

SANTA CLARITA WATERSHED RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

*A PUBLIC ENTITY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA EXERCISING JOINT POWERS OF THE CITY OF SANTA
CLARITA AND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTION 6500 ET SEQ*

MINUTES of the GOVERNING BOARD of the SANTA CLARITA WATERSHED RECREATION and CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

December 3, 2015

I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by the Chairperson, Richard E. Gould at 10:32 a.m. on December 3, 2015 in Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, California.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Richard E. Gould, Chair; Jim Hasenauer, Vice-Chair; Jerome Daniel and Ken Striplin. Quorum present.

Staff present: Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Robert Reiss, Park Ranger I; Mary Ann Ruprecht, City Senior Financial Analyst; and Diane Sacks, Board Secretary.

Members of the public present: None.

III. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of June 25, 2015.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the minutes from the meeting of June 25, 2015 were unanimously approved.

IV. Public comment on agenda items or any other matter.

No public comments were made on the agenda items or any other matter.

V. Report from Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority Ranger on Whitney Canyon Park and other park locations.

Report presented by Ranger Robert Reiss.

Comments were made by the Chair, Mr. Striplin, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Striplin.

Comments were made by Ranger Reiss.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ranger Reiss, the Chair, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

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

Comments were made by Ranger Reiss and the Chair.

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

Comments were made by the Chair.

VI. Report from Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority on Agua Dulce-Escondido Creek Confluence restoration project partially on SCWRCA property.

Report presented 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.

Questions were propounded by Ranger Reiss.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ranger Reiss.

Questions were propounded by Ranger Reiss.

Comments were made by the Chair.

VII. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Governing Board review the draft SCWRCA Budget for fiscal year 2016-17 and send the draft budget to the City of Santa Clarita and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for approval.

Comments were made by the City Senior Financial Analyst and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

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

Comments were made by the City Senior Financial Analyst, the Vice-Chair, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution 15-08 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution adopting the fiscal year 2016-2017 Workprogram.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Daniel, the Chair, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 15-09 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of an access easement over a portion of APN 3210-002-901 in the Agua Dulce area to Southern California Edison, in exchange for funding and land interests. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Cynthia Calemme. Under consideration: price and terms. (*This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code.*)

Report presented by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chair, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution 15-10 was unanimously adopted.

X. Discussion and possible action regarding the provisions of access easements to developed private parcels over APNs 3210-004-901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907; 3210-005-911, 913, 914, and 916 in exchange for funding and land interests.

Report presented by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Daniel.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chair, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Ranger Reiss.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel, the Chief Deputy Executive Officer, the Chair, Ranger Reiss, and the Vice-Chair.

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

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

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Striplin.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer, Ranger Reiss, Mr. Daniel, the Chair, the Vice-Chair, and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of an access easement over portions of APNs 3210-005-914, 916 and 3210-008-901, 902 in the Soledad Canyon area to Southern California Edison, in exchange for funding, land improvements, and land interests. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Cynthia Calemme. Under consideration: price and terms. (*This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code.*)

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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, the Chief Deputy Executive Officer, Ranger Reiss, and the Vice-Chair.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 15-11 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 3210-002-901 in the Agua Dulce area to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Vice-Chair.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 15-12 was unanimously adopted.

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

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 3210-002-902 in the Agua Dulce area from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 15-13 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a management agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for properties owned by the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chair, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Daniel.

On motion of Mr. Striplin, duly seconded, Resolution 15-14 was unanimously adopted.

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

Comments were made by Ranger Reiss.

XV. Statements, responses, questions, or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code.

None

XVI. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment in memory of Duane Harte.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Chief Deputy Executive Officer, Messrs. Striplin and Daniel, and Ranger Reiss.

The next meeting will be held on June 2, 2016 and with no further business the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

Richard E. Gould
Chair