



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

Date: March 16, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Hybrid Meeting: Irvine Ranch Water District Community Meeting Room and *via* Zoom

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was a hybrid meeting with some members of the Board of Directors participating in-person in the Irvine Ranch Water District Community Meeting Room and others via Zoom Conferencing. Vice President/Treasurer Diane Doesserich called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. The meeting was delayed due to technical issues relating to the Zoom connection.

**Roll Call**

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

Carol Roberts, (Liaison) US Fish and Wildlife Service  
David Mayer, (Alternate) California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Pam Passow (Director), OC Parks  
Douglas Feremenga, (Director) Transportation Corridor Agencies  
Diane Doesserich, (Director) Metropolitan Water District  
Renee Latu, (Alternate) Southern California Edison  
Scott Smith, (Director) City of Irvine  
Mark Denny, (Director) Irvine Company  
Nancy Gardner, (Director) City of Newport Beach  
Michael Recuperero, At-Large Public Director (Business)  
Thomas Eastman, At-Large Public Director (Environment)  
Oscar Rodriguez, At-Large Public Alternate (Environment)  
Hallie Jones, At-Large Public Director (Recreation)  
Carissa Macias, At-Large Public Alternate (Recreation)  
Tom Maloney, (Director) Coastal Greenbelt Authority

The following Directors were recorded as absent:

Kevin Pearsall (Director), California Department of Parks and Recreation  
Steve LaMar, (Director) Irvine Ranch Water District  
Cascade Sorte, (Director) University of California, Irvine  
Jennifer Bower (Director) Orange County Fire Authority  
Shelli Lamb, (Director) Southwest Resource Management Association

II. **Approve Minutes of the December 8, 2022 Meeting**

Vice President/Treasurer Doesserich called for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2022 quarterly meeting.

**On a motion by Director Nancy Gardner, which was seconded by Director Mark Denny, the minutes of the December 8, 2022 meeting was approved** with abstentions from those who were not present at the meeting.

III. **Investment Report: January 1 – December 31, 2022**

Daniel Schoessow, Senior Vice President Portfolio Manager of Northern Trust, provided the Board of Directors a summary of past and current global and domestic markets. Mr. Schoessow provided an overview of the 12-month performance of the NCC investments, with an emphasis on the fourth quarter of 2022, that make up the Endowment, Acquisition and Restoration, Cowbird, and Pacific Pocket Mouse Custodial Funds.

IV. **Financial Report: Februar 28, 2023**

Vice President/Treasurer Doesserich asked the executive director to provide a summary of the February 28, 2023, financials. She said the Asset Report reflects the market's condition described earlier in the Northern Trust report.

Following the report Vice President/Treasurer Doesserich called for a motion to approve the Financial Report.

**On a motion by Director Gardner, which was seconded by Director Pam Passow, the February 28, 2023, financial report was approved unanimously.**

V. **Wildland Report**

*January 2023, Public Opinion Survey.*—Miranda Everitt, Senior Vice President Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates, provided the Board of Directors an overview of the public opinion survey conducted by her company on behalf of NCC in January, 2023. Following the presentation Ms. Everitt responded to questions.

*Strategic Plan Action 4.a, "Partner Professional Development".*—Consistent with the requirement in the current strategic plan, Danny Fry, Science Coordinator/Wildland Fire reported to the Board of Directors that NCC staff received recommendations from land

managers at the November 30, 2022 Land Management Committee meeting relating to their professional development needs that would advance conservation outcomes on the reserve. Staff now has a list upon which it can build an ongoing education program.

VI. **2022 Draft Nature Reserve of Orange County Annual Report.**

Danny Fry, Science Coordinator/Wildland Fire Lead for NCC, provided the Board a brief summary of the draft 2022 NROC Annual Report. During the first quarter every year NCC staff coordinates the assembly of the report that goes to the Wildlife Agencies documenting the past year's land management actions and identifies the proposed workplan for the next year. The NCC Board must approve the draft Annual Report in order for the document to be released to the Wildlife Agencies for review and comment.

Vice President/Treasurer Doesserich called for a motion to approve the draft for submission to the Wildlife Agencies.

**On a motion by Secretary Mark Denny, which was seconded by Director Gardner, the 2022 Draft NROC Annual Report was approved, and its submission to the Wildlife Agencies approved unanimously.**

VII. **2022 Tax Return**

Executive Director Jim Sulentich called Board members' attention to the 2022 Tax Return that was included in the meeting packet. The tax return was prepared by the tax accounting team at CLA. One important difference in this return is the "Facts and Circumstances Test" that was required because our organization's public support percentage was below 33.3% for the last couple of years. The Executive Committee is aware of this issue and will work with staff to get the number back above the threshold.

VIII. **Committee Reports**

Vice President/Treasurer Doesserich referred Board members to the committee minutes in the meeting packet and invited committee chairs to update the full board to any items not captured in the minutes.

VIII. **Executive Director's Report**

*June Meeting and Field Trip.*-- The executive director reminded Board members of the organization's history of combining a short business meeting with a field trip for the June meeting. The practice was suspended during the pandemic, however the Executive Committee and NCC staff are proposing the practice be restarted. More details will be forthcoming.

*2022 – 2024 Strategic Plan Update.*—Executive Director Sulentich summarized the progress made to date on the implementation of the current strategic plan.

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**IX. Oral Communications**

Vice President/Treasurer Doesserich invited questions and announcements from members of the Board and attending public.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business of the NCC Board of Directors the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Vice President/Treasurer, Diane Doesserich*