

AGENDA

NORTH ETIWANDA PRESERVE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING (CSA 120)

October 18, 2012
2:30 P.M.

8575 Haven Avenue, Suite 130
Environmental Health Department Meeting Room
(Corner of Haven and Arrow Rte.)
Ranch Cucamonga

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2012 – At the July meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed a draft MOU with the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District. The IERCD is to aid CSA 120 in the implementation of a North Etiwanda Preserve Wildlife Trial Education Program under a \$100,000 Habitat Conservation Grant. The Board also discussed the pending Sphere of Influence establishment proposal that is under review by LAFCO (Board Chair, Dianna Lee).
3. Public Comment – Each speaker has up to five minutes to comment on agenda items or express views to the District Board of Directors (Board Chair, Dianna Lee).
4. USGS - Western Ecological Research Center Presentation on Gnatcatcher Survey – The San Diego Field Station of the USGS is conducting genetic studies of California Gnatcatchers in coastal California. The goal of our study is to evaluate the degree of genetic connectivity among California Gnatcatcher populations in San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. California Gnatcatchers are obligate residents of coastal sage or alluvial fan sage scrub, and are limited naturally by the patchy distribution of their chosen habitats, but populations have become further fragmented in recent decades by urbanization, habitat degradation, and stochastic events such as wildfire. As a result, populations of California Gnatcatchers have diminished in size and distribution, and occur largely as islands in a matrix of generally unsuitable habitat. Among the possible consequences of fragmentation on viability of California Gnatcatchers is genetic isolation, which could lead to loss of genetic variability and ability to adapt to changing environments (Amy Vandergast, Ph.D., Research Geneticist USGS, Western Ecological Research Center).
5. Endowment Interest Report – Total interest earnings posted for each of the past quarters have averaged below 1%. Interest for the previous quarter was .494% (four tenths of a %). A balance of \$ 1,610,089 is currently in the endowment account (Tim Millington, Special Districts).
6. North Etiwanda Preserve Operation and Maintenance – An update will be given regarding trends of use, projects, clean-ups and items being addressed. Damaged concrete tables at the upper panoramic look out have been repaired (Tim Millington, Special Districts & Board Chair, Dianna Lee).
7. Sub Committee Updates – Various committee members will update other board members on items being undertaken at the committee level. Committees: Fire Management Plan, Ordinance Development, Fee Review, Education & Website, Volunteer Recruitment, and Biology. Committees have met at least once and other future meetings are to be scheduled (NEP Board Members and Tim Millington, Special Districts).
8. Update on LAFCO Application to Establish a Sphere Area for CSA 120 – LAFCO Department Review Committee hearing was held on May 3, 2012. Comments and determinations from the LAFCO hearing were presented to Special Districts. Special Districts formulated responses in a letter dated July 10, 2012 and submitted the letter along with other supporting documents requested. LAFCO is reviewing information submitted (Tim Millington, Special Districts).
9. Board Comment
8. Next Quarterly Meeting Date: Thursday, January 17, 2013
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