

Southern California Bluebird Club
DBA: Cavity Conservation Initiative
Minutes September 1, 2018
Irvine Ranch Water District

Bill Wallace opened the meeting at 9:00 am. There were 32 people present. New members were introduced: **Allen Moris** and his mother, **Emma Benivetas** from Garden Grove, also **Jane and David Olinger**.

Bill Wallace reminded members there are several trails that need monitors or need cleaning out at season's end. Members were encouraged to contact Bill and let him know which trails you are interested in.

Jo-Ann Collier read the Treasurer's report: The Bluebird club took in \$143.00 in donations and a \$25.00 honorarium for **Bob Franz's** presentation. Expenses include a donation to the National Bluebird Society for \$50.00, the California Bluebird Recovery Program for \$100.00, and last month's Speaker, **Mike McReynolds** from A Rocha USA, on Scarlet Mc Caws for \$100.00. Our net balance is \$3887.63. Our CCI program received an honorarium for \$100.00 and spent \$100.00 for professional services, leaving a net balance of \$9214.32. Our combined net balance is \$13101.95.

Our club has paid for two booths at the Urban Landscape and Garden Education Expo on September 29, from 9:00 until 2:00. **Mark La Morte** explained that the program is primarily for research for growers. They research urban water runoff, nutrition programs, bees and back yard chickens. They also started the Master Garden Program back in 1981. They also use a water monitoring system, solar generated, which lets the farmer know the exact amount of water needed.

Mike Azevedo, from Northern California, spoke to the members regarding a possible California State conference. Members came up with several suggestions:
Conduct a one day conference the day before the San Diego Bird Festival; Meet in our current meeting room for an extended time frame; Meet the day before the Moro Bay bird festival. We will continue to discuss options at October's meeting.

Mary demonstrated a Nest Watch app that allows monitors to record detailed data for each nest box and then send that information directly to Cornell University. The app is free and is user friendly.

Respectively submitted, **Jo-Ann Collier**