# THE AMENDED BYLAWS OF EL RANCHO REATA COMMUNITY ALLIANCE BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

#### BYLAW I

1.01 NAME

The name of this organization shall be "El Rancho Reata Community Alliance", hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as "the Alliance".

1.02 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Alliance shall be:

- (a) To provide opportunities for members to meet and discuss topics of interest regarding the Alliance, the development of El Rancho Reata Community, Benton County area, and the State of Washington.
- (b) To determine needs and promote solutions in partnership with members of the Alliance.
- (c) To stimulate better neighbor relations.

### **BYLAW II**

2.01 MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Any household or property owner located within the area serviced by Badger Mountain Irrigation District is eligible for membership in this Alliance.
- (b) Anyone eligible for membership may become a member by expressing his or her desire to become affiliated with the Alliance, an expressed willingness to comply with these Bylaws, and intention to pay annual dues (4.01) to the Treasurer of the Alliance.

## **BYLAW III**

3.01 OFFICERS

The officers of the Alliance shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary I, Secretary I, and Treasurer.

3.02 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board of Directors shall be comprised of the current officers, immediate past President of the Alliance and up to 5 Directors. The immediate past President shall serve as a pool of historic information and advise the president. Duration of the term of each director shall be twelve (12) months.

3.03 NOMINATIONS

A nomination committee composed of the officers shall contact possible nominees, and (with the nominee's permission) nominate at least one member for each office. The names of those persons nominated are to be sent to the membership with the notice of the election meeting by the Secretary II. Further nominations may then be made from the floor at the scheduled meeting.

3.04 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers shall be conducted at the regular February meeting of the Alliance. The Secretary II shall be responsible for sending notices of the time, date and place of the election meeting to the membership. The time limit to vote is specified in Bylaw 6.03, TIME LIMIT OF VOTE. The term of office for the elected officers shall be twelve (12) months for all officers, starting from the time of election to the end of February of the following year.

3.05 RESIGNATION OF OFFICERS

In the event of the resignation of an officer, Board of Directors shall nominate a replacement from the membership to fill the office for the remainder of the term. The new officer shall be elected by the membership at the next meeting of the alliance. Except that the office of the President shall automatically be filled by the Vice President

# 3.06 PROVISIONS FOR RECALLING OFFICERS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers are removed from their position on the Board of Directors if sixty percent of the current membership signs a recall petition. In the event of a recall of an officer, the Board of Directors shall elect a replacement from the membership (with the member's approval) to fill the office for the remainder of the term, except that of the office of President shall automatically be filled by the Vice President. A new Vice President shall be elected at the next meeting of the Alliance.

### 3.07 COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint members to serve on standing committees, and ad hoc committees as deemed necessary by the officers.

# 3.08 DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

It shall be the duty of the President:

- (a) To perform the normal duties of that office.
- (b) To make certain that other officers perform their duties in accordance with these Bylaws.
- (c) To serve as Chairperson of the Board of Directors.
- (d) To serve as the registered agent of the Alliance.

## 3.09 DUTIES OF THE

VICE PRESIDENT

It shall be the duty of the Vice President:

- (a) To handle meeting arrangements to meet the needs of scheduled Alliance meetings.
- (b) To assist Committee Chairpersons when required.
- (c) To substitute for the President as required.

# 3.10 DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY I

It shall be the duty of the Secretary I:

- (a) To record minutes and meeting attendance and to keep current all recordings of Alliance activities and meetings.
- (b) To preside at Alliance meetings in the absence of the President and Vice President, in which instance the Secretary I shall appoint another member to take the minutes.
- (c) To carry on such other correspondence of the Alliance as the President or officers may direct.
- (d) To make arrangements prior to any meeting for another member to take minutes in his/her absence.

# 3.11 DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY II.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary II:

- (a) To send notices of the time, place and date of meetings to members at least four days prior to a meeting with the exception of ten days notice if an assessment vote is pending per Bylaw 4.02, ASSESSMENTS.
- (b) To prepare and distribute the monthly Alliance Newsletter
- (c) To send to the Alliance members a copy of the Alliance Bylaws before the next regular scheduled meeting after their adoption or amendment.
- (d) To record and keep current the Directory of Membership, and meeting attendance.

## 3.12 DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:

- (a) To receive and record all financial transactions of the Alliance.
- (b) Make a report on the status of accounts at each scheduled meeting. In the event that the Treasurer cannot make the scheduled meeting, the President shall make the report to the members.
- (c) Conduct the annual collection of membership dues in October of each year, and maintain records and location of Alliance property.

## 3.13 DUTIES OF

**DIRECTORS** 

It shall be the duty of the Directors to serve as an executive committee to administer the affairs of the Alliance between meetings.

#### 3.14 MEETING

REPRESENTATION The Alliance shall be represented at any meeting of interest to the Alliance by the President or an official delegate, if possible. Other officers shall be alternates in the order given in Bylaw

3.01, OFFICERS. It shall be the duty of the delegate to represent the best interests of the

Alliance.

## BYLAW IV

# 4.01 MEMBERSHIP

DUES

Annual dues shall be payable in October and shall be \$25.00 in accordance with the eligible membership as given in Bylaw 2.01, MEMBERSHIP.

4.02 PROJECTS

The Alliance may sponsor various projects provided any proceeds from said projects would be used to finance scholarships, fellowships, and other charitable organizations or institutions, or advance the purpose of the Alliance. Ad hoc committees will be formed to study and carry out special projects as authorized by the Board of Directors, to identify and enhance the image of the Alliance in the community. Also, ad hoc committees will conduct studies and carry out special projects, as authorized by the Board of Directors, to define needs of the residents of the Rancho Reata community.

4.03 DONATIONS

The Alliance may accept private donations which have been designated for the purpose of furthering the causes (1.02 PURPOSE) of the Alliance or for defraying the expense of Alliance operations.

4.04 SOLICITATIONS

No member, or individual, nor organization may solicit any support (including moral or financial) without the prior knowledge and approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

# 4.05 DISTRIBUTION OF

**NET EARNINGS** 

No part of the net earnings of the Alliance will inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to members, officers or Directors of the Alliance.

4.06 DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Alliance, the residual assets shall be distributed to the current paid members of the Alliance on an equal share per current member basis.

## BYLAW V

# 5.01 OFFICERS'

**MEETINGS** 

The President, as he or she deems necessary or upon receiving in writing, a petition signed by two officers, shall call within ten days a meeting of the Board of Directors to plan Alliance activities or to act upon urgent business.

#### 5.02 ALLIANCE

**MEETINGS** 

Alliance meetings may be held throughout each year and may occur in conjunction with special activities and programs to further the purpose of the Alliance.

5.03 VOTING

Each household or property owner is limited to one vote.

5.04 QUORUM

Business may be transacted at any scheduled meeting of the Alliance, with approval being a simple majority of those present, including those who have submitted a valid proxy. Notification of scheduled meetings is defined in Bylaw 3.10, DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY II. At the discretion of the officers, approval on any above-mentioned business may be delayed until the entire membership can be notified and polled.

5.05 RULES OF

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the proceedings of all meetings of the Alliance ORDER

except as provided in these Bylaws.

#### BYLAW VI

6.01 PROPOSED

**AMENDMENTS** Amendments to these Bylaws shall be proposed in the following manner:

- (a) By a current paid member of the Alliance at a regular meeting, or
- (b) By a majority of the officers at any time.

Any amendment proposed in the manner specified in Bylaw 6.01, PROPOSED 6.02 ADOPTION

> AMENDMENTS, will be adopted at the next general meeting of the Alliance by majority vote of those present, when approved by the affirmative vote. The proposed Amendments must first be sent to the General Membership 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting for review.

#### **BYLAW VII**

7.01 ENACTMENT

These Bylaws and amendments shall be in force when signed by the President of the Alliance and upon approval under 6.02 ADOPTION.

I Wayne Underwood

, accept the Amended Bylaws as written and approved this  $\frac{3}{\text{Day}}$  of  $\frac{\text{April}}{\text{Month}}$ ,  $\frac{2013}{\text{Year}}$ 

**AMENDMENTS** 

Amendment 1: March 31, 1987 Overall revision

Amendment 2: March 27, 1997 Amended Section 5.04 Quorum

Amendment 3: January 9, 2007 Amended Section 2.01 Membership

Amendment 4: February 4, 2009 Overall Revision

Amendment 5: May 1, 2012 Amended Section 3.02 Board of Directors

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