

Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority
Advisory Committee Bullet Minutes
January 31, 2007
Submitted by L.C. Yoshida

- Item I: The WCCA Advisory Board session began at 5:37 PM in the Council Chambers, Whittier, CA.
- Item II: Roll call was taken by Tammy Lee.
- Item III Administration of oath of office to new members, Shelley Andros, Sona McCoy
- Item IV: Election of officers: moved by Helen Rahder to nominate Tom Greene for Vice chair, Bob Kanne for Chair, Lidia Yoshida for Secretary.
- Item V: Comments from members of public, Robert Dale from La Habra, supports what we do. His question is whether La Habra is eligible to be a member, Claire answered that he should approach the governing board. Other question: is it possible to give a presentation as a study session to the city of La Habra. Helen recommended that they mention it to the governing board. Would the League of Women Voters be willing to present it.? He is concerned about the Aera project and other parcels, suggesting that we be more aggressive approaching landowners who are selling parcels. He also would like to know if there is a strategy or contingency plan, perhaps use eminent domain. He felt that La Habra residents need to be educated. Helen said that we were formed as a preemptive alternative to prevent what is happening now. Other comments were made. Others present from the public were David Warren from Whittier Free Lancer, as well as a representative from Aera.
- Item VI: Members of the Advisory Committee responding: Claire: We haven't heard from WCCA because we have no money. Each city donates 500 dollars per year to be part of WCCA.
- Item VII: Approval of minutes: discussion of March minutes ensued: motion to approve was moved by Helen, seconded by Alissa Ing. Corrections were made to March Bullet minutes. Claire moved to approve, Tom seconded. The August minutes: moved to approve by Robert Turner, seconded by Bill Herrick
- Item VIII: Update on Governing Board meeting: Michael Hughes was appointed as interim member for Steve Feld. Discussions regarding portions of Aera property, discussion by Jack Tanaka, city manager; comment letter was approved by city of Diamond Bar regarding a project.
- Item IX: Comments and announcements by Advisory Committee Members: CHSP Interpretative Association's goal is to raise funds to support interpretative activities in the State Park. They had a successful fundraising event: "Meet the Meteors", held in November. They are planning another in March. A hike was lead with a group of seniors, a week later, they got a check for 500 dollars from one of the participants. He was really excited about the meetings. In March they will expect to have about 140 people. The event will be posted at chinohillsstatepark.org. Registration is online. They will find someone to give a talk on birds and another to lead in the campfire songs. There will be an Earth Day program at the state park. Alissa up[dated us on the Santa Ana River debacle that was going on with Orange County, Riverside County Flood control district. and Army Corp of Engineers. In the event of a big rain event, large amounts of water are released: 10000 cfs. Army Corps wanted to buy the parcel. Problem is they want to protect the green river with rip rap, which ruins the wildlife movement in the area. They will take out willow and walnut woodlands. This is in the scoping stage. We should be aware of this issue. Orange county is supporting this project because the golf course was ruined by the water. Yorba Linda city council: Ken Ryan decided not to run again because

the antidevelopment was so successful, restricting further redevelopment. New city council members were not pro development. One of the city council members, Mike Duvall went to the State Assembly. Deciding to appoint somebody, they will elect a new member before June; Mike Duvall represents la Habra, Fullerton, West Yorba Linda, etc. He's active in chamber of commerce... Other comments or updates: Helen: support for the hills is positive but we are losing every land use and development vote that we worked for. Bob Henderson and Owen Newcomer are our the only supporters. The maintenance of the ambiance commitment to the community, safety is not understood by this city council. Shelley Andros mentioned that fireworks are reinstated.

- Claire has a comment: if there are items for discussion where there are presentations, we should hear them also. HR suggested that we should periodically overlap the meetings so that we can hear the presentations. If we need to make recommendations it would be so much better to see it before making a decision.
- Also, coal canyon restoration is getting better. Plants are growing.
- Item X: Update and discussion regarding MWD of Southern California. Alissa explained the sludge in ponds: there is lots of it. Initial discussion focused on what to do with the trucks hauling sludge which shares with horseback riders. The plant is one of the 10th largest in the world. Have an alternate road with a gradual grade. Alissa explained the issue. Walnut woodlands would be disturbed. Mitigation is in discussion. 2 bird species would be impacted. There have been security issues, break-ins, fires, etc. Purpose of the road was discussed. The Advisory Board feels as if its members understand the issues now.
- Item XI: Update and discussion regarding the City of Diamond Bar's recent proposed acquisitions and annexation/sphere of influence amendments in relation to the Aera property. Judi gave a brief description of the map. Bob K. asked who owns the storm drains. Claire explained the history and issues involved in the annexation, mitigations, transportation. Phone calls are not being returned by Aera. They won't release the documentation upon they reached their decision. They call it a draft, but it should not be part of the decision making process. Some are interested in staying to hear the presentations. Specific questions: **Bill H**: what would a state park look like? Claire answered that there would be campground, protection of state resources, no cattle.
- Item XII: Reports from Advisory Sub-Committees
- Item XXI Statements, responses, question or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54956.2(a) of the Government Code
- Announcement of next meeting and adjournment: moved by Alissa, seconded by Bill Herrick Meeting adjourned at _ 7:24 PM