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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 27, 2009

To: The Governing Board Members

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

Subject: **Agenda Item VI: Appointment of Advisory Committee Member.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board consider the nomination of Rick Rogers as Advisory Committee member.

Background: The terms of Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) Advisory Committee members last two years. Pursuant to the Advisory Committee Policy (3.2), notices seeking applications for membership were published. Each member of the Board shall nominate two Advisory Committee members. At the December 17, 2008 WCCA meeting, the Governing Board unanimously approved the Advisory Committee member slate nominated by Board members.

Staff had mistakenly left off Rick Rogers' name on the list for the December 17, 2008 meeting. The City of Diamond Bar had nominated Mr. Rogers. Mr. Rogers has provided a summary of his background (attached). Per the Advisory Committee Policy (3.5), at the meeting where Advisory Committee appointments are considered, each prospective nominee may, but need not, make a short summation of his or her qualifications. Staff recommends that the Governing Board consider the nomination of Rick Rogers as an Advisory Committee member.

Rick Rogers
WCCA Advisory Committee Application

General Statement Supporting Appointment

My wife and family and I have lived in Diamond Bar for several years. Our residence backs onto the old Tres Hermanos Ranch property near Grand Avenue between Diamond Bar and Chino Hills. We treasure the open space we can see from our backyard, and realize that we are fortunate indeed to be able to enjoy such a resource in the midst of such a heavily populated area.

However, I am cognizant of the competing interests and pressures on preservation and development of open spaces. I realize that it will take careful, skillful administration to ensure that appropriate resources are protected.

I believe my experience in serving with various community organizations has prepared me well to work effectively with the other members of the Advisory Committee, the Board and the public. I believe my experience with investments enables me to better understand and appreciate the developmental pressures that will inevitably be brought to bear on the open space of the Wildlife Corridor. And finally, my experience as an elected Board member of a retirement system charged with making decisions on the investment of a multi-billion dollar retirement fund, has given me valuable insight into the political pressures that are ever-present when making decisions that impact public resources.

Each summer I go hiking for a few days in the high Sierras. I came back from my annual vacation this year to learn about the opportunity to serve on the Advisory Committee. I am very, very interested in serving with the Committee, and appreciate your kind consideration.

Rick Rogers
WCCA Advisory Committee Application

Background and Qualifications

Education

BA, History, University of California, Riverside
MBA, Finance Concentration, California State University San Bernardino

Employment

I am employed by the City of Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension System as an Investment Officer. I am the lead on Fixed Income and Alternative investments, and supervise a professional staff of three Investment Officers. The Pension System administers a \$13.5 billion fund and provides retirement benefits to approximately 20,000 active and retired firefighters and police officers and their beneficiaries.

Additional

I am an employee-elected member to the seven-member Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System (LACERS), a \$9 billion system administering the retirement benefits of approximately 40,000 active and retired City employees and their beneficiaries. The Board oversees the administration of the System through LACERS, which employs a professional and clerical staff of 130 personnel.

I am a Board member of the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library, a non-profit, 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization devoted to improving literacy in the community and assisting the Diamond Bar branch of the Los Angeles County Library. I am the co-Chair of the Friends' annual Wine Soiree and Benefit Auction fundraiser, helping to organize an event that draws approximately 400 guests each year.

I am a proud member of the Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions, a branch of the oldest community service organization in the United States, devoted to improving lives in the community with an emphasis upon efforts to combat blindness and improve eyesight and to fight cancer.

I am a Captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve, with 28 years active and Reserve service.