DESERT AND MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES
of the
GOVERNING BOARD
of the
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June 15, 2016

I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority was called to order by Chair Richard Gould, on June 15, 2016, at Santa Clarita City Hall, Santa Clarita, at 10:34 a.m.

II. Administration of oath:

(a) Executive Officer administered the oath of office to Cyndy May.

(b) Executive Officer administered the oath of office to Jeff Olesh.

III. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Richard Gould, Chair; Jim Hasenauer; Cyndy May and Jeff Olesh. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Hon. ASLA, FAICP, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; and Diane Sacks, Board Secretary.

Members of the Public present: None.

IV. Election of Officers.

Jim Hasenauer nominated Richard Gould for Chair.

Mr. Gould was unanimously elected as Chair.

The Chair nominated Jim Hasenauer as Vice-Chair.

Mr. Hasenauer was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.

V. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of October 23, 2014.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, the minutes from the meeting of October 23, 2014 were unanimously approved.

VI. Update on Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority land holdings and funding sources.

A report was given by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. May.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Mr. Olesh and the Chief Ranger.

Questions were propounded by Ms. May.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger; the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and Mr. Olesh.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Olesh.

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.

VII. Report from Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority ranger staff on Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority property locations.

A report was given by Chief Ranger Gomez.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Olesh.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger; Mr. Olesh and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Olesh and the Vice-Chair.

<Re-open Agenda Item IV>

The Executive Officer announced that per Item 5.1 of the DMCA Joint Powers Authority (JPA), the Chair is to be appointed by the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District and the Vice-Chair is to be appointed by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, the election of the Chair was rescinded.

Cyndy May nominated Mr. Olesh for Chair.

Mr. Olesh was unanimously elected as Chair.

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

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

Comments were made by the Chair.

IX. Review and approval of the Independent Auditors Report for fiscal years 2014-2015.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Gould.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, the Independent Auditors Report was unanimously approved.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing: 1) acceptance of APN 2840-009-900, an approximately one acre parcel along the Santa Clara River; 2) sale of said parcel to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA); and 3) reimbursement of MRCA for advanced funds.

A report was given by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 16-01 was unanimously adopted.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Gould.

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

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority over APNs 3206-012-900, 901; 3224-034-906; 3236-003-904; 3240-005-908, 909; 3257-006-901, 902; 3267-024-911; 3267-026-900; 3267-028-900 and 3279-002-902, totaling approximately 112 acres, Antelope Valley, Los Angeles County.

A report was given by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. May and Mr. Gould.

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 and the Vice-Chair.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 16-02 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over an approximately 66.91-acre open space dedication parcel (APN 3244-031-079) in Haskell Canyon, City of Santa Clarita.

A report was given by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Gould.

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

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Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

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Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Gould.

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

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

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 16-03 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Discussion and possible action regarding the Antelope Valley Regional Conservation Framework (RCF) project and official Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority involvement.

A report was given by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Gould.

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Questions were propounded by Mr. Gould.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Gould.

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

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

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Gould.

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

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

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

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

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing: 1) an application for, and acceptance of, a Windward Fund grant for staff involvement in the Antelope Valley Regional Conservation Framework project, and 2) entering into a contract with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for staff services.

A report was given by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. May.

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

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, Resolution 16-04 was unanimously adopted.

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

Comments were made by the Chair.

VI. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment.

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 and the Chair.

The Chair announced the next regular scheduled DMCA meeting is September 14, 2016. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

Jeff Olesh
Chair