

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES *of the* GOVERNING BOARD *of the* WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

December 2, 2009

I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) was called to order by Chairperson Glenn Parker at 7:32 p.m. on December 2, 2009 in the Council Chambers, Brea Civic and Cultural Center, One Civic Center, Brea, California.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Glenn Parker, Chair, John Beaman, Vice-Chair, Bob Henderson, Dickie Simmons, Jack Tanaka, Howard Vipperman, and John Rowe, Alternate for Ron Krueper. Quorum was present. The following members were absent: Michael Hughes and Ron Krueper.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel, and Judi Tamasi, Project Analyst.

The Chair announced the administration of oath of office to new member.

Jeff Maloney administered Oath of Office to Ronald P. Schafer.

Comments were made by Mr. Schafer.

- III. Comments by members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items. Except for items notices as public hearings, all public comments shall be heard during the public comments section of the agenda. Individuals will be allowed three minutes to speak and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed five minutes to speak.**

The following members of the public addressed the Authority:

Shirley Gregg, Friends of Coyote Hills on Item VII.

- IV. Governing Board and staff response to public comment. At this time the Governing Board and staff will respond to public comment and questions.**

No comments were made.

- V. Consent calendar:**

- (a) Approval of minutes from the meeting of May 27, 2009.**
- (b) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (c) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Simmons.

Comments were made by Mr. Beauman and the Project Analyst.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, duly seconded, the consent calendar was approved, with Mr. Schafer abstaining on Item V(a).

- VI. Report from a representative of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority Advisory Committee regarding the Advisory Committee meeting held on December 2, 2009.**

A report was given by Ms. Helen Rahder, Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

[Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, arrived at 7:47 p.m.]

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Rahder, the Chair, and Mr. Henderson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Simmons and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Vipperman.

Comments were made by Ms. Rahder.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Vipperman.

Comments were made by Ms. Rahder and Mr. Henderson.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair and Mr. Henderson.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, the Project Analyst, the Vice-Chair, and Mr. Schafer.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to National Park Service on San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst, the Executive Officer and Messrs. Schafer and Henderson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Schafer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and Messrs. Simmons, Henderson, Tanaka and Schafer, the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Vipperman and Tanaka.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and Messrs. Tanaka and Henderson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Simmons.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, the Vice-Chair and Mr. Simmons.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, and Messrs. Simmons and Henderson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Simmons.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Simmons.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and Mr. Henderson.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by Messrs. Henderson, Schafer and Simmons, and the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 09-05 was unanimously adopted, incorporating the discussed changes into the letter.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a support letter for Congressional legislation to protect wilderness, and wild and scenic rivers in the Eastern San Gabriel Mountains.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, and Messrs. Henderson and Tanaka.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Schafer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 09-06 was unanimously tabled.

IX. Discussion and possible action regarding the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project.

A report was given by Mr. Henderson.

Comments were made by the Chair, and Messrs. Henderson and Vipperman.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Vipperman.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Vipperman.

Comments were made by Mr. Henderson and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Schafer.

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Henderson.

X. Update and discussion regarding potential extraction of minerals in Whittier Hills.

A report was given by Mr. Henderson.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Henderson.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Mr. Henderson.

XI. Update and discussion regarding the recent fire near Hacienda Boulevard.

A report was given by the Project Analyst.

Comments were made by Messrs. Simmons and Vipperman.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by Messrs. Simmons and Vipperman.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Henderson.

Comments were made by Mr. Vipperman.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Vipperman.

XII. Discussion regarding City of Industry Business Center, including National Football League Stadium.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Tanaka.

James DeStefano, City Manager of City of Diamond Bar gave a report.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Henderson.

Comments were made by Mr. DeStefano.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. DeStefano.

XIII. Statements, responses, questions or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code which provides as follows:

“No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, a member of a legislative body or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Furthermore, a member of a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.”

No comments were made.

XVI. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

The next meeting will be held on January 6, 2010. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA
Executive Officer

Glenn Parker
Chairperson