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

September 21, 2009

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 10:01 a.m. on September 21, 2009 in Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, California.

II. Administration of oath of office to new member.

Jim Hasenauer was sworn in as a new member.

III. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Jerome Daniel, Chair; Richard Gould, Vice Chair; Kenneth Pulskamp; and Jim Hasenauer. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Ranger Tony Scattaglia; Mary Ann Ruprecht, City Senior Financial Analyst; Darren Hernandez, SCWRCA Financial Officer; and Diane Sacks, Board Secretary.

Members of the public present: Liz Caddow, Trinity Classical Academy; Don MacAdam, Trinity Classical Academy; and Cathy MacAdam, Trinity Classical Academy.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of June 5, 2008.

The minutes of June 5, 2008 were submitted for approval with corrections.

On motion of the Vice Chair, duly seconded, the minutes from the meeting of June 5, 2008 were adopted. Mr. Hasenauer abstained.

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

No public comments were made on the agenda items or any other matter.

VI. Consideration of resolution to receive and file Independent Auditor's Report for fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

Comments were made by Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Pulskamp.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution 09-01 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Governing Board review the draft SCWRCA Budget for fiscal year 2009-10 and recommend sending the draft budget to the City of Santa Clarita and The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for approval.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Pulskamp, duly seconded, Resolution 09-02 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution adopting the FY 2009-10 Workprogram.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Pulskamp.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and the Vice-Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Vice-Chair requesting the addition of Newhall Ranch to the current Workprogram map.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

< The Executive Officer arrived at 10:10 a.m. >

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 09-03 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to restore an approximately 1400-foot-long section of lower Whitney Creek using in lieu mitigation funding and to enter into any agreements, if necessary, City of Santa Clarita.

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

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

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Questions were propounded by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

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Questions were propounded by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer and the Vice-Chair.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Pulskamp.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chair, and the Vice-Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

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

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Pulskamp, duly seconded, Resolution 09-04 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the California

Department of Fish and Game and the United States Army Corps of Engineers on the Draft Joint Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report for the Newhall Ranch Resource Management and Development Plan and Spineflower Conservation Plan (SCH No. 2000011025).

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Pulskamp.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, the Chief Deputy Executive Officer, and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 09-05 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Presentation by Trinity Classical Academy requesting road easement over Whitney Canyon Park to construct and operate a school.

Presentation was given by Ms. Caddow.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Ms. MacAdam.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Pulskamp.

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Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by Mses. MacAdam and Caddow.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Mr. MacAdam.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, the Vice-Chair, and Mr. MacAdam.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Mr. MacAdam, the Executive Officer, and Ms. Caddow.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and the Vice-Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Pulskamp.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Caddow.

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Questions were propounded by Mr. Pulskamp.

Comments were made by Mses. Caddow and MacAdam, the Vice-Chair, the Chief Deputy Executive Officer, and the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Ms. MacAdam.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, and Mses. Caddow and MacAdam.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Caddow.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Caddow.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Pulskamp.

Comments were made by Ms. Caddow, the Executive Officer, and the Chair.

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

Request was made by the Vice-Chair to place on the next agenda for renewal the operating agreement for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to staff SCWRCA.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

A report was given by Ranger Scattaglia covering crime, vandalism, and public use at Whitney Canyon.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by Ranger Scattaglia.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Pulskamp.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and Ranger Scattaglia.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Vice-Chair and Mr. Pulskamp.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and the Vice-Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, the Vice-Chair, and Messrs. Pulskamp and Hasenauer.

A report was given by Ranger Scattaglia covering crime, vandalism, and public use at Golden Valley.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Ranger Scattaglia, the Chief Deputy Executive Officer, the Vice-Chair, and Messrs. Pulskamp and Hasenauer.

XIII. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment.

Chair Jerome Daniel announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Santa Clarita City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

Richard E. Gould
Acting Chairperson