

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

June 7, 2007

I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by the Chair, Jerome Daniel, at 10:12 a.m. on June 7, 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: Kenneth Pulskamp; Richard Gould; and Jerome Daniel, Chair. Michael Berger, Vice Chair, arrived at 10:29 a.m. Quorum present.

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

Members of the public present: Marsha McLean, Mayor, City of Santa Clarita; Laurene Weste, Councilmember, City of Santa Clarita; Chris Perez, Newhall Land; Henry Schultz, Santa Clarita Valley Sierra Club; Don Mullaly, Santa Clarita Woodland Park Consortium.

III. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 7, 2006.

The minutes of December 7, 2006, were submitted for approval.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the minutes of December 7, 2006 was unanimously approved.


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

Comments were made by Ms. McLean on agenda item VII.

Comments were made by Mr. Mullaly and Mr. Schultz on agenda item IX.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei.

V. Status report on the SCWRCA FY 2007-2008 budget.

Status report was presented by Staff, Ms. Larrivee and Mr. Hernandez, on the SCWRCA FY 2007-2008 budget.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei.

VI. Consideration of resolution adopting the FY 2007-2008 Workprogram.

Discussion was opened and led by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Gould in regard to target property acquisitions.

Comments were made by Mr. Schultz.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei.

A question was propounded by Mr. Schultz.

Mr. Gould responded in regard to the ownership of land.

Comments were made by Ms. McLean.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, Resolution 07-01 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Status report on Elsmere Canyon donation of 400-acres to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Staff opened and led discussion.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Ms. McLean.

Questions were propounded by Ms. McLean.

Mr. Edmiston responded in regard to the possibility of a joint ownership between SCWRCA and another public agency.

VIII. Status report on Whitney Canyon oil well abandonment project.

Ms. Skei opened and led the discussion.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

IX. Consideration of resolution supporting the Santa Clarita Open Space Preservation District.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, Resolution 07-02 was adopted. Mr. Pulskamp abstained.

Ms. Laurene Weste enters the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Comments were made by Ms. Weste.

Comments were made by Mr. Berger in regard to property acquisition.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman on amount of property acquired.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei.

Comments were made by Mr. Berger in generating revenue for preserving open space in the Benefit Assessment District.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston on Wildlife Conservation Board to be considered as a funding agency.

Comments were made by Mr. Pulskamp in regard to City Manager position on public comments.

X. Status Report on Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan.

Discussion was opened and led by Staff.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman, and commended the Riverside Land Conservancy.

A question was propounded by Mr. Edmiston.

Mr. Edelman responded in regard to the Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan stake holder's meeting.

Comments were made by Mr. Schultz in regard to Vulcan Mine.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Pulskamp.

Comments were made by Mr. Mullaly concerning the boundary line along Vasquez Rock Park.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing support letters for Wildlife Conservation for a grant to acquire property within the Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan.

Discussion was opened and led by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

On motion of Mr. Pulskamp, duly seconded, Resolution 07-03 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the application to the Wildlife Conservation Board for a grant to acquire property within the Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Plan.

Discussion was opened and led by Mr. Edelman. Mr Edelman recommended to the Board that the Staff Report and Resolution be amended to include the phrase Angeles Connector.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, Resolution 07-04 was unanimously adopted.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Skei on the Newhall Ranch High Country Recreation and Conservation Authority (NRHCRCA) meeting. Ms. Skei proposed a joint meeting between SCWRCA and NRHRCA.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Schultz.

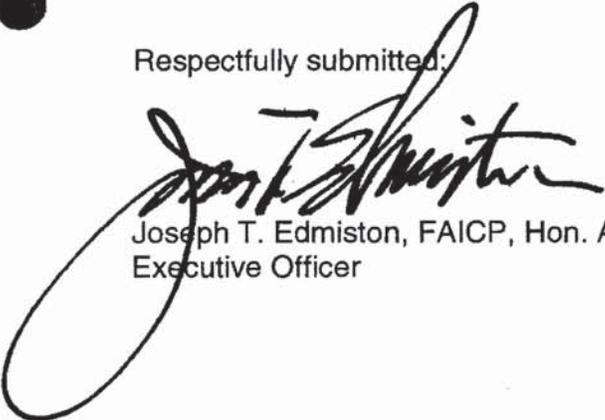
Comments were made by Mr. Perez in regard to the status of Newhall Ranch trail.

XIV. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment.

Ms. Skei announced that the next meeting would be December 6, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

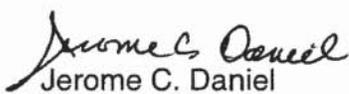
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



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

Approved:



Jerome C. Daniel
Chair