

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WARNER RANCH COMMITTEE OF THE
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

February 18, 2009

A Meeting of the Warner Ranch Committee of Vista Irrigation District was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Dorey and MacKenzie.

Committee members absent: None.

Staff present: Roy Coox, General Manager; Don Smith, Director of Water Resources; and Angela Morrow, Water Resources Project Manager.

Other attendees: General Counsel Joel Kuperberg.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

No public comments were presented on items not appearing on the agenda.

5. DISTRICT INVOLVEMENT WITH THE EAST COUNTY MULTIPLE SPECIES CONSERVATION PLAN (ECMSCP)

Director of Water Resources Don Smith provided notes from the meeting with County staff in charge of the ECMSCP (attached hereto as Exhibit A). The Committee also discussed the ECMSCP Steering Committee meeting that Mr. Smith and Water Resources Project Manager Angela Morrow had attended. The Committee accepted the reports from staff, both verbal and written, and directed staff to keep monitoring this County initiative.

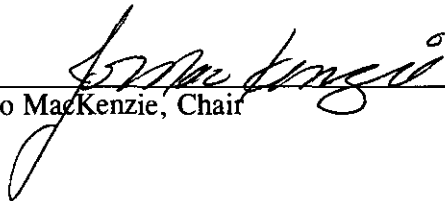
6. MASTER PLAN OF THE WARNER RANCH AND INTERFACE WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO'S GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Smith provided notes from the meeting with County staff in charge of the General Plan Update (attached hereto as Exhibit B). The Committee also discussed the General Plan Update Interest Group meeting Mr. Smith and Ms. Morrow had attended. The Committee accepted the reports, both verbal and written, and directed staff to keep monitoring this County initiative.

The Committee concurred that, as District resources allow, staff should begin assembling resources in-house to begin master planning existing and potential land uses on the Warner Ranch. The retention of professional consulting assistance was discussed, but deferred pending upcoming budget discussions.

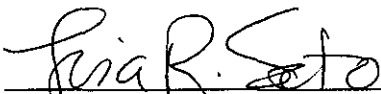
8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair MacKenzie adjourned the meeting 11:50 a.m.



Jo MacKenzie, Chair

ATTEST:



Lisa R. Soto, Secretary
Board of Directors
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

**East County Multiple Species Conservation Program Update Meeting
County of San Diego Department of Planning and Land Use
February 17, 2009
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Tom Oberbauer, County DPLU
Sabrina Ozturk, DPLU
Bobbie Stephenson, DPLU
Jared Underwood, DPLU
Don Smith, VID
Angela Morrow, VID

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The County feels that the draft MOU from December 2006 might memorialize our intent to cooperate with each other, but that, unless the District intends to become part of the ECMSCP (discussed below), they do not feel it is important to execute such an MOU. The County has executed MOUs with the Rincon Indian Band and the BLM. These MOU's are more specific than the proposed MOU with the District and will lead to those agencies receiving take permits for covered species for specific projects on their lands. County staff has worked closely with Rincon in conjunction with the North County MSCP, however it has been some time since they have coordinated with them. County staff has also had extensive discussions with State Parks regarding their potential participation with the ECMSCP, but did not recall if State Parks has signed an MOU.

Working Draft Focused Conservation Areas (FCA) Map

The draft FCA map presents both the assumptions underlying and the results of the proposed preserve design analysis performed by the computerized modeling, using the Marxan model. The Modeling effort was reviewed by the Resource Agencies and independent science advisors. The District's property is labeled as "RMS 3 – Land Managed as Open Space". The resource management status (RMS) 3 category assumes that 75% of the habitat provided by the property remains available for the modeled species.

The species prediction model was created using GIS data and an excel table. County staff stated that they would share this data with the District if asked. The GIS layers include slopes, elevations, and vegetation.

Potential District Participation in the ECMSCP

If the District is interested in getting permits for take of endangered species under the ECMSCP, it would probably best be accomplished in a sub-area plan. The Resource Agencies would require the District develop detailed plans for development and conservation within the Warner Ranch. They would also require criteria to be developed for land preservation. Tom stated that

if the District already has a plan with specific projects and conservation areas identified then it may be beneficial to participate in the ECMSCP. If the District is interested, County staff would need to talk with the Resource Agencies first. County staff is concerned that this process could delay the ECMSCP several years, which they would not tolerate. Another option may be to create a structure in the text of the ECMSCP which would fit the District's current plans for its property and would benefit both the District and the County.

A sub area plan is currently being done for the North County MSCP and will be available for public review and comment by February 20, 2009. Tom mentioned that Hardline projects are similar to sub-area plans and could be used as examples. Tom also stated that the Resource Agencies have not agreed to all of the Hardline Projects.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee currently has more members than County staff feel is manageable. Other public agencies with land in the East County, such as BLM and State Parks, do not have representatives on the Committee. The public has an opportunity to comment at every meeting, and every comment is addressed by County staff.

Tom mentioned that being on the Committee may make sense if the District is moving forward with a sub-area plan to the ECMSCP, or is ready to discuss detailed proposed developments and conservation areas on the Warner Ranch. If the District is not going to be a part of the ECMSCP or if it is undecided, then it would not be appropriate for the District to be on the Committee.

**General Plan 2020 Update Meeting
County of San Diego Department of Planning and Land Use
February 11, 2009
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Devon Muto, County DPLU
Eric Lardy, DPLU
Don Smith, VID
Angela Morrow, VID

Draft General Plan Referral Map

Devon explained that the intent of the Public/Semi-Public Facilities category is to identify public facilities with high intensity uses such as schools and prisons. VID's Warner Ranch does not fit this criterion and County staff was not familiar with all of the current and past activities on the Ranch, so land use designation was initially changed to the Open Space Conservation category. The intent of the Open Space Conservation category is for land that has been set aside for conservation, ideally with conservation easements. Devon and Eric agreed that Open Space Conservation category was not appropriate for the Warner Ranch. Devon stated that they would create or modify another land use category that would be suitable for the public ownership and indeterminate purposes of the Warner Ranch. Devon would notify VID staff of his intended approach prior to the next revision of the General Plan map.

Using an aerial photo as a guide, Don explained the past and present activities that have occurred on the Ranch. Several potential categories for the Ranch were discussed. They included creating new categories such as Local Public Lands, Water District Lands, and Public / Semi-Public Lands (as distinct from Public/Semi-Public Facilities); or revising the existing National Forrest and State Parks category to National Forest, State Parks and Local Public Lands. Devon will consider this matter and let Don know of their preferred approach within the next month.

The next version of the General Plan Referral Map is anticipated to be released in late summer or early fall 2009. The County's goal is to have the General Plan adopted in fall 2010.

Zoning

Questions were raised about the current zoning of parcels within the Ranch. Devon stated that the County has started revising the zoning ordinance. He stated that County staff will work with VID staff to determine the zoning most appropriate for Ranch parcels.

Draft North Mountain Mobility Network

Eric stated that the road shown crossing VID property east of Highway 79 and north of S-2 is in error and will be removed.