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I. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District Number One was called to order by the Chair, Melvin J. Remba, at 7:22 p.m. on April 11, 2007 at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center in Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210.

II. Administration of oath of office to new member.

Carol Sidlow was sworn in as a new member.

III. (a) Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Karen Brooks; Art Pollyea; Ginny Kruger; Orrin Feldman; Roberta Cummings; Beth Dymond; Ruth Weiss; Joan Luchs; and Melvin J. Remba, Chair. Quorum was present. The following members were absent: Cassandra Barrerre, and Ernest Dynda.

Pam Cooke arrived subsequent to roll call.

Staff present: Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; and Tammy Lee, Board Secretary.

(b) Election of Officers.

On the motion of Roberta Cummings, duly seconded, Pam Cooke was elected Vice-Chairperson.

On the motion of Joan Luchs, duly seconded, Melvin J. Remba was elected Chairperson.

IV. Approval of minutes from meeting of December 13, 2006.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Luchs.

Comments were made by the Chair.

On the motion of Mr. Feldman, duly seconded, the minutes from the meeting of December 13, 2006 was approved by Ms. Cummings, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Cooke, Ms. Dymond, Mr. Feldman, Ms. Kruger, Mr. Pollyea, Ms. Weiss, and Ms. Sidlow. Ms. Luchs voted no.

V. Chairperson's Report.

A report was given by the Chair.

[Ms. Cooke arrives at 7:30 p.m.]

VI. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda. Public testimony will also be taken before each public hearing item.

No comments were made.

VII. Reports from staff.

The Citizen's Oversight Committee received a verbal report from the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and an update on these areas.

(a) Update on acquisitions since December 2006 meeting;

Questions were propounded by Ms. Luchs and Ms. Brooks.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Dymond.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Luchs.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kruger.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Staff Council, and Mr. Feldman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Sidlow.

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 Ms. Cooke.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Luchs.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Feldman.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Luchs.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kruger.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

(b) Status report of each area in District one;

Comments were made by the Staff Council.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

VIII. **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) add APN 2274-025-033 in Acquisition Area A (Beverly Ridge – Camino de la Cumbre), to the District No. 1 Engineer's Report and determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire said properties is consistent with the criteria and requirements established in the said amended report.**

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources.

On the motion of Ms. Luchs, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-01 was unanimously adopted.

IX. **Consideration fo resolutions recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) add APNs 4371-017-014, 4379-004-012, and 4380-018-018 in Acquisition Area B (Beverly Glen), to the District No. 1 Engineer's Report and determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire said properties is consistent with the criteria and requirements established in the said amended report.**

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, Ms. Lee, Ms. Luchs, and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cooke.

Comments were made by Mr. Feldman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kruger.

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

On the motion of Ms. Cooke, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-02 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) add APN 5556-024-016 in Acquisition Area D (Laurel Canyon – Sunset Plaza), to the District No. 1 Engineer's Report and determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire said properties is consistent with the criteria and requirements established in the said amended report.

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 Ms. Sidlow.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kruger.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Feldman.

Comments were made by Ms. Sidlow.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

On the motion of Ms. Brooks, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-03 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) add APN 2274-026-002, in Acquisition Area A (Beverly Ridge – Camino de la Cumbre) to the District No. 1 Engineer's Report and determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire said property is consistent with the criteria and requirements established in said amended report.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kruger.

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 Ms. Sidlow.

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

On the motion of Ms. Kruger, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-04 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire APN 5565-003-038, in Acquisition Area D (Laurel Canyon – Mulholland), is consistent with the criteria and requirements established in the Final Engineer's Report.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kruger.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Brooks, Mr. Feldman, and Ms. Sidlow.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Kruger.

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

Comments were made by Staff Council.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kruger.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Brooks.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Ms. Luchs, Ms. Kruger, and Ms. Dymond.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Feldman.

Comments were made by Ms. Luchs, the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chair, and Mr. Pollyea.

On the motion of Mr. Feldman, duly seconded, support for Resolution 03-04 was unanimously approved.

XIII. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Ms. Kruger.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Brooks.

Comments were made by Ms. Kruger.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cooke.

Comments were made by Ms. Kruger.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Weiss, Ms. Cooke, and Ms. Kruger.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Luchs.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Feldman, Ms. Luchs, and Ms. Cooke.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Cooke.

XIV. Statements, questions, or directions to staff pursuant to Government Code §54954.2(a) which states the following:

"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."

No comments were made.

XV. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. A special meeting may be held on April 24, 2007.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul Edelman
Chief of Natural Resources and Planning

Approved:

Melvin J. Remba
Chair