

# DESERT AND MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## MINUTES *of the* GOVERNING BOARD *of the* DESERT AND MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

November 15, 2006

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

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Desert and Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Jim Dodson, on November 15, 2006 at Santa Clarita City Hall at 3:45 p.m.

The roll was called and the following members were present: David Myerson, Milt Stark, Richard Gould and Jim Dodson, Chairperson. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Frances Dea, Board Secretary.

### **II. Administration of Oath of Office.**

Joseph T. Edmiston administered oath of office to Richard Gould.

### **III. Election of Vice-Chair.**

On motion of Mr. Myerson, duly seconded, Richard Gould was elected as Vice Chair of the DMCA.

### **IV. Public comment on matters not appearing on the Meeting Agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Authority.**

A comment was made by public member Mr. Peter Zorba.

**V. Staff Reports:**

- (a). **Update on Joshua Ranch dedication.**
- (b). **Overview of DMCA and partner agency jurisdictions.**
- (c). **Update on filing of JPA with Secretary of State.**

**V (a). Update on Joshua Ranch.**

Discussion on Joshua Ranch was opened and led by Mr. Maloney.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Maloney.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Myerson.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson in regard to touring the Joshua Ranch property.

**V (b). Overview of DMCA and partner agency jurisdictions.**

Mr. Edelman opened and led discussion on agency jurisdictions.

Comments were made by Mr. Gould.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

**V (c). Update on filing of JPA with Secretary of State.**

The JPA has been filed with Secretary of State.

**VI. Discussion of staffing, building internal capacities and need for studies.**

Mr. Edelman opened and led discussion on staffing, building internal capacities and the need for internal studies.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Myerson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Myerson.

A question was propounded by Mr. Gould.

A comment was made by Mr. Edmiston in response to Mr. Gould.

A question was propounded by Mr. Myerson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston in response to Mr. Myerson.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

**VII. Discussion and possible action regarding entering into Chapter 8 Agreements associated with the 2007 Tax Defaulted public auction with the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector.**

Discussion was opened and led by Mr. Edelman on the Chapter 8 Agreements and Tax Defaulted properties.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston.

A question was propounded by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman in response to Mr. Dodson.

A question was propounded by Mr. Stark.

A comment was by Mr. Edelman in regard to the cost of property.

On motion of Mr. Myerson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-04 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Discussion and possible action regarding maintenance of Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority (DMCA) properties and contracting with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for maintenance services.**

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Stark.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman

A question was propounded by Mr. Stark.

A comment was made by Mr. Myerson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Maloney.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmiston.

**IX. Discussion and possible action regarding acceptance of in lieu mitigation fees and implementation of funded projects.**

On motion of Mr. Myerson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-05 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Discussion of acquisition strategies.**

Discussion was opened and led by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Myerson.

A question was propounded by Mr. Edmiston.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson in response to Mr. Edmiston.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Myerson in response to Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

Comments were made by Mr. Myerson in regard to Gorman Wildlife Flower Preserve.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson in regard to coordinating a study session.

**XI. Discussion of Land Acquisition Workprogram development.**

Discussion was opened and led by Mr. Dodson on the Land Acquisition Workprogram.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Mr. Dodson.

A question was propounded by Mr. Myerson.

A response was made by Mr. Edmiston in regard to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

**XII. Discussion and possible action regarding potential Quail Valley open space dedication, south of Avenue S and west of State Route 14 unincorporated Palmdale area.**

This item was postponed to a later meeting date.

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

Mr. Dodson made a comment in regard to having a BLM letter directed to Mr. Edelman.

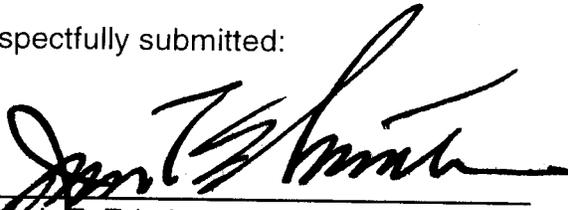
Comments were made by Mr. Peter Zorba on habitat establishments.

**XIV. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting will be the second Wednesday of February, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:10 p.m.

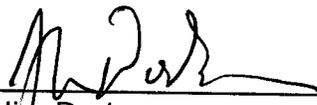
Respectfully submitted:



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

Approved:



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Jim Dodson  
Chair