

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES of the GOVERNING BOARD of the WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

May 23, 2014

I. Call to Order.

The special telephonic meeting of the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) was called to order by Chairperson Glenn Parker at 11:05 a.m. on May 23, 2014 at the following locations:

- (a) Whittier City Hall, Administration Committee Room, 13230 E. Penn Street, Whittier, California.
- (b) Brea Civic and Cultural Center, Hickory Conference Room, One Civic Center Circle, Brea, California.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Glenn Parker, Chair (Brea), Michael Hughes, Vice-Chair (Whittier), Bob Henderson (Whittier), Christine Marick (Brea), Jack Tanaka (Brea), Jane L. Williams (Whittier) Andrea Avila (Whittier). Quorum present. The location where the Board member participated is shown in parentheses.

The following member was absent: Dickie Simmons.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Laura Ratcliffe, Staff Counsel; Judi Tamasi, Project Analyst and Diane Sacks, Board Secretary.

Public present: Andrea Guillo, Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Whittier); George Edwards, Avocado Express (Whittier); Steve Blagden, La Habra Heights (Brea); Claire Schlotterbeck, Vice-Chair, Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority Advisory Committee (Brea).

III. Election of officers.

Bob Henderson nominated Glenn Parker for Chair.

Glenn Parker was unanimously elected as Chair.

Bob Henderson nominated Michael Hughes for Vice-Chair.

Michael Hughes was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.

IV. 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.

Comments were made by Messrs. Blagden and Edwards.

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

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Executive Officer, Chair, Messrs. Henderson and Tanaka, and Ms. Avila.

VI. Consent calendar:

- (a) Approval of minutes from the meeting of November 14, 2013.**
- (b) Receive and file the 2012-2013 audit submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (c) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (d) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**

Item VI(a) was removed from the consent calendar.

A roll-call vote was administered. On motion of Mr. Tanaka, duly seconded, the consent calendar was unanimously approved.

VI(a) Approval of minutes from the meeting of November 14, 2013.

A roll-call vote was administered. On motion of Mr. Tanaka, duly seconded, Item VI(a) was approved. Ms. Marick abstained.

<Ms. Schlotterbeck arrived at 11:38 a.m.>

VII. Update on status of obtaining project agreements with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District on Southeast Los Angeles County Habitat Connector and North Slope Rowland Heights-Puente Hills projects.

Update was made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chair and Ms. Avila.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Henderson.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, Chair, Mr. Henderson and Ms. Avila.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

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Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Henderson.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Henderson and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Avila.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Henderson and Ms. Marick and Avila.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by Mr. Henderson.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Los Angeles on draft (a) General Plan, (b) Significant Areas Ordinance, (c) Hillside Management Area Ordinance, and (d) related documents.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Henderson.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-01 was unanimously adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Orange County Public Works Department on Notice of Intent to Prepare Draft Environmental Impact Report #619 for the Santa Ana River Parkway Extension Project.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Henderson.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-02 was unanimously adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Congresswoman Judy Chu on proposed Wilderness designations (including San Gabriel Wilderness Addition) and Wild and Scenic Rivers designations (including portions of the San Gabriel River) in the Angeles National Forest and San Bernardino National Forest.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Executive Officer, Ms. Avila and Mr. Henderson.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-03 was unanimously adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

XI. 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.”

XII. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12.07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

Glenn Parker
Chairperson