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### **Minutes of the SMRPD Board special meeting, 10-30-02**

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 PM. All directors were present. No members of the public were present. Children's Center Program Director Lockridge was not present.

There were two **corrections to the agenda**: the date October 27 was changed to October 30 and the date of the SMRPD Board's next meeting was changed from November 12 to November 14.

Director Levy noted that it would be "very challenging" to complete all the board's business if they met only once a month. Director Hunt mentioned that the board had met twice monthly in previous years. Director Boeck confirmed this from his perusal of previous board minutes. Directors Levy, Johnson, and Boeck expressed their desire to have board meetings twice monthly. Director Hunt offered to put this topic on the agenda for the next meeting on Nov. 14.

#### **Closed session:**

The board went into **closed session** at 7:27 PM.

Closed session report:

Director May **made a motion** to set the Children's Center Program Director's salary at \$43,680 per annum. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Johnson **made a motion** to solicit bids for an operational audit of the Children's Center.

The motion passed unanimously.

The board went back into **open session** at 8:12 PM.

#### **Other business:**

##### **A. Discuss position and legal assistance on Silverado Ranch Development (Riviera)**

Director Hunt spoke to Frank McGill (PDSO) about requiring Marnell Corrao to rehabilitate the Riviera property. Marnell Corrao has expressed their desire to make a cash contribution for the rehabilitation to whoever ends up owning the Riviera (the County of Orange or this district).

Director May contacted the California Attorney General's office and they refused to represent our special district concerning our dispute with the county over land use issues. Director May also contacted attorneys Andrew Lichtman and Doug Carstens. The recommendation of both Directors May and Boeck is that the board hire Doug Carstens (Chatten-Brown and Associates) to represent the district concerning this matter. It was agreed that Director Boeck would handle communications with the attorney, as he is on the legal compliance committee.

At this time there was a discussion of the serious auto accident that took place in front of the Silverado Community Center on October 25; the role, if any, that the fill material placed earlier this year on the road shoulder may have played in causing the accident; and the desire of Director Johnson that the board revisit the important issue of lowering the speed limit in the area.

**B. Discuss Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary issue.**

There was a discussion of the issues raised at the previous night's meeting held in Modjeska Canyon concerning the CSUF Foundation's closure of the Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary.

The board talked about writing a letter of support for the Friends of the Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary, or maybe a letter to Bill Dickerson of the CSUF Foundation asking for local representation on the foundation board. It was decided to first have further conversations with residents of Modjeska Canyon who have both the skills and enthusiasm to help with the situation.

Director May spoke about her overall vision that the Holtz Ranch be preserved as a nature center that showcases a historical Orange County setting, along with Madame Modjeska's home and the Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary as an ecological and environmental site.

Director Johnson offered to speak to Bonnie Smith and Director Hunt offered to speak to Jim Sill and Dean Brown in preparation for the letter or offer of cooperation. Director Johnson also offered to draft the letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 PM.

**These minutes were approved at the 11-14-02 SMRPD Board meeting.  
Mike Boeck, Board Secretary**