

# **WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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## **MINUTES of the GOVERNING BOARD of the WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**September 27, 2007**

### **I. Call to Order.**

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) was called to order by Chairperson Bob Henderson at 9:48 a.m. on September 27, 2007 at the following locations:

- 1) Location 1: Council Chambers, Level 1, Brea Civic and Cultural Center, One Civic Center Circle, Brea, California 92821
- 2) Location 2: Office of Mayor Pro-Tem Jack Tanaka, Diamond Bar City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California 91765
- 3) Location 3: Whittier City Hall, Council Chambers, 13230 E. Penn Street, Whittier, California 90602
- 4) Location 4: Office of Don Knabe, Fourth District, Rowland Heights Field Office, 1199 S. Fairway Drive, Suite 111, Walnut, California 91789

#### **(a) Administration of oath of office to new member.**

The Executive Officer administered the Oath of Office to Ron Garcia.

### **II. Roll Call.**

The roll was called and the following members were present: Bob Henderson, Chair; Barbara Fish, alternate for Michael Hughes; Dickie Simmons; Jack Tanaka; Howard Viperman; Ron Garcia, alternate for John Beaman; and Bob Henderson, Chair. Quorum was present. The following members were absent: Elizabeth Cheadle; Michael Hughes; John Beaman; Gary Watts; and Glenn Parker, Vice Chair.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Judi Tamasi, Project Analyst; and Tammy Lee, Board Secretary.

- III. Comments by members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items. Except for items notices as public hearings, all public comments shall be heard during the public comments section of the agenda. Individuals will be allowed three minutes to speak and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed five minutes to speak.**

The following members address the Authority:

Jeanette Shorts, Resident of the City of Chino Hills, on Item IX.

- IV. Governing Board and staff response to public comment. At this time the Governing Board and staff will respond to public comment and questions.**

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

- V. Consent calender:**

- (a) Approval of minutes from the meeting of May 29, 2007.
- (b) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.

Comments were made by the Chair.

A roll call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Vipperman, duly seconded, the consent calendar was adopted. Mr. Garcia and Ms. Fish were noted as abstaining.

- VI. Report from a representative of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority Advisory Committee regarding the Advisory Committee meeting held on September 6, 2007.**

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

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Draft General Plan and the related Significant Ecological Area documents.**

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Tanaka.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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Questions were propounded by Mr. Tanaka.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst, the Chair, and Mr. Tanaka.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

A roll call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Tanaka, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-05, was approved by Ms. Fish, Messrs. Henderson, Tanaka, Vipperman, and Garcia. Mr. Simmons abstained.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Brea on Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report No. 02-01 for the Canyon Crest Project.**

Comments were made by the Project Analyst and Mr. Tanaka.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Messrs. Tanaka and Garcia.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

A roll call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Tanaka, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-06, was approved as amended by Ms. Fish, Messrs. Henderson, Simmons, Tanaka, and Vipperman. Mr. Garcia abstained.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing comments letter to California Public Utilities Commission regarding City of Chino Hills protest against the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project.**

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst, Mr. Simmons, and the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Simmons.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, the Chair, and Messrs. Simmons and Tanaka.

A motion by Mr. Vipperman to pass Resolution No. 07-07 failed.

**X. Consideration of resolution confirming the staff comment letter to Orange County Transportation Authority on Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the State Route 57 Northbound Widening Project.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Henderson.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst, the Chair, Mr. Garcia, the Executive Officer, and Mr. Simmons.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Simmons.

Comments were made by the Chair, and Messrs. Simmons and Tanaka.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Garcia and the Executive Officer.

A roll call vote was administered.

Messrs. Simmons, Tanaka, and Garcia voted in favor of Resolution No. 07-08 as amended.

Messrs. Fish, Henderson, and Vipperman voted against the adoption of Resolution 07-08 as amended.

The motion made by Mr. Garcia, duly seconded, was not approved.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

On recommendation of Staff, due to time constraints, Agenda Item X was re-opened and heard subsequent to Agenda Item XIV. Staff recommended to address Item XIV immediately due to comment letter period deadline.

[Mr. Garcia excused himself from the meeting at 10:46 a.m.]

**XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to California Public Utilities Commission on Notice of Preparation for a Joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project Proposed by Southern California Edison Company (Application No. A.07-06-031).**

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

A roll call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Fish, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-11, was unanimously adopted.

The Chair announced that Agenda Item X would be re-opened for consideration.

**X. Consideration of resolution confirming the staff comment letter to Orange County Transportation Authority on Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the State Route 57 Northbound Widening Project.**

Comments were made by the Chair.

Mr. Henderson stepped down as Chair for Item X.

Comments were made by Messrs. Simmons and Henderson, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Tanaka.

Comments were made by the Acting Chair Fish and the Executive Officer.

A roll call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-08, was approved as amended by Ms. Fish, and Messrs. Henderson and Vipperman. Messrs. Simmons and Tanaka were noted as voting against adoption of this item.

Mr. Henderson resumed his roll as Chairperson for the remainder of the meeting.

**XI. Consideration of resolution confirming staff comment letter to Orange County Transportation Authority on Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment for the State Route 91 Eastbound Lane Addition Project Between State Route 241 and State Route 71.**

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

A roll call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Fish, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-09, was approved by Ms. Fish, and Messrs. Henderson, Tanaka, and Vipperman. Mr. Simmons was noted as voting against adoption of this item.

**XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Chino Hills on Proposed Water, Recycled Water & Wastewater Master Plan Program Draft Environmental Impact Report.**

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

A roll call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Simmons, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-10, was unanimously adopted.

**XIII. Discussion and possible action regarding increasing membership fees for Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority members.**

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Tanaka.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Tanaka.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, and Messrs. Simmons and Viperman.

On motion of Mr. Simmons, duly seconded, Governing Board members will ask their respective cities to amend the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to increase membership fees from \$500 to \$2000 per annum.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Tanaka.

Comments were made by the Chair and the Executive Officer.

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Comments were made by the Chair and the Executive Officer.

A roll call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Simmons, duly seconded, the Governing Board unanimously adopted the action of querying their respective cities to amend the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to increase membership fees from \$500 to \$2000 per annum.

Questions were propounded by the Project Analyst.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

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

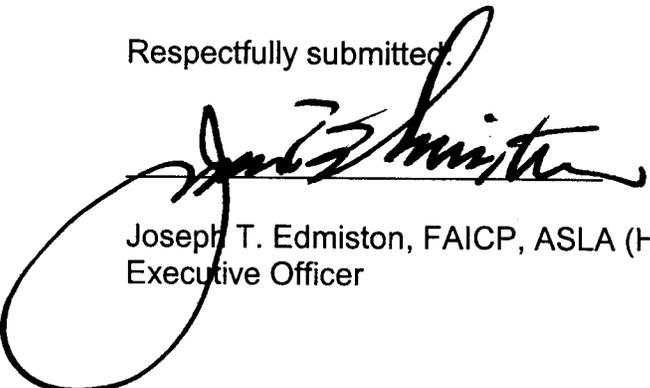
**“No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their 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.”**

No comments were made.

**XVI. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.**

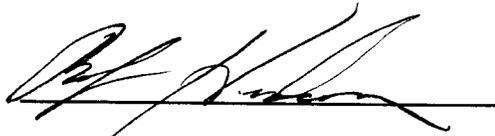
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Approved:



Bob Henderson  
Chairperson