Southwestern Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve Reserve Management Committee Meeting Wednesday, December 2, 2020 – 1:00 pm Meeting Conducted Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Meeting Notes

RMC Members Present

Dustin McLain (Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District/Parks)
Alex Marks (Metropolitan Water District of Southern California/MWD)
Brian Shomo (Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency/RCHCA)
James Thiede (United States Fish and Wildlife Services)
Richard Kim (California Department of Fish and Wildlife)

Other Attendees

Joe Sherrock (Parks), Gail Barton (Public), Tania Asef (MWD), Dustin McLain (Parks), Kyla Brown (Parks)

1. Call to order and introductions – The meeting was called to order at 1:03.

2. Public comments

Gail Barton stated she had not received the meeting notice or attachments. Dustin indicated that he would ensure she will be notified of future meetings.

3. Approval of meeting notes – June 3, 2020 meeting notes were presented and discussed.

MOTION to approve the meeting notes as presented for the June meeting Motion – Brian Shomo; Second – Dustin McLain; Motion approved

4. Reserve Manager Report - The Reserve manager will present the annual report for 2019-2020 and Reserve management activities report addressing (a) natural resources management, (b) patrol, (c) maintenance, and (d) interpretative program.

Joe presented the December 2020 reserve management report. Highlights from the written report were as follows.

- Reserve staff restored 0.5 acres of Riversidean Sage Scrub in the north Domenigoni
 Hills impacted by arson last year and collected seed nearby for future planting on the
 site.
- Edison contractor (Sturgeon) is replacing infrastructure and transmission lines.
- Installed additional wildlife cameras for ongoing large mammal surveys.
- Installed reptile survey coverboards in the Tucalota Hills and Rawson Canyon areas.

Joe presented the 2019/2020 annual management report. Highlights from the written report were as follows:

- Prescribed burns were conducted on 98 acres at the Pig Farm (32 acres), East Bachelor (26 acres), and Domenigoni (40 acres) units.
- Staff mowed approximately 480 acres of non-native grasslands across multiple management units.
- Installed approximately 100 native plants in the Tucalota Creeks restoration site. The Vegetation Management report showed 98 acres of prescribed burns and 480 acres were mowed. Staff conducted restoration at Tucalota Creek, planting 125 plants, and replacing plants as needed.
- Vegetation Management consisted of nine miles of roadside weed abatement and managing bassia and stinket in areas surrounding Diamond Valley Lake.
- Conducted SKR management activities on 578 acres of suitable habitat including mowing, herbicide treatment, and prescribed burns.
- Alamos Schoolhouse had 1067 visitors, and 147 attended speaker programs until programming was closed due to COVID-19 in March.
- 5. Round table RMC members will provide updates on Reserve-related activities of their agencies. (a) Alex indicated that the RFP process was nearly completed.
- **6.** Adjourn At 1:57 PM the meeting was adjourned.