



## **RIO ESCONDIDO PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

### **WILDLIFE COMMITTEE CHARTER**

The Rio Escondido Wildlife Committee (WSC) exists to provide an objective and transparent representation for all Rio Escondido owners on all issues regarding property tax evaluations in Rio Escondido. The Wildlife Committee shall provide recommendations for both timely and strategic property tax issues to the REPOA Board of Directors. The Wildlife Committee will work with county officials, and REPOA members to make advantageous property tax evaluation a priority, while considering the whole community.

The Wildlife Committee is established under Article VI, Section 6 of the REPOA Bylaws, dated 24 June 2020.

#### **Expiration**

This charter for the Wildlife Committee will be established with an initial term of 3 years. Prior to expiration, the Board of Directors may decide to a) renew this charter for an annual term, or b) remove the Expiration from the committee. Should the committee charter expire, the responsibilities designated as "Working with the Communication and Social Committee" will become the sole responsibility of the Communication and Social Committee.

#### **Membership**

Any member of the Rio Escondido Property Owners Association can be a member of the Wildlife Committee. The Wildlife Committee shall strive for membership that reflects a broad cross-section of landowners within Rio Escondido.

#### **Appointments and Elections**

The Board shall appoint the Chairperson of the Wildlife Committee. Members of the WSC may make recommendations to the Board of Directors for the appointment of a Chairperson. Other officers of the Committee may be elected by the Committee membership as deemed necessary and appropriate. The WSC Chairperson, or his or her designee, shall be responsible for chairing meetings of the Committee. The WSC shall have a minimum of three members at all times. There is no limit to the number of members who can be appointed. The members of this Committee can be appointed and removed by the Board or the Chairperson of the Wildlife Committee at any time, with or without cause.

#### **Term**

The Wildlife Committee Chairperson serves a one-year term, based on first meeting after an Annual meeting. They can be re-appointed for an unlimited number of terms. Their term ends if they cease to be a member of the Rio Escondido Property Owners Association or resign. The Board or the Chairperson of the Wildlife Committee may appoint additional members at any time during the year.

### **Authority**

The Chairperson shall have authority to request proposals and information from contractors or potential contractors, vendors, and relevant emergency management services professionals with regard to wildlife communication. The Wildlife Committee shall have the authority to setup communication schedules and service level agreements (SLAs). The Wildlife Committee shall from time to time be granted additional authorities by the Board in order to be able to satisfy its responsibilities.

### **Responsibilities**

The Wildlife Committee shall be responsible for:

- Facilitating local property tax communication
- Encouraging and facilitating successful Wildlife property tax assessments
- Working with the Communication and Social Committee to
  - Maintaining a repository of sample tax reports & wildlife plans for the REPOA
  - Provide periodic reminders for wildlife activities with ideas
  - Organize community facilitated wildlife opportunities
  - Provide wildlife information about topics that impact the community, such as
    - Cedar clearing for water table restoration
    - Mitigation of Oak Wilt
- Working with all stakeholders to develop an AG to Wildlife Transition Plan
- Reporting to the Board of Directors

### **Reporting**

In the interest of ensuring strong communications between the Board of Directors and the Committee, it is expected that the Committee Chairperson or his or her designee will attend each regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Directors or, in lieu thereof, to submit a written report to the Board at least 3 days prior to Board of Directors meeting.

### **Meetings**

The Wildlife Committee shall meet a minimum of 1 time a month, but may meet more often as decided by the Committee Chair. At least one member shall attend Board meetings to provide an update.


### **Budget**

The Wildlife Committee is responsible for making communication funding recommendations to the REPOA Board of Directors. The Wildlife Committee shall not have a budget, nor is it allowed to expend REPOA funds.

### **Other**

The Wildlife Committee shall strive to ensure all recommendations for Wildlife are based on solid research and experience. The goal of the Wildlife Committee is to facilitate the access of information and not to provide specific property tax advice. The Wildlife Committee shall strive to recruit and nominate members as it has need.

Adopted on June 14, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_  
By REPOA Board of Directors

  
Robert Carey  
President, REPOA