

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES of the GOVERNING BOARD of the WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

September 1, 2004

I. Call to Order.

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) was called to order by the Chairperson Steve Feld at 7:35 p.m. on September 1, 2004 in the Council Chambers, Level One, Brea Civic and Cultural Center, One Civic Center Circle, Brea, California.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Chairperson Steve Feld, Vice Chairperson Bob Henderson and Members Carol Herrera, Fred Klein, Glenn Parker and Beverly Perry.

The following members were absent: Elizabeth Cheadle and James Hartl.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Jeff Maloney, Legal Counsel; Melissa Chigaridas, Board Secretary, and Judi Tamasi, Project Analyst.

III. Comments by Members of the Public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

David Warren, Whittier asked what protection was available for the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic trail that passes through these hills.

IV. Governing Board and staff response to public comment.

Mr. Watts responded to Mr. Warren that the National Park Service is responsible for the trail. The service has made a concerted effort to partner with departments at the local level to publicize the trail using road signs and where possible, interpretive material.

The Executive Officer stated that anyone interested in obtaining further information about the trail should contact the Southern California office of the National Park Service Rivers and Trails programs, 570 West Avenue 26, Los Angeles.

V. Consent Calendar.

- (a) **Approval of minutes from the meeting of July 7, 2004.**
- (b) **Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2003-2004 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a change to the Advisory Committee meeting schedule from the first Wednesday of every month to the first Wednesday of every other month.**

On motion of Ms. Perry, duly seconded, the Consent Calendar was approved, adopting Resolution No. 04-15, with corrections to the July 7, 2004 minutes. Ms. Herrera abstained from approval of Consent Calendar Item (a).

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

VI. Report from a representative of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority Advisory Committee regarding the Advisory Committee meeting held on September 1, 2004.

Bob Kanne reported that the Advisory Committee offered no changes to staff's letters. Items VII through X were accepted. The Committee felt that staff should follow up on Agenda Item XI regarding City of Industry's Recreational Facilities Management Plan for a status report. The committee also felt a letter on the Mountain Parks Specific Plan (Agenda Item XII) to include the four items mentioned in the handout should be sent with the addition of two items from the committee even though the official comment period was closed. Regarding the electronic meetings, the Advisory Committee Members generally preferred paper agendas rather than electronic agendas. The Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned in appreciation of Ross Johnson who was instrumental in the creation of Chino Hills State Park.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Negative Declaration for Harbor Boulevard-Wildlife Underpass.

On motion of Mr. Parker, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-16 was adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter to the City of Diamond Bar on Alamo Heights Vesting Tentative Tract Map 3670, Tonner Canyon Watershed.

Agenda Items VIII and IX were combined and voted upon concurrently.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter to the City of Diamond Bar on Tentative Tract Map 53430, Tonner Canyon watershed.

Ms. Herrera said she reviewed the letters with Diamond Bar Deputy City Manager James DeStefano and he stated that the comments were what he expected and would be addressed at the EIR level.

On motion of Ms. Perry, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 04-17 and 04-18 were adopted with Ms. Herrera abstaining.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

Mr. Parker reported that he received an email that spoke to a court ruling in August that could affect property like this property. He read: "In August the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Federal Wildlife officials have been allowing too much destruction of endangered species and their habitat, a decision that could affect large areas of California including Oak woodlands. Current U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service rules allow activities that may harm the habitat, kill individual species and as long as it doesn't threaten the species survival the Court said in its unanimous opinion Federal Endangered Species Act requires preservation of the habitat to foster not just survival but recovery of a threatened species."

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Chino Hills on Notice of Preparation for a Draft Environmental Impact Report for Vila Borba project, Tentative Tract Maps 15989, 16413, 16338 and 16414.

On motion by Mr. Parker, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-19 was adopted with Mrs. Herrera voting "No."

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

XI. Discussion and possible action regarding the City of Industry's recreation and facilities management plan for Tonner Canyon and any potential improvements.

Judi Tamasi, Project Analyst, reported that Industry did not respond to her request for additional documents including the RFP document.

Ms. Perry responded she would like for staff to push hard to find out exactly what was going on and to put this matter on the next agenda.

On motion of Ms. Perry, duly seconded, the Board unanimously concurred to pursue this matter and bring it back on a future agenda.

The Chair suggested that a member of the Advisory Committee should be involved and assist in the process.

Ms. Perry stated that issue should be taken up at a later time after the Board determined the state of the matter.

XII. Discussion and possible action regarding the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for Mountain Park Specific Plan Amendment Project, City of Anaheim, south of Gypsum Canyon.

The Executive Officer recommended that staff write a letter based on its report that incorporated the four items.

On motion of Mr. Parker, duly seconded, the Board unanimously concurred to direct staff to write a letter based on the Staff Report that also included comments from the Advisory Committee.

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

“No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, a member of a legislative body or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Furthermore, a member of a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.”

Discussion ensued regarding the electronic meeting agenda.

The Vice Chair stated that the EIR document for the Harbor Underpass was out. The property agreement with L.A. County was scheduled for late September with the project going out to bid in December and construction commencing early 2005. The NHPA intended to proceed with a formal research management plan for the entire habitat area

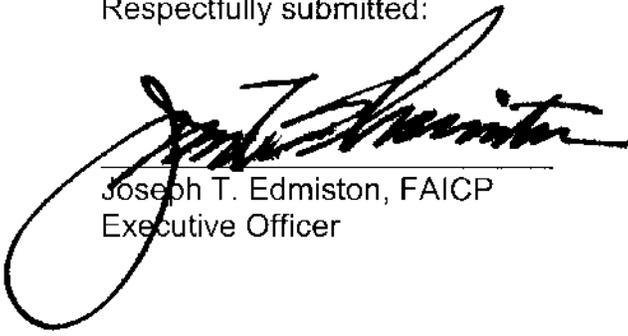
and hired LSA to prepare the plan that would include interpretation, trails, re-vegetation and a great deal of public input toward the end of the two-year project. He said that any and all comments were welcome.

XVI. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

With no further business before the Board, Chairperson Feld adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. to November 3, 2004.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:



Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP
Executive Officer

Steve Feld
Chairperson

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

September 1, 2004 — Agenda Item V(c)
Resolution No. 04-15

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING A CHANGE TO THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FROM THE FIRST
WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH TO THE FIRST
WEDNESDAY OF EVERY OTHER MONTH

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority authorizes a change to the Advisory Committee meeting schedule from the first Wednesday of every month to the first Wednesday of every other month.

Chairperson

AYES: Feld, Henderson, Herrera, Klein, Parker, Perry, Watts

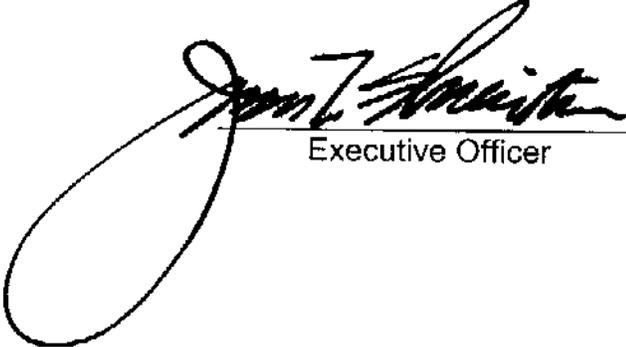
NOES: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

ABSENT: Cheadle, Hartl

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 1st day of September, 2004.

Dated: 9-7-04



Executive Officer

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

September 1, 2004 — Agenda Item VII
Resolution No. 04-16

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING A LETTER TO
LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR HARBOR BOULEVARD-WILDLIFE UNDERPASS**

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority authorizes a letter to Los Angeles County on Negative Declaration for Harbor Boulevard-Wildlife Underpass, substantially in accordance with the draft submitted for consideration.

Chairperson

AYES: Feld, Henderson, Herrera, Klein, Parker, Perry, Watts

NOES: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

ABSENT: Cheadle, Hartl

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Dated: SEP 07 2004


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September 1, 2004 — Agenda Item VIII
Resolution No. 04-17

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING A LETTER TO THE CITY OF
DIAMOND BAR ON ALAMO HEIGHTS VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT
MAP 53670, TONNER CANYON WATERSHED**

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority authorizes a letter to the City of Diamond Bar on Alamo Heights Vesting Tentative Tract Map 53670, Tonner Canyon watershed, substantially in accordance with the draft submitted for consideration.

Chairperson

AYES: Feld, Henderson, Klein, Parker, Perry, Watts

NOES: none

ABSTENTIONS: Herrera

ABSENT: Cheadle, Hartl

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September 1, 2004 — Agenda Item IX
Resolution No. 04-18

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING A LETTER TO THE CITY OF
DIAMOND BAR ON TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 53430,
TONNER CANYON WATERSHED**

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority authorizes a letter to the City of Diamond Bar on Tentative Tract Map 53430, Tonner Canyon watershed, substantially in accordance with the draft submitted for consideration.

Chairperson

AYES: Feld, Henderson, Klein, Parker, Perry, Watts

NOES: none

ABSTENTIONS: Herrera

ABSENT: Cheadle, Hartl

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September 1, 2004 — Agenda Item X
Resolution No. 04-19

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING A COMMENT LETTER TO
CITY OF CHINO HILLS ON NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR A DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR VILA BORBA PROJECT,
TENTATIVE TRACT MAPS 15989, 16413, 16338, AND 16414**

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority authorizes a comment letter to City of Chino Hills on Notice of Preparation for a Draft Environmental Impact Report for Vila Borba project, Tentative Tract Maps 15989, 16413, 16338, and 16414, substantially in accordance with the draft submitted for consideration.

Chairperson

AYES: Feld, Henderson, Klein, Parker, Perry, Watts

NOES: Herrera

ABSTENTIONS: none

ABSENT: Cheadle, Hartl

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