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AGENDA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MEETING TIME: Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 2:00PM
LOCATION: BLM large conference room, 300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest & 44404 16th St. W. Ste #204, Lancaster CA 93534 (Skype location)

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CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

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EKCRCD Committee Reports:

- **Water Resources** (Thomas/Decker/Powell)-Discuss 1/12/17 committee meeting (written report handed out at meeting) and vote on recommendations:
 - 1) Approve the following budget revision of line item for CIMIS stations:
Approve \$20,000 for 2016-17 budget for CIMIS projects and then re-visit the amount for the 2017-18 budget.
 - 2) Approve sending a \$10,000 commitment letter to Stephan Bork supporting the CIMIS project at the NAWS golf course.
- **Wildlife** (Buckreis/Merk/Sanders)-Written report handed out at meeting. Recommendations for long-range plan and capacity building discussed under Action Items.
- **Air Quality** (McKernan/Merk/Baker)-Written report handed out at meeting. Recommendations for long-range plan discussed under Action Items.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Amend and approve draft long-range plan.
 - Discuss recommendations for long-range plan proposed by Wildlife committee:
 - 1) Continue to purchase signs for guzzlers.
 - 2) Produce brochures, featuring mammals, reptiles, and birds, for public distribution.

- 3) Work with the Xeriscape committee to produce plant information brochures and possibly reprinting the IWWWD's booklet "Landscape Plants for the California High Desert."
- 4) Enter into Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the BLM, CA Fish and Wildlife, Quail Forever Chapter 3176, and the Audubon Society regarding wildlife and mitigation projects as they emerge.
- 5) Investigate appropriate mitigation-land application process for special districts.

-Discuss recommendation for long-range plan proposed by Air Quality committee:
Explore methods of compacting roads and disturbed lands by working with partners and using compost materials and/or native plants.

- Create and approve work plan and budget for RCD Financial Assistance Program application.
-Discuss completing "Application for Governmental Entity, Special District, or Non-Profit Organization Requesting to Hold and Manage Mitigation Land" as a capacity building project with an estimated 50 hours of additional staff time to process the application.

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