

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Advisory Committee Bullet Minutes

October 6, 2010

Submitted by: Sona McCoy, Secretary

- Item I: Call to order.
- Item II: Roll Call. Members present: Shelley Andros, Bob Kanne, William Madden, Sona McCoy, Helen Rahder, Claire Schlotterbeck, Robert Turner, Stephen Davis.
- Item III: Special recognition in memory of Ronald Schafer.
- Item IV: Special recognition in memory of Barbara Fish.
- Item V: Special recognition of Anne Cote, Rick Rogers and Tom Greene.
- Item VI: Comments by the public. There were no comments.
- Item VII: Advisory Committee and staff response to public comment.
- Item VIII: Approval of minutes from meeting of December 2, 2009. Motion to approve. Approval.
- Item IX: Update on Governing Board meeting held December 2, 2009.
- Item X: Comments and announcements from Advisory Committee Members.
Comments by Bob Kanne: He attended a meeting on Coyotes in Yorba Linda. The animals are coming in from the East Lake area. This affects other areas as well.
Comments by Claire Schlotterbeck: This presentation about coyotes was well presented by Fish and Game. Humans have control over this, not coyotes. The city has created areas where dens are easily made. The animals are simply hunting for places to survive. It is an issue where people must understand they are living near a wilderness area.
Comments by Shelley Andros: Four domestic cats were killed by coyotes in our area.
Comments by Bob Kanne: The behavior is seasonal. The young ones are trying to establish territory for themselves.
Comments by Sona McCoy: I agree with Claire. The public needs to realize they are living near a wilderness area. My neighbor trapped one of our bob cats and called an outside agency to haul it away. The agency was paid a considerable amount of money when the neighbor simply needed to let the animal go. It would have run back into its territory. Sadly, our little family of three bobcats is missing one of its members. I would like to address the advisory committee and ask you a question: Can we sue an agency that comes into the outskirts of the wildlife corridor and removes animals that belong there? (There was no response. No one knows)
- Item XI: Consideration of resolution recommending that the Governing Board authorize a comment letter to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Santa Ana River Flood Control Project Reach 9, Phase 2A Embankment Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment and Addendum to Environmental Impact Report 583.
Judi Tamasi gave a staff report. This is a bank improvement project. It is an addendum to the EIR. Issues have to do with impacts on state park land.
- Item XII: Reports from Advisory sub-committees: There are no reports.
- Item XIII: Statements, responses, questions or directions to staff:
Comments by Claire Schlotterbeck: There is a typo on page 3: Project design may have (to) be developed. The word, "Thoroughly", is misspelled.
Page 5: Eliminate part of the paragraph. Place a period after the word, "park" and eliminate the rest of the sentence.
Page 1: The whole idea is to stick it to them stronger. It exists as a single ecosystem in which changes that affect one part will invariably affect all other parts.
Page 3: Add a sentence to underscore the seriousness of having a confusing, not sufficient response. It is valuable to end this statement at, "EIR", then add the

following: “However, the serial approvals are confusing to a reviewer of the subject document and not exemplary in this environmental review process.”

Comments by William Madden: I withdraw my recommendation for a more definite time frame.

Comments by Robert Turner: Where does the amount come from? It is based on the amount of the price of land acquisition. Where does the money come from?

Reply by Claire Schlotterbeck: They originally proposed that there be an elevated highway down the 91 and the access to this hot lane would be right over Coal Canyon. We threw a fit. That, since, has been relocated. The access to and away from this area has been moved further to the East, more along where the maps show. It is a moving target. There is one lane added East bound and two West bound on an elevation to the 71. The first meeting was focused on the businesses and homes impacted by the 91 widening through the city of Corona. The only natural part of the Santa Ana River is being changed. The state park was there before these homes were built. The tax payers have to pay for this to protect these houses that should not have been built there in the first place.

Comments by Claire Schlotterbeck: Vote , “Yes”, on Proposition 21. In exchange for \$18.00 charge on your DMV bill, you can visit all state parks, free of charge. The money will keep the parks open. We are hoping that the benefits will get more voter approval.

Edison is removing two lines that were previously deactivated. They will be removed with helicopters. There are seven and two tenths miles of line that are going to be removed.

Comments by Robert Turner: Is there any organized opposition to Proposition 21?

Reply by Committee: Howard Jarvis supporters oppose 21. Many communities along the coast are dependent on state park visitors. If the park closes then the city closes.

Comments by a Committee Member: Chino Hills was selected for a movie on state parks. The city got a small grant to do a study on fires. The process is called, “type converting”, when chaparral is changed to non-native grasslands. It has been interesting to see what we have learned about fires. Carbon Canyon, Rim Crest and along the 91 were fires. When you study why the fires started, Caltrans was found to be responsible for many of the fires. Another reason for fires is that there are not a lot of fire stations near by. There is a demand for a fire station along the 91 because it takes a while to get to the 91 from any fire station.

Question by a Committee Member: What is going on with Aera?

Reply by Claire Schlotterbeck: Diamond Bar is going to discontinue the process of agreement. Diamond Bar wanted more green space. Aera lost interest. Diamond Bar wasn’t interested in doing the same old thing. Aera thought about selling to Brea and attended some public meetings but nothing has come of this. Aera does not seem interested in selling at this time.

Comments by a Committee Member: The executive housing they planned are a dime a dozen.

Comments by a committee Member: The word is they plan to take it back to L.A. County for approval.

- Item XIV: Announcement of next meeting and adjournment. Next meeting: January 5, 2011 in Whittier.