

**CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS OPEN
SPACE PRESERVATION ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE**

MINUTES

of the

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I. Call to Order.

The special 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 7:15 p.m. on March 30, 2005 at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center in Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Melvin J. Remba, Chair; Karen Brooks; Pam Cooke; Beth Dymond; Orrin Feldman; Ginny Kruger; Joan Luchs; Ruth Weiss and Art Pollyea. Quorum present. Members absent: Roberta Cummings, Vice Chair and Cassandra Barrere. Staff present: Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Staff Council and Melissa Chigaridas, Board Secretary.

Public Members: Greg Hudson and Richard Lee.

III. Election of officers.

Mr. Melvin J. Remba was nominated for Chair, Roberta Cummings, Vice Chair. All members were in favor.

IV. Approval of Minutes from meeting of November 10, 2004.

On motion of Ms. Dymond, duly second, the minutes from the meeting of November 10, 2004 were approved. The minutes were approved by the Chair, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Cooke, Mr. Feldman, Ms. Kruger, Ms. Luchs, Ms. Weiss and Mr. Pollyea.

V. Chairperson's Report.

The Chair presented his report.

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

Mr. Hudson and Mr. Lee, two public members made comments on item X.

VII. Reports from staff

The Chief of Natural Resources and Planning gave an update to the Board members on the status of these areas. Discussion followed.

(a) Updates on Area A acquisitions;

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(b) Updates on Area B acquisitions;

(c) Updates on Area C acquisitions;

(d) Updates on Area D acquisitions;

(e) Updates on Area E acquisitions:

VIII. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) add APN 2274-020-030 in Acquisition Area A (Camino de la Cumbre), APNs 4371-040-009, 4379-021-033, and 4379-024-038 in Acquisition Area B (Stone Canyon-Beverly Glen), and APN 5567-018-026 in Acquisition Area D (Laurel Canyon) to the District No. 1 Engineer's Report and determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire said properties is thereby consistent with the criteria and requirements established in said amended report.

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

On motion of Ms. Kruger, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-01 was approved. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Cooke, Ms. Dymond, Mr. Feldman, Ms. Kruger, Ms. Luchs, Ms. Weiss and Mr. Pollyea.

- IX. Consideration of resolution determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire APN 4355-009-016 in Acquisition Area B (Summitridge-Franklin Canyon), APNs 2381-029-010 and 2427-009-006 in Acquisition Area C (Laurel Canyon), APNs 5565-027-014, 5565-027-015, 5565-027-016, 5565-027-020, and 5567-007-010 in Acquisition Area D (Laurel Canyon), APNs 5580-017-031, 5580-018-006, and 5580-018-025 in Acquisition Area E (Griffith Park) is consistent with the criteria and requirements established in the Final Engineer's Report.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Feldman, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-02 was approved. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Cooke, Ms. Dymond, Mr. Feldman, Ms. Kruger, Ms. Luchs, Ms. Weiss and Mr. Pollyea.

- X. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) add APNs 2281-022-006 and 008 in Acquisition Area A (Deerhorn Ridge) to the District No. 1 Engineer's Report and determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire said properties is thereby consistent with the criteria and requirements established in said amended report.**

Comments were made by Mr. Pollyea.

On motion of Ms. Dymond, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-03 was approved. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Cooke, Ms. Dymond, Mr. Feldman, Ms. Kruger, Ms. Luchs, Ms. Weiss and Mr. Pollyea.

- XI. Discussion and direction to staff on future potential acquisitions in District 1.**

None.

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XII. Members comments on matters not on the agenda

Comments were made to the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning for possibility of Brush Clearance being on the next Agenda.

XIII. Statements, questions, or directions to staff pursuant to Government Code §54954.2(a)

None.

XIV. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:22pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Paul Edelman
Chief of Natural Resources and Planning

Approved:



Melvin J. Remba
Chair