

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

December 7, 2006

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 2:07 p.m. on December 7, 2006 at Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, California.

II. Roll call.

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

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Michelle Larrivee, City Finance Department; Darren Hernandez, SCWRCA Fiscal Officer and Treasurer; Frances Dea, Board Secretary.

Members of the public present: Marsha McLean, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Santa Clarita; Corey Harpole, Newhall Land; Henry Schultz, Santa Clarita Valley Sierra Club; Don Mullaly, Santa Clarita Woodland Park Consortium.

III. Approval of minutes of meeting of December 2, 2004 and February 8, 2006.

The minutes of December 2, 2004 were submitted for approval.
The minutes of February 8, 2006 were submitted for approval.

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the minutes of December 2, 2004 and the minutes of February 8, 2006 were unanimously adopted.

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

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

V. Consideration of resolution authorizing expenditure of mitigation fund to contract with the Riverside Land Conservancy for pre-acquisition services in the upper Santa Clara Watershed and authorizing acceptance of funds from other public and private entities for said contract.

Staff opened and led the discussion.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, Resolution 06-4 was unanimously adopted.

VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of mitigation funds to acquire APNs 3210-001-001, 03210-001-001, 3210-001-003, 3210-002-004, 3210-002-005, 3210-004-006, 3210-004-007, 3210-004-005, 3212-004-014, 3212-004-016, 3212-004-017, 3212-014-031, and 3212-004-010 located in the Agua Dulce Canyon watershed and the granting of said funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire said parcels, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Mr. Daniel opened and led the discussion.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

A question was propounded by Mr. Gould.

Mr. Edelman responded to Mr. Gould in regard to the APNs and their importance to habitat linkage.

A question was propounded by Mr. Pulskamp.

Ms. Larrivee responded to Mr. Pulskamp in regard to SCWRCA funds.

Comments were made by Mr. Gould in regard to the expenditure of money.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mulally.

Mr. Edelman responded to Mr. Mulally in regard to the environmental value of the parcels and the purpose of connecting the San Gabriel Mountains to the Sierra Pelona Mountains.

VII. Status report on Whitney Canyon oil well abandonment.

Staff opened and led discussion.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei.

A question was propounded by Mr. Daniel.

A question was propounded by Mr. Pulskamp.

Comments were made by Ms. Larrivee.

Ms. Skei responded to Mr. Daniel in regard to the number of abandoned wells left.

VIII. Status report on the Newhall Ranch High Country Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Staff opened and led the discussion.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei on the status of the JPA for the Newhall Ranch High Country Recreation and Conservation Authority (NRHCRCA).

A question was propounded by Mr. Gould.

Mr. Harpole responded to Mr. Gould in regard to the status of trail construction in Newhall Ranch High Country.

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

No statements were made by board members, staff or public members.

X. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment.

Ms. Skei announced that the next meeting would be June 7, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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Rorie Skei
Deputy Executive Officer

Jerome C. Daniel
Chair