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December 18, 2009

Joe Edmiston, FAICP
Executive Officer
Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority
5750 Ramirez Canyon
Malibu, CA 90265

Dear Mr. Edmiston:

The audit of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority's (WCCA) financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 has been completed. A copy of the audit is enclosed.

Pursuant to the WCCA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, copies of the audit have been sent to the parties to the agreement. It has also been sent to the State Controller.

If you have any questions regarding the audit, please call me at (562) 464-3330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K Marshall".

Kathryn A. Marshall
Treasurer

Enclosure

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Financial Statements

Year ended June 30, 2009
(with Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Financial Statements

Year ended June 30, 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority ("Authority") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Authority. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Authority as of June 30, 2009, and respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison information for the general fund and special revenue fund for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Authority has not presented *Management's Discussion and Analysis* that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplemental, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 15, 2009 on our consideration of the Authority's internal controls over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

Irvine, California
December 15, 2009

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2009

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets:	
Cash and investments (Note 2)	<u>\$ 3,717</u>
Total assets	<u> 3,717</u>
Net assets:	
Unrestricted	<u> 3,717</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>\$ 3,717</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Statement of Activities
Year ended June 30, 2009

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues Operating Contributions and Grants</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets</u>
			Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:			
Community development	\$ 3,000	3,000	-
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	-
Change in net assets			-
Net assets, beginning of year			<u>3,717</u>
Net assets, ending			<u>\$ 3,717</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2009

	<u>General Fund</u>
Assets:	
Cash and investments	<u>\$ 3,717</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 3,717</u></u>
Fund balance:	
Unreserved, undesignated	<u> 3,717</u>
Total fund balance	<u> 3,717</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u><u>\$ 3,717</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
 Governmental Funds
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Year ended June 30, 2009

	General Fund
Revenues:	
Intergovernmental	\$ 3,000
Total revenues	3,000
Expenditures:	
Current:	
Community development	3,000
Total expenditures	3,000
Net change in fund balance	-
Fund balance, beginning	3,717
Fund balance, ending	\$ 3,717

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -
Budget and Actual - General Fund
Year ended June 30, 2009

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Total revenues	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Postage	500	500	500	-
Travel	300	300	300	-
Miscellaneous operating	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning	<u>3,717</u>	<u>3,717</u>	<u>3,717</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 3,717</u>	<u>3,717</u>	<u>3,717</u>	<u>-</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

Year ended June 30, 2009

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Organization

The Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority ("Authority") was organized on November 1, 1994 under the provisions of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act of the Government Code of the State of California. The purpose of the Authority is to provide for the proper planning, conservation, environmental protection, and maintenance of the habitat and wildlife corridor between the Whittier-Puente Hills and the Cleveland National Forest in the Santa Ana Mountains. The members consist of the cities of Diamond Bar, Brea, La Habra Heights, Whittier, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the County of Los Angeles.

(b) Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all the nonfiduciary activities of the Authority. The Authority's activities are supported by operating fees from participating agencies. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include charges to customers who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment.

Fund Financial Statements

Government fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified-accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, (Continued)

(b) Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation, (Continued)

For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

The Authority reports the following major governmental fund:

The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

(c) Annual Budgets

The Authority adopts an annual budget prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting for its General Fund.

(d) Cash and Investments

Investments are reported in the accompanying balance sheet at fair value, except for non-participating certificates of deposit and investment contracts that are not transferable and that have terms that are not affected by changes in market interest rates. Changes in fair value that occur during a fiscal year are recognized as *investment income* reported for that fiscal year. *Investment income* includes interest earnings, changes in fair value, and any gains or losses realized upon the liquidation or sale of investments.

(e) Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund types at time of purchase. Assets with an initial cost of more than \$1,500 are capitalized at cost. In the case of acquisitions through gifts or contributions, such assets are recorded at fair market value at the time received.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, (Continued)

(f) Use of Estimates

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and necessarily include amounts based on estimates and assumptions by management. Actual results could differ from those amounts.

(2) Cash and Investments

Cash and investments as of June 30, 2009 are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Statement of net assets:	
Cash and investments	<u>\$3,717</u>
Total cash and investments	<u>\$3,717</u>

Cash and investments as of June 30, 2009 consist of the following:

Deposits with financial institutions	<u>\$3,717</u>
Total cash and investments	<u>\$3,717</u>

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

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(2) Cash and Investments, (Continued)

Investments Authorized by the California Government Code and the City of Whittier's Investment Policy

The table below identifies the investment types that are authorized for the authority by the California Government Code and the City of Whittier's investment policy. The table also identifies certain provisions of the California Government Code (or the City's investment policy, if more restrictive) that address interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk. This table does not address investment of debt proceeds held by bond trustee that are governed by the provisions of debt agreements of the Authority, rather than the general provisions of the California Government Code or the City's investment policy.

<u>Investment Types Authorized by State Law</u>	<u>Authorized By Investment Policy</u>	<u>*Maximum Maturity</u>	<u>*Maximum Percentage Of Portfolio</u>	<u>*Maximum Investment In One Issuer</u>
Local Agency Bond	Yes	5 years	60%	None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	Yes	5 years	None	None
U.S. Agency Securities	Yes	5 years	None	None
Banker's Acceptances	Yes	180 days	40%	30%
Commercial Paper	Yes	270 days	20%	10%
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	Yes	5 years	15%	None
Repurchase Agreements	No	1 year	None	None
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	No	92 days	20% of base value	None
Medium-Term Notes	Yes	3 years	20%	None
Mutual Funds	No	N/A	20%	10%
Money Market Mutual Funds	Yes	N/A	20%	10%
Mortgage Pass-Through Securities	Yes	5 years	20%	None
County Pooled Investment Fund	No	N/A	None	None
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	Yes	N/A	None	None
JPA Pools (other investment pools)	Yes	N/A	None	None

*Based on state law requirements or investment policy requirements, whichever is more restrictive.

As of June 30, 2009, the Authority held all unexpensed funds in a collateralized bank account.



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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS AND ON INTERNAL
CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

We have audited the financial statements of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated December 15, 2009. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority's internal control.



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A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily disclose all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, and management of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

Irvine, California
December 15, 2009