DESERT AND MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES
of the
GOVERNING BOARD
of the
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July 7, 2010

I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority was called to order by Chair Jim Dodson, on July 7, 2010, at Santa Clarita City Hall, Santa Clarita, at 10:10 a.m.

II. Administration of Oath of Office to new member.

Ronald P. Schafer was sworn in as a new member.

III. Roll Call.

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

Staff present: Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel and Diane Sacks, Board Secretary.

Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning arrived subsequent to roll call.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of July 17, 2009.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, the minutes from the meeting of July 17, 2009 were adopted. Mr. Schafer abstained.

< The Chief of Natural Resources and Planning arrived at 10:17 a.m. >

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

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

VI. Report from Staff on property purchased by the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority since July 17, 2009 in Antelope Valley, Acton, Soledad Canyon,

unincorporated Los Angeles County.

A report was given 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 and the Chair.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Schafer.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chief Staff Counsel.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chief Staff Counsel.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Schafer.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Schafer and the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Item VI is recorded and filed.

The Chair announced Item IX to be heard next.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to conduct pre-acquisition work in the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

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

Comments were made by the Vice-Chair 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 the Chief Staff Counsel.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel, the Chair and 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.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Schafer.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 10-02 was unanimously adopted as amended.

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

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and the Chair.

The Chair announced Item VII to be heard next.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement, and to implement said agreement, with AV Solar Ranch 1, LLC to: 1) accept mitigation lands required by Los Angeles County approvals of the AV Solar Ranch 1 Project; and 2) accept funds for project administration, property maintenance, and restoration, incorporated and unincorporated Antelope Valley. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Jack Piggott. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

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

Questions were propounded by the Vice-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.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Comments were made by the Chair.

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

Comments were made by the Chair.

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

Comments were made by the Chair, Mr. Schafer and 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 and the Vice-Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chief Staff Counsel.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Schafer.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Schafer.

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

The Chief Staff Counsel convened the closed session at 10:53 a.m.

The Chief Staff Counsel reconvened the open session at 11:21 a.m.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 10-01 was unanimously adopted as amended.

VIII. Discussion and possible action to revise the July 17, 2009 comment letter to Los Angeles County regarding the Final Environmental Impact Report for Fairmont Butte Motorsports project, in the Fairmont Butte area, unincorporated Antelope Valley.

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

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

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

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Schafer.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

X. Discussion and possible action of Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project.

Comments were made by the Chair.

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

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

XII. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment.

Chair announced the next regular scheduled DMCA meeting is September 8, 2010. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

Jim Dodson
Chair