SANTA CLARITA WATERSHED RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

A PUBLIC ENTITY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA EXERCISING JOINT POWERS OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 6500 ET SEQ.

MINUTES
of the
GOVERNING BOARD
of the
SANTA CLARITA WATERSHED RECREATION and CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

December 6, 2007

I. Call to Order.

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by the Chair, Jerome Daniel, at 10:17 a.m. on December 6, 2007 in Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, California.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Michael Berger; Richard Gould, Vice Chair; and Jerome Daniel, Chair. Kenneth Pulskamp entered at 10:18 a.m. Quorum present.

Staff present: Rorie Skei, Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Ranger Jodi Thomas; Michelle Larrivee, City Finance Department; Darren Hernandez, SCWRCA Fiscal Officer and Treasurer; and Frances Dea, Board Secretary.

Members of the public present: Corey Harpool, Newhall Land and Henry Schultz, Santa Clarita Valley Sierra Club.

III. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 6, 2007.

The minutes of June 7, 2007, were submitted for approval.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the minutes of June 7, 2007 was unanimously adopted.

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IV. Public comment on agenda items or any other matter.

No public comments were made.

V. Ranger Report.

Ranger report update provided by Supervising Ranger Jodi Thomas. Ranger Thomas provided an update on Whitney Canyon Park.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Skei.

Ranger Thomas commented in regard to Caltrans and the lack of services provided for Park and Ride.

Comments were made by Mr. Pulskamp in regard trash issue and adopt-a-highway program.

Comments were made by Mr. Gould in resolving trash issue.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei and Mr. Gould about the entrance of Whitney Canyon Park entrance.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman in regard to having a tour for Whitney Canyon Park.

Comments were made by Mr. Berger.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Ranger Thomas in regard to any existing homeless occupancy problems.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei and Ranger Thomas on copper theft issues.

VI. Report on Newhall Ranch High Country Recreation and Conservation Authority formation.

Ms. Skei provided the report on the formation of Newhall Ranch High Country Recreation and Conservation Authority on November 14, 2007.

VII. Status report on Golden Valley Ranch open space.

Discussion was opened and led by Ms. Skei. Ms Skei reported that a settlement had been reached between the City of Santa Clarita and the parties who brought a law suit against the City.

Comments were made by Mr. Gould and Ms. Skei regarding the acreage of Golden Valley Ranch open space.

Comments were made by Mr. Gould on the Placerita Canyon open space being contiguous with Golden Valley Ranch open space.

Comments were made by Mr. Pulskamp on the total open space acreage.

VIII. Discussion on preliminary interest by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to exchange easements associated with Elsmere Canyon Tunnel.

The discussion was opened and led by Mr. Edelman and Mr. Gould.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman regarding the easement exchange with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and acquisition of fee title of two parcels.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei on CEQA being required for a land ownership exchange.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Pulskamp.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman in regard to monetary funds for the assessed value of Whitney Canyon parcels.

Comments were made by Mr. Gould on SCWRCA working with MRCA on the DWP easement exchange.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Pulskamp on DWP on exercising use eminent domain.

Comments were made by Mr. Schultz.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei on potential damage with tunnel construction at Whitney Canyon Park.

Comments were made by Ms. Thomas.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Edelman regarding private property issue at Whitney Canyon.

Comments were made by Ms. Thomas regarding the property line dispute on the private in holding south of Whitney Canyon Park.

Comments were made by Mr. Berger in regard to the scope of work for DWP construction.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Pulskamp.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei that all further questions regarding the DWP easement matter be directed to SCWRCA.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel on celebrating City Santa Clarita's 20th Anniversary.

Comments were made by Mr. Pulskamp utilizing bond proceeds for open space land acquisition and extension of Citizen Committee deadline.

Comments were made by Mr. Gould on establishing a work plan similar to the MRCA's.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Mr. Hernandez in regard to how the Assessment money is used.

Comments were made by Mr. Berger on assessment fees towards mobile homes.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman on revenue generation from assessment fees.

Comments were made Ms. Skei in regard acquisition parcels being deemed as extraterritorial.

Questions were propounded Ms. Skei.

Comments were made by Mr. Pulskamp that the Citizen's Oversight Committee would consist of five members and be completely advisory.

Comments were made by Ms. Larrivee on the revised SCWRCA budget.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Ms. Larrivee in regard to the expenditure of title reports.

X. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment.

Ms. Skei announced that the next meeting would be June 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

Jerome C Daniel

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Chair