

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES of the GOVERNING BOARD of the WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

September 23, 2016

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 11:03 a.m. on September 23, 2016 at the following locations:

- (a) Whittier City Hall, Administration Conference Room, 13230 E. Penn Street, Whittier, California.
- (b) Brea Civic and Cultural Center, Hickory Conference Room, One Civic Center Circle, Brea, California.
- (c) Los Angeles River Center & Gardens, Los Feliz Room, First Floor of California Building, 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100, Los Angeles, California.

II. Administration of oath:

- (a) **Administration of oath of office to Ms. Ruth M. Low, representing the City of Diamond Bar.**

Staff Counsel administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Ruth M. Low.

(b) Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Glenn Parker, Chair (Brea), Bob Henderson (Whittier), Ruth M. Low (River Center), Claire Schlotterbeck (Brea), Jane L. Williams (Whittier), Ryann Gill (Brea). Quorum present. The location where the Board member participated is shown in parentheses.

The following members were absent: Michael Hughes, Kelly Elliott, Dickie Simmons.

Staff present: Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Oscar Victoria, Staff Counsel; Diane Sacks, Board Secretary.

Public present: Andrea Guillo, Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Whittier); Steve Blagden, La Habra Heights (Brea).

- III. 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 Mr. Blagden.

- IV. 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, the Chair and Ms. Schlotterbeck.

V. Consent calendar:

- (a) Approval of minutes from the meeting of November 14, 2015.**
- (b) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (c) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (d) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution adopting budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.**

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

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

V(a) Approval of minutes from the meeting of November 14, 2015.

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

VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a) application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire park and natural lands in the Puente Hills Wildlife Corridor east of Colima Road; b) entering into a project agreement for funds from 1996 Proposition A Section 3(b)(14); and c) approval of adoption of a youth employment plan.

Report was made 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.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Low.

Comments were made the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Low.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Mses. Low, Williams and Schlotterbeck, and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Schlotterbeck.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

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

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Low.

Comments were made by Ms. Schlotterbeck.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Schlotterbeck.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Williams.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Henderson.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-01, as amended was unanimously adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a contract with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for pre-acquisition and acquisition services.

Item VII was tabled by the Chair.

VIII. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed House of Representatives (Royce) bill to establish the Santa Ana Mountains to Sea National Monument, portions of Santa Ana Mountains, Cleveland National Forest, and other lands in Orange County.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Schlotterbeck and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Schlotterbeck, Mr. Henderson and the Chair.

IX. 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.”

X. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 2, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

Glenn Parker
Chairperson