

**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 7:17 p.m. on August 18, 2004 at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center in Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210.

II. Administration of the oaths of office to new members.

Paul Edelman swore in Ginny Kruger and Orrin Feldman.

III. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Melvin J. Remba, Chair; Roberta Cummings, Vice Chair; Karen Brooks; Pam Cooke; Orrin Feldman; Ginny Kruger; Joan Luchs; Art Pollyea and Ruth Weiss. Quorum present. Cassandra Barrere arrived subsequent to roll call.

Members absent: Pat Welch and Beth Dymond.

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

Public members included: Jerome C. Daniel and Fran Reichenbach.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of April 14, 2004.

On motion of Ms. Cummings, duly seconded, the minutes were approved as submitted. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Barrere, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Luchs, Mr. Pollyea, and Ms. Weiss. Ms. Cooke, Mr. Feldman and Ms. Kruger abstained.

V. Chairperson's report.

The Chair gave a report noting the completion of Oakshire and also spoke regarding Committee members' meeting attendance. Discussion followed.

Ms. Barrere arrived at 7:25 p.m.

VI. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

Bonnie Kalif, Studio City Residents Association, spoke in opposition of MRCA parking fees at Fryman Canyon Park.

VII. Reports from staff:

(a) Presentation on location of all acquisitions completed to date;

Paul Edelman gave a report.

(b) Update on acquisitions deemed consistent by the Committee to date.

Paul Edelman gave a report.

VIII. Consideration of resolution determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire APN 5581-010-007, Griffith Park RKO General/ GenCorp property, in Acquisition Area E is consistent with the criteria and requirements established in the Final Engineer's Report.

On motion of Ms. Luchs, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-05 was approved as amended, incorporating language to recommend Assessment District funds contributed to this purchase not exceed \$100,000. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Barrere, Ms. Cooke, Mr. Feldman, Ms. Kruger, Ms. Luchs, Mr. Pollyea and Ms. Weiss. Ms. Brooks voted no.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

IX. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) add APNs 5583-015-009, 010 and 011 in Acquisition Area E (Beachwood 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.

Fran Reichenbach spoke in support of this acquisition.

On motion of Mr. Pollyea, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-06 was approved. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Barrere, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Cooke, Mr. Feldman, Ms. Kruger, Ms. Luchs, Mr. Pollyea and Ms. Weiss.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- X. **Consideration of resolution determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire APNs 2277-018-005, 006, 007, 008, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017; 2277-019-003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012; 2277-020-001, 002, 003, 004; 2277-022-019, 020; 2277-017-014, 015; 2278-001-004, 005, 006, 007, 008, Hopevale Drive and Pacheco Drive, in Acquisition Area A (Sherman Oaks) is consistent with the criteria and requirements established in the Final Engineer's Report.**

On motion of Ms. Brooks, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-07 was approved. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Barrere, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Cooke, Mr. Feldman, Ms. Kruger, Ms. Luchs, Mr. Pollyea and Ms. Weiss.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- XI. **Consideration of resolution determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire APNs 5567-029-006, 007, 008, 010, 011, 012, 014, 015, 016, 017, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 025, 026, 027, 032, 034, Laurel Canyon Boulevard, in Acquisition Area D (Laurel Canyon) is consistent with the criteria and requirements established in the Final Engineer's Report.**

On motion of Ms. Barrere, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-08 was approved. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Barrere, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Cooke, Mr. Feldman, Ms. Kruger, Ms. Luchs, Mr. Pollyea and Ms. Weiss.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- XII. **Discussion of development on Engineer's Report parcels in Franklin and Coldwater Canyons in Acquisition Area B.**

Ms. Luchs requested that 4387-020-001 and 009 be added to a future agenda.

- XIII. **Discussion of Sherman Oaks North Benedict Canyon-Beverly Glen wildlife corridor parcels in Acquisition Area A.**

Discussion followed.

XIV. Discussion and direction to staff on future potential acquisitions in District 1.

Ms. Cooke asked staff to look into private properties owned within the DWP property near Stone Canyon.

Ms. Kruger requested staff request maps from the City of all approved tract maps that have yet to be developed.

XV. Designation of an Independent Auditor for the District revenues and expenditures.

On motion of Mr. Feldman, duly seconded, this item was tabled to the next meeting. The Committee asked staff to bring this item back for the next meeting outlining 3 potential auditors.

XVI. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

The Chair spoke about donation opportunities.

Ms. Cummings discussed 13640 W. Shalomere property.

Ms. Luchs inquired about signage at Oakshire property. She requested to see a copy of the parkland signs that will be posted at the next meeting. She also requested that staff draft a letter regarding Oakshire property issues.

Ms. Brooks asked staff to report on the protocol for adding properties to the Engineer's Report.

XV. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

None offered.

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

None offered.

XVII. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

The next meeting was tentatively set for October 20, 2004.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:37 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:



Paul Edelman
Chief of Natural Resources and Planning

Approved:



Melvin J. Remba
Chair