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MINUTES
of the
Advisory Committee
of the
WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

December 2, 2009

I. Call to order.

The special meeting of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority Advisory Committee was called to order by Helen Rahder, Chairperson at 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, in the Council Chambers, Brea Civic and Cultural Center, One Civic Center Circle, Brea, California.

II. Administration of oath of office to new member.

Judi Tamasi administered Oath of Office to Rick Rogers.

III. Roll Call.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Helen Rahder, Chair, Sona McCoy, Secretary, Shelley Andros, Stephen Davis, Alissa Ing, Bob Kanne, Robert Turner, and Jeff Yann. Quorum present.

The following members were absent: Claire Schlotterbeck, Vice-Chair, Anne Coté, Roland vom Dorp, and Wilbur Smith.

William Madden arrived subsequent to roll call.

Staff present: Judi Tamasi, Project Analyst.

IV. Comments by members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items. Except for items noticed 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 of the public addressed the Authority:

Shirley Gregg, Friends of Coyote Hills on Item XI.

[William Madden arrived at 5:40 p.m.]

Comments were made by the Chair.

V. Advisory Committee and staff response to public comment. At this time the Advisory Committee and staff will respond to public comment and questions.

No comments were made.

VI. Approval of minutes from the meeting of May 27, 2009 (including bullet minutes).

On motion of Mr. Yann, duly seconded, minutes from the meeting of May 27, 2009, were approved.

VII. Update on Governing Board meeting held on May 27, 2009.

An update was given by the Project Analyst.

VIII. Comments and announcements from Advisory Committee Members.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing and Mr. Yann.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kanne.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Project Analyst, and Messrs. Yann and Madden.

Questions were propounded by the Secretary.

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Comments were made by the Chair, and Messrs. Madden and Kanne.

IX. Discussion of development projects in the wildlife corridor area.

Comments were made by Mr. Yann.

Questions were propounded by the Secretary.

X. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Governing Board authorize a comment letter to National Park Service on San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kanne.

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Yann.

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Questions were propounded by Mr. Rogers.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Project Analyst, Ms. Ing, and Messrs. Yann and Rogers.

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Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Shirley Gregg, the Chair, Mses. Ing and Andros, and Messrs. Yann, Madden, and Kanne.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Turner.

Comments were made by the Chair.

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Questions were propounded by Mr. Turner.

Comments were made by the Chair, Ms. Andros, and Messrs. Turner, Yann and Madden.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Turner.

Comments were made by Mr. Yann.

On motion of Mr. Madden, duly seconded, Resolution No. 09-04 was adopted, incorporating the discussed changes into the letter. Mr. Davis opposed.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Davis.

XI. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Governing Board authorize a support letter for Congressional legislation to protect wilderness, and wild and scenic rivers in the Eastern San Gabriel Mountains.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yann.

Comments were made by the Chair and the Project Analyst.

[Robert Turner departed at 7:03 p.m.]

Comments were made by Mr. Kanne.

On motion of Mr. Yann, duly seconded, Resolution No. 09-05 was adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

XII. Discussion and possible action regarding the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project.

An update was given by the Project Analyst.

Comments were made by the Chair, Ms. Ing, and Mr. Yann.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst and the Secretary.

[Robert Turner returned at 7:06 p.m.]

Questions were propounded by the Secretary.

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Yann.

XIII. Update and discussion regarding the recent fire near Hacienda Boulevard.

An update was given by the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yann.

Comments were made by Ms. Andros.

XIV. Discussion regarding City of Industry Business Center, including National Football League Stadium project.

Comments were made by the Chair.

[William Madden departed at 7:12 p.m.]

Comments were made by the Chair, Ms. Ing, and Messrs. Turner, Yann, Kanne, and Rogers.

XV. Reports from Advisory sub-committees:

a. Outreach subcommittee, Roland vom Dorp, Chair.
b. Media Liaison subcommittee, Helen Rahder, Chair.
c. Ecological subcommittee.
d. Fund Raising subcommittee, Roland vom Dorp, Chair.
e. Habitat subcommittee, William Madden, Chair.
f. Legislative subcommittee, Claire Schlotterbeck, Chair.

No comments were made.

XVI. Statements, responses, questions, or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54956.2(a) of the Government Code which state the following:

"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."

Comments were made by Ms. Ing and Mr. Kanne.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing.

XVII. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

The next meeting will be held on January 6, 2010. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Judi Tamasi
Project Analyst

Approved:

Helen Rahder
Chairperson

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 2, 2009 — Agenda Item X

Resolution No. 09-04

RESOLUTION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY RECOMMENDING THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE A COMMENT LETTER TO NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ON SAN GABRIEL WATERSHED AND MOUNTAINS SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY

Resolved, That the Advisory Committee of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority recommends that the Governing Board authorize a comment letter to National Park Service on San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study, substantially in accordance with the draft submitted for consideration.

Helen M. Rahder
Chairperson 1-14-10

AYES: Rahder, McCoy, Andros, Ing, Kanne, Madden, Turner, Yann

NOES: Davis

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Schlotterbeck, Coté, Smith, vom Dorp

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 2nd day of December, 2009.

Dated: 1-11-10

Executive Officer

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 2, 2009 — Agenda Item XI

Resolution No. 09-05

RESOLUTION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY RECOMMENDING THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE A SUPPORT LETTER FOR CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION TO PROTECT WILDERNESS, AND WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS IN THE EASTERN SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS

Resolved, That the Advisory Committee of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority recommends that the Governing Board authorize a support letter for Congressional legislation to protect wilderness, and wild and scenic rivers in the Eastern San Gabriel Mountains, substantially in accordance with the draft submitted for consideration.

Helen Rahder
Chairperson 1-14-10

AYES: Rahder, McCoy, Andros, Davis, Ing, Kanne, Madden, Yann

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Schlotterbeck, Coté, Smith, Turner, vom Dorp

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Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority
Advisory Committee Bullet Minutes
December 2, 2009
Submitted by: Sona McCoy

- Item I: Call to order.
- Item II: Administration of oath of office to Rick Rogers.
- Item III: Roll Call. Advisory Committee Members Present: Shelley Andros; Stephen Davis; Alissa Ing; Bob Kanne; Sona McCoy; Helen Rahder; Rick Rogers; Robert Turner
- Item IV: Comments by members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.
  Comments by Shirley Greg from Coyote Hills regarding agenda item 10: Include all areas of water in the Coyote Hills area and extending to the Pacific Ocean. The San Gabriel River continues on to the Coyote Creek water shed. Coyote Creek water shed needs protection by the National Park system so that they can receive funding, sustain and preserve the water shed and provide educational programs to protect the Coyote Creek area. The Coyote Hills are connected to the Brea Hills area by Brea Creek. Shirley Greg asked the WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY to please address this problem to the National Park System. The entire water shed should be included in the park system.
- Item V: Advisory committee and staff response to public comment. No questions at this time. Advisory Committee will consider writing a letter in favor of including the Coyote Creek water shed in the National Park System.
- Item VI: Approval of minutes from meeting of May 27, 2009.
- Item VII: Update on Governing Board meeting May 27, 2009. Judi Tamasi adopted the budget but did not approve the letter written by WCCA to the National Park System.
- Item VIII: Comments and announcements from Advisory Committee Members.
  Alissa Ing reported on the Visitor's Center. Construction is continued after it was temporarily halted. The infrastructure will be completed in May. A grant was approved for an outdoor lab. A Nature Education Grant was approved.
  Jeff Yann spoke about the Montebello Hills EIR. Many letters were submitted regarding the EIR. The EIR was processed so slowly that new City Council members were elected. The Mayor opposes the Cook Hill Development and Cook Hill does not know what they will do about this.
  Comments by Helen Rahder.
- Item IX: Discussion of development projects in the wildlife corridor area.
  Comments by Jeff Yann: Montebello Hills has the highest population of Nat Catchers in this area. If 50% of the Nat Catchers survived, the development would be permissible. The nats are moving to Sycamore Canyon and going to West Puente Hills.
  Comments by Helen Rahder.
  Comments by Robert Turner regarding Aera Project.
  Comments by Judi Tamasi regarding Diamond Bar and Aera.
  Comments by William Madden: There is a housing development of 165 homes that is being developed in Carbon Canyon. It will cost about l7 million dollars. It is nine years into the planning. The project is slowed by the City until $130,000 fees are paid. There are fire hazards involved in developing this cul-de-sac.
  Comments by Helen Rahder regarding this development project and regarding the resurgence of more community activism to control the future of community developments.
  Comments by Bob Kane: There is a new development proposed in Yorba Linda. It is the Merdock property. Merdock is a billionaire. He desires to build a gated community in Chino Hills. There will be 371 homes. The Whittier Earthquake Fault is an issue. This is a very fire hazardous area. A public meeting was well attended by members of the community. There were 40 people who met at a local junior high. There are difficulties with low income housing requirements and traffic outlets in the development plan.
  Comments by Helen Rahder: Some communities are against gated communities.
  Comments by Robert Turner.

- Item X: Consideration of resolution recommending that the Governing Board authorize a comment letter to National Park Service on San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study.
  Comments by Rick Rogers: Discussion of the letter written by Senator Bob Huff.
  Comments by Jeff Yann: Huff has no basis for saying these things. When this idea was first proposed, the down river city areas such as Downey and Lakewood, objected. This is why Canyon Hills and other areas were left out. The City of Long Beach, however, sees the benefit of Federal assistance.
  Comments by Helen Rahder: When they scope out an area can we go back and expand the scope? Coyote Hills is north of the line.
  Comments by Robert Turner: How much influence does an assembly person have? Gary Miller has a real estate background.
  Comments by Helen Rahder: Senator Bob Huff says he has serious objections to the alternatives that we propose. He calls this a "Wildlife Deathtrap".
  Question by Rick Rogers: What is a special resource study?
  Comments by Helen Rahder: The Federal government steps in and makes a special study of the area to see if it needs Federal protection.
  Comments by Jeff Yann: The National Park Service is gathering information to see what role they can play in order to preserve the Wildlife Corridor. The biological resources in the area are studied.
  Question by Robert Turner: What is the ultimate Federal obligation in this plan?
  Comments by Jeff Yann: To make this a national recreation area like the Santa Monica Mountains.
  Comments by Helen Rahder: The Santa Monica Mountains is a hodge podge of entities. Some are in charge of the land, others are not. If the Federal Government comes in, I can still ride my bike through these areas.
  Comments by Alissa Ing: The Santa Ana River Trail extends from the mountains to the ocean. Management of the land was discussed.
  Comments by Jeff Yann: Los Angeles National Forest does not have the National Park System as a resource to bring in money for the area.
  Comments by Robert Turner: The Federal Government gives legal constraints for building.
  Comments by Jeff Yann: Input from public hearings finalizes proposals for protecting and using the area.
  Comments by William Madden: Water sheds and rivers are not separate entities in themselves. You can't segment them apart from the land. You have to have an entire vision. We need to look at the whole picture.
  Comments by Helen Rahder: We have Map A, B, and C. How do we incorporate Coyote Hills?
  Comments by William Madden: Look at Map B. It is north of the Orange County line.
  Correction by Bob Kanne: It looks south.
  Comments by Jeff Yann: Let's ask to include Coyote Hills.
  Comments by Shelly Andros: Include what Bill says, the entire water shed concept.
  Comments by Alissa Ing: We are defining a study area.
  Comments by Shelly Andros: I feel Coyote Hills should be included
  Comments by Jeff Yann: Include Montebello Hills.
  Changes are made in the original letter.
- Item XI: Consideration of resolution recommending that the Governing Board authorize a support letter for Congressional legislation to protect wilderness, and wild and scenic rivers in the Eastern San Gabriel Mountains.
  Comments by Helen Rahder: Is there any discussion regarding this letter? Do we approve this letter? Letter is approved.

- Item XII: Discussion and possible action regarding the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project.
  Comments by Judi Tamasi: It was proposed to pass through Chino parks but the judged said, "No". There is no EIR.
  Comments by Jeff Yann: Did we send a letter?
  Comments by Helen Rahder: No, there was a conflict of interest between Hills for Us and WCCA.
- Item XIII: Update on fire near Hacienda Blvd.
  Comments by Judi Tamasi: The 3-4 acre fire did not affect the Wildlife Corridor. The fire was put out very quickly with an aerial assault and ground teams.
- Item XIV: Discussion of National Football League Stadium project in City of Industry.
  Comments by Helen Rahder: CEQUA was overturned. This law was rejected. Walnut held their ground a long time but they were convinced the idea was going to come anyway.
  Comments by Jeff Yann: The City approved it years ago. Walnut gets 1-2 million dollars a year so Walnut sold out the residents.
  Comments by Helen Rahder: The spillover goes into resident's property.
  Comments by Rick Rogers: It's a done deal.
- Item XV: Reports from sub-committees: No reports.
- Item XVI: Comments pursuant to Section 54956.2.
  Comments by Alissa Ing: The Arunda eradication project in Carbon Canyon is progressing well.
  Comments by Helen Rahder: Grasses and Mustard Seed have come up.
  Comments by Alissa Ing: The changes from a Riparian Habitat cause this. European weeds and grasses sweep across the fire burned area.
- Item XVII: Meeting Adjourned.