DESERT AND MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES
of the
GOVERNING BOARD
of the
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November 8, 2007

I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Desert and Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority was called to order by Chair Jim Dodson, on November 8, 2007, at Santa Clarita City Hall, Santa Clarita at 10:10 a.m.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: David Myerson; Richard Gould, Vice-Chair; Jim Dodson, Chair. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Frances Dea, Board Secretary.

Members of the Public Present: Jill Bays, Transition Habitat Conservancy; Don Mullaly, Santa Clarita Woodlands.

III. Administration of Oath of Office.

Paul Edelman administered Oath of Office to Ron Krueper.

IV. Approval of Minutes of Meeting February 27, 2007.

The minutes of meeting February 27, 2007 were submitted for approval.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, minutes of meeting February 27, 2007 were unanimously adopted.

V. Public comment on matters not appearing on the Meeting Agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Authority.

No comments were made on matters not appearing on this meeting agenda or any other matter.

VI. Discussion and possible action of Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts property and mitigation opportunities in Antelope Valley.

Discussion was open and led by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Joseph T. Edmiston entered meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

On motion of Mr. Myerson, duly seconded, that staff examine Tax Defaulted parcels with high quality Joshua Tree Woodlands for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District and bring back to the Governing Board, was unanimously adopted.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman and Mr. Dodson to contact Mr. Peter Zorba and Ms. Jennifer Swayne.

VII. Discussion and possible action regarding use of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant funds to the Desert and Mountains Conservation Authority.

Discussion was open and led by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Gould.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston in regard to overlapping areas of interest between the DMCA and SMMC.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Krueper and Mr. Myerson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman in regard to the Conceptual Area Protection Plan.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Gould and Mr. Myerson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman in regard to parcel qualification.

Comments were by Mr. Edelman, Mr. Gould and Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston in regard to hiring a contract employee for the DMCA.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson and Mr. Edmiston about reimbursement and advancement.

Comments were made by Mr. Krueper.

Comments were made by Mr. Myerson.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston and Mr. Edelman in regard to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) grant.

Comments were made by Mr. Maloney.

Comments were made by Mr. Gould.

Governing Board members requested that staff develop a job description, recruitment plan and statement of qualification where the RMC grant is applicable.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of properties in Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreements 2566, 2567, 2568 using public, private and in-lieu mitigation funds, 5th Supervisorial District, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Mr. Edelman opened and led discussion on Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreements.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Myerson and Mr. Gould in regard to Chapter 8 Agreement parcels.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson in regard to likelihood to federal funding from Edwards Air Force Base.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson in regard to Mariposa habitat.

Comments were made by Mr. Myerson.

On motion of Mr. Myerson, duly seconded, Resolution 07-05, was unanimously adopted.

IX. Discussion and possible action regarding eight 5-acre parcels located at the south-west quarter of the north-east quarter of Section 11, T. 4N, R. 8W, Assessor Parcel Numbers 3064-012-900 to 907, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Discussion was opened and led by Mr. Dodson regarding the eight 5-acre parcels.

Comments were made by Ms. Bays in regard to the eight 5-acre parcels.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston.

Comments were made by Ms. Bays and Mr. Gould.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston in regard to Altadena Foothills Conservancy approaching the DMCA.

Comments were made by Ms. Bays.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston.

X. Discussion and possible action authorizing a request for Antelope Valley parcels to be transferred from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to the DMCA.

Discussion was opened and led by Mr. Dodson regarding parcel ownership north of the fault line.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston in regard of immediate parcel ownership transfer and.

Comments were made by Mr. Myerson in regard to management, funding sources, services, and revenue.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson in regard to property maintenance.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston.

Comments were made by Mr. Myerson in regard to Item X to be discussed at a later meeting.

XI. Consideration of resolution changing the time and location for regular meetings of the Authority pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, Resolution 07-06, was approved as amended and unanimously adopted.

XII. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed trail head on Joshua Ranch Open Space dedication, City of Palmdale.

Discussion was opened and led by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman and Mr. Krueper.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Krueper.

Comments were made by Mr. Maloney in regard to Joshua Ranch deed.

XIII. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of Director's and Officers insurance policy.

Discussion was opened and led by Mr. Maloney.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston that the SMMC and AVRCD equally provide payment to cover the cost of providing insurance to each of the respective appointed members.

XIV. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code.

No statements were made from the public.

XV. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

Jim Dodson
Chair