



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

Date: December 8, 2022

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Hybrid Meeting: Irvine Ranch Water District Board 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 Board Meeting Room at the Irvine Ranch Water District and others via Zoom Conferencing.

President Steve LaMar called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

President LaMar took a moment to welcome and introduce to the Board of Directors two recently appointed directors and one alternate:

- Director Pam Passow, Interim OC Parks Director, and
- Director Kevin Pearsall, California Department of Parks and Recreation
- Alternate Scott Hatch, Wildland Resource Planner, Orange County Fire Authority

**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  
Karen Drew, (Director) California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Kevin Pearsall (Director), California Department of Parks and Recreation  
Riley Pratt (Alternate), California Department of Parks and Recreation  
Pam Passow (Director), OC Parks  
Jennifer Shook, (Alternate) County of Orange  
Steve LaMar, (Director) Irvine Ranch Water District  
Douglas Feremenga, (Director) Transportation Corridor Agencies  
Diane Doesserich, (Director) Metropolitan Water District  
Renee Latu, (Alternate) Southern California Edison  
Cascade Sorte, (Director) University of California, Irvine  
Scott Smith, (Director) City of Irvine

Mark Denny, (Director) Irvine Company  
Nancy Gardner, (Director) City of Newport Beach  
Michael Recupero, 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)  
Jennifer Bower (Director) Orange County Fire Authority  
Scott Hatch, (Alternate) Orange County Fire Authority  
Tom Maloney, (Director) Coastal Greenbelt Authority

The following Director was recorded as absent:

Shelli Lamb, (Director) Southwest Resource Management Association

II. **Approve Minutes of the September 15, 2022 Meeting**

President LaMar called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2022 quarterly meeting.

**On a motion by Director Nancy Gardner, which was seconded by Vice President/Treasurer Diane Doesserich, the minutes of the September 15, 2022 meeting was approved** with abstentions from those who were not present at the meeting.

III. **Investment Report: January 1 – September 30, 2022**

Daniel Schoessow, Senior Vice President Portfolio Manager of Northern Trust, provided the Board of Directors a brief lesson on key aspects of the financial market history with a focus on the current month. Mr. Schoessow provided an overview of the nine-month performance of the NCC investments that make up the Endowment, Acquisition and Restoration, Cowbird, and Pacific Pocket Mouse Custodial Funds.

IV. **Audited Financial Statements, September 30, 2022**

President LaMar introduced Deana Bowden, CPA, with CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, to provide a summary of the recently completed draft NCC financial audit. He shared with the Board that Ms. Bowden provided a similar summary to the Audit Committee days earlier and committee members recommended the audit to the Board of Directors for approval.

Following the presentation of the draft financial audit, Ms. Bowden responded to Board member questions. President LaMar called for a motion to approve the September 30, 2022, Financial Audit as presented.

**On a motion by Director Mike Recupero, which was seconded by Director Gardner, the September 30, 2022 Financial Audit was unanimously approved as presented.**

V. **Financial Report: November 30, 2022**

President LaMar invited Vice President/Treasurer Doesserich to summarize the highlights of the November 30, 2022 financials. She said the Asset Report reflects the market's condition described earlier in the Northern Trust report. She then asked the executive director to summarize the information in the Disbursements and Deposits, and Profit and Loss statements.

Following the report President LaMar called for a motion to approve the Financial Report.

**On a motion by Secretary Mark Denny, which was seconded by Director Gardner, the November 30, 2022, financial report was approved unanimously.**

VI. **Wildland Report**

Southern California Edison Alternate, Renee Latu, Compensatory Mitigation Program Coastal and Mitigation Projects Manager provided a brief overview of Southern California Edison's CROPS Notification Program. The utility has ongoing infrastructure maintenance and enhancement projects essential to the delivery of their services. The CROPS Notification Program has been extraordinarily effective at keeping landowners and land managers informed of these activities allowed under the easements and NCCP/HCP for Central and Coastal Orange County.

President LaMar thanked Ms. Latu for the presentation and for Edison's commitment to improved communication with NCC and its partners.

VII. **Committee Reports**

President LaMar called the Board's attention to the Executive, and Outreach and Engagement Committees minutes in the packet. He then invited all committee chairs to provide updates.

VIII. **Executive Director's Report**

*Strategic Plan Update.*-- The executive director called Board members' attention to the 2022 – 2024 Strategic Plan dashboard included in the meeting packet. He summarized progress to date on the approved actions.

*Proposed 2023 Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting Schedule and Location.*—Executive Director Jim Sulentic proposed a schedule of the quarterly meeting dates as reviewed and recommended by the Executive Committee. The dates, times and meeting locations are as follows:

- Thursday, March 16, 2023, 1:00 p.m., IRWD Community Meeting Room;

- Thursday, June 15, 2023, 1:00 p.m., (Tentative Business Meeting and Field Trip location to be announced);
- Thursday, September 23, 2023, 1:00 p.m., IRWD Community Meeting Room, and
- Thursday, December 14, 2023, 1:00 p.m., IRWD Community Meeting Room.

All meetings at the IRWD Community Meeting Room will be a hybrid format. The June 15<sup>th</sup> business meeting/field trip will be in-person.

*Board Roster Review.*—The executive director requested that members of the Board of Directors review the board roster in the meeting packet and send any corrections *via* email to his attention.

**IX. Oral Communications**

President LaMar provided an opportunity for Board members and guests with to ask questions on matters not on the meeting agenda.

**X. Closed Session followed by Adjournment**

As is customary, President LaMar asked all attendees, other than Board members, to step out of the meeting so members could participate in the performance review of the executive director.

Following the Closed Session, President LaMar called the quarterly meeting back into session. There being no further business of the NCC Board of Directors the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

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

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