

# DESERT AND MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## **MINUTES of the GOVERNING BOARD of the DESERT AND MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**June 11, 2008**

### **I. Call to Order.**

The special teleconference meeting of the Governing Board of the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority was called to order by Chair Jim Dodson, on June 11, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at City of Santa Clarita City Hall.

### **II. Roll Call.**

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

Staff present: Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Frances Dea, Board Secretary.

Members of the Public Present: Henry Schultz, Sierra Club and Barbara Stoll, City of Santa Clarita, Acquisition Specialist.

### **III. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of March 10, 2008.**

The minutes of meeting March 10, 2008 were submitted for approval.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, minutes of meeting March 10, 2008 were unanimously adopted.

### **IV. 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.

**V. Update on City of Lancaster action to fund DMCA acquisitions.**

An oral report was provided by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

**VI. Update on expenditure of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy pre-acquisition grant.**

The oral report was provided by Mr. Edelman on the status Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy pre-acquisition grant with the Riverside Land Conservancy.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Krueper.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the conditional transfer of approximately one-acre Joshua Ranch Trailhead facility to the City of Palmdale, and retaining a conservation easement.**

Discussion was opened and led by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Krueper.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, Resolution 08-04 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution entering into Chapter 8 Agreements with Los Angeles County to acquire Tax Defaulted parcels between Lancaster and Edwards Air Force Base, lower slopes of the San Gabriel and Sierra Pelona Mountains, and near the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve.**

The discussion was opened and led by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Krueper.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

On motion of Mr. Krueper, duly seconded, Resolution 08-05 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Discussion of Antelope Valley development projects.**

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson in regard to Quail Valley.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman in regard to Quail Valley.

Comments were made by Mr. Gould in regard to the proximity of Quail Valley to sports park.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Mr. Dodson directed a question to Mr. Edelman and asked if staff had recently spoke with the Quail Valley developer.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman in response to Mr. Dodson that staff had not been in contact with the Quail Valley developer recently.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson on encouraging Quail Valley developer to dedicate open space to a public agency.

Questions were made by Mr. Edelman on the housing market around the Quail Valley area.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson in response Mr. Edelman on the housing market in the general Antelope Valley area.

**X. Discussion of Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority website.**

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Krueper.

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Comments were made by Mr. Dodson to list parcels DMCA has acquired.

**XI. Statements, responses, questions or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code 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 Mr. Maloney.

Comments were made by Mr. Gould regarding HR-5887 Soledad Canyon Mining Act.

Comments were made by Mr. Maloney.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Schultz.

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**XII. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment.**

Chair Jim Dodson announced the next regular scheduled DMCA meeting is September 10, 2008 at Santa Clarita City Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

  
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Jim Dodson  
Chair