

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES of the GOVERNING BOARD of the WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

July 15, 2015

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 7:45 p.m. on July 15, 2015 in the Community Room A, Brea Civic and Cultural Center, 1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, California.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Glenn Parker, Chair; Michael Hughes, Vice-Chair; Kelly Elliott; Bob Henderson; Jack Tanaka; Jane L. Williams; Andrea Avila. Quorum present.

The following member was absent: Dickie Simmons.

Staff present: Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Judi Tamasi, Project Analyst and Diane Sacks, Board Secretary.

Public present: Andrea Gullo, Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority; Catherine Houwen; Helen Rahder, Chair, Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority Advisory Committee.

III. Appointments

(a) Appointment of public members to the Governing Board.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Ms. Williams nominated Catherine Houwen for the Los Angeles County public member position.

Ms. Avila nominated Michael Hughes for the Los Angeles County public member position.

Ms. Houwen introduced herself as an applicant for the Governing Board Los Angeles County public member position.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Houwen.

Mr. Hughes introduced himself as an applicant for the Governing Board Los Angeles County public member position.

Michael Hughes was unanimously elected to the Governing Board.

Mr. Henderson nominated Claire Schlotterbeck for the Orange County public member position.

Claire Schlotterbeck was unanimously elected to the Governing Board.

(b) Appointment of Advisory Committee Member.

Mr. Tanaka nominated Jennifer Fraga for the Advisory Committee representing the City of Diamond Bar.

Jennifer Fraga was unanimously elected to the Advisory Committee.

The Chief of Natural Resources and Planning administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Fraga.

IV. Election of officers.

Michael Hughes 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.

V. Comments by members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items. Except for items noticed 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.

No comments were made.

VI. 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.

VII. Consent calendar:

- (a) Approval of minutes from the meeting of September 5, 2014.**
- (b) Receive and file the 2013-2014 audit submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (c) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (d) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (e) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (f) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution adopting budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.**

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, the consent calendar was unanimously approved and Resolution No. 15-01 was unanimously adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

VIII. Report from a representative of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority Advisory Committee regarding the Advisory Committee meeting held on July 15, 2015.

A report was made by the Chair of the Advisory Committee.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Williams.

Comments were made by Ms. Williams.

IX. Update from staff regarding development projects in the wildlife corridor area.

(a) Proposed subdivision at 2342 Via Cielo (Tentative Tract Map No. 060973), Hacienda Heights, San Jose Creek and Turnbull Canyon watersheds.

An update was given by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Vice-Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Williams.

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

(b) Esperanza Hills Specific Plan (PA120037/VTTM 17522), Blue Mud Canyon and unnamed tributaries in Santa Ana River watershed, County of Orange.

An update was given by the Project Analyst.

X. Update and discussion regarding Los Angeles County General Plan Update, including Significant Ecological Areas and Significant Ecological Areas Ordinance.

Comments were made by Mr. Henderson.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Henderson, the Vice-Chair, Mses. Williams and Avila and the Chair.

The Board requested that the Los Angeles County Board Representative research the issue of what drove the early designations of Significant Ecological Areas.

XI. Update and discussion 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.

An update was given by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Williams.

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

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

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

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

Comments were made by Ms. Elliott.

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

Comments were made by Mses. Elliott and Williams and by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Henderson.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Henderson and the Chair.

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Questions were propounded by Ms. Avila.

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

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Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

XII. Update and discussion regarding Montebello Hills Specific Plan and Final Environmental Impact Report, City of Montebello.

An update was given by the Project Analyst.

Comments were made by Mr. Henderson and the Vice-Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Henderson.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and the Vice-Chair.

XIII. Update and discussion regarding the status of City of Industry-owned properties in the Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor, including the Tres Hermanos property.

An update was given by the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Vice-Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter to California Fish and Game Commission in support of Option 2 in the proposed changes to regulations relating to implementation of the Bobcat Protection Act of 2013, AB 1213.

Comments were made by Mr. Henderson.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-02 was unanimously adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

XV. 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.”

Comments were made by the Vice-Chair and the Chair.

XVI. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

The next meeting will be held on September 2, 2015. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

Glenn Parker
Chairperson