

BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

A public entity of the State of California exercising joint powers of the County of Los Angeles and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Mark Ridley-Thomas
Chairperson
Russell Guiney
Vice-Chairperson
Mary Ann Greene
William Vanderberg

Minutes of the Meeting of the Governing Board of the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority

April 7, 2011

I. Call to order

The meeting of the Governing Board of the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Mark Ridley-Thomas at 6:55 p.m. on April 7, 2011 at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056.

II. Administration of Oath of Office to new member William Vanderberg.

The Executive Officer administered the oath of office to Mr. William Vanderberg.

Comments were made by the Chair.

III. Roll Call

The roll was called and the following members were present: William Vanderberg; Mary Ann Greene; John Wicker, Acting Vice Chairperson, and Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairperson. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon, ASLA; Thomas Faughnan, Staff Counsel, and Karly Katona, Deputy to Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

IV. Public comment on matters appearing on this Special Meeting Agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Authority.

The Authority received no public comment.

V. Presentation and update by Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority on the Park to Playa Feasibility Plan.

The Authority received an oral report by Leslie Chan, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Ms. Greene, the Chair, and Mr. Wicker.

- VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing assignment of right to apply for a grant of Proposition A funds to the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$100,000 to fund various trail improvements in Kenneth Hahn Park in order to connect the Eastern Ridgeline to the Japanese Garden, consistent with the Park to Playa Trail alignment.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Chair.

On motion of Ms. Greene, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-01 was unanimously adopted.

- VII. Consideration of resolution appointing Rorie A. Skei, chief deputy director of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, as Deputy Executive Officer of the Authority and authorizing delegation of signature authority to the deputy executive officer to facilitate disbursement documents.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Wicker, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-02 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Closed Session

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8)

It is the intention of the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority to meet in Closed Session to provide instructions to its real estate negotiators with respect to the proposed purchase of the following properties in the Baldwin Hills area of Los Angeles:

Property: Ohr Eliyahu Academy site, APNs: 4204-014-024, 4204-014-025, and 4204-014-026.

**Authority Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Thomas J. Faughnan
Negotiating Parties: Elliott Dolin**

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

The Chair announced the closed session portion of the meeting.

The Chair reconvened the open session and announced that instructions were given to counsel and negotiators.

IX. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

Comments were made by Ms. Greene, Ms. Katona, and the Chair.

X. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting will be held on a date to be determined at a later time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

Mark Ridley-Thomas
Chairperson