nancy Gardner, the 2021 quarterly Board meeting dates were approved unanimously.**

**B. In-Lieu Mitigation Fee (2021)**

The new rate for the In-Lieu Mitigation Fee for 2021 was provided to the Board.

**X. Strategic Plan Update**

Danny Fry, Science Coordinator/Wildland Fire Lead provided an overview of progress made on the implementation of the NCC Strategic Plan.

**XI. Oral Communications**

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

**XII. Closed Session**

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

**XIII. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m., on March 18, 2021, teleconference meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Danny Fry, Science Coordinator*

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