MINUTES
of the
GOVERNING BOARD
of the
SANTA CLARITA WATERSHED RECREATION and CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

May 25, 2011

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 Chairperson, Jerome C. Daniel at 10:30 a.m. on May 25, 2011 in Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, California.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Jerome C. Daniel, Chair; Richard E. Gould, Vice-Chair; and Jim Hasenauer. Quorum present.

The following member was absent: Kenneth Pulskamp.

Staff present: Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Tony Scattaglia, Supervising Ranger II; Mary Ann Ruprecht, City Senior Financial Analyst; Tom Reilly, Park Development Administrator; Kate Lessard, Administrative Analyst, Open Space and Real Property; Patrick Johnston, National Park Service; Matt Carpenter, Director, Environmental Resources, Newhall Land and Farming; and Diane Sacks, Board Secretary.

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer, arrived subsequent to roll call.

Members of the public present: Mr. Andre Adao.

III. Election of Officers.

The Chair nominated Richard E. Gould for Chair.

Mr. Gould was unanimously elected as Chair.

The Vice-Chair nominated Jim Hasenauer for Vice-Chair.
Mr. Hasenauer was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of June 24, 2010.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, the minutes from the meeting of June 24, 2010 were unanimously adopted.

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

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

VI. Consideration of resolution to receive and file Independent Auditor’s Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

Comments were made by Ms. Ruprecht.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by Ms. Ruprecht.

On motion of the Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 11-01 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Governing Board review the draft SCWRCA Budget for fiscal year 2011-12 and recommend sending the draft budget to the City of Santa Clarita and The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for approval.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Hasenauer and Ms. Ruprecht.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution 11-02 was unanimously adopted.

< The Executive Officer arrived at 10:37 a.m. >

VIII. Consideration of resolution adopting the fiscal year 2011-12 Workprogram.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, and the Chair.

On motion of the Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution 11-03 was unanimously adopted as amended.

IX. Presentation on the Crest to Coast Trail.
Presentation by Tom Reilly, Park Development Administrator, City of Santa Clarita; and Patrick Johnston, National Park Service.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Mr. Johnston.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Executive Office, and Messrs. Reilly and Johnston.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Mr. Johnston.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by Messrs. Reilly, Hasenauer, and Johnston.

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

Comments were made by the Chair in regards to the demolition of building’s in Towsley Canyon Park where the Shakespear Festival is held.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chair in regards to the City of Santa Clarita purchasing 526 acres, formerly referred to as Copper Creek Development.

Report by Tony Scattaglia, Supervising Ranger II, in regards to Whitney Canyon and Whitney Creek Restoration.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, and Messrs. Scattaglia and Hasenauer.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning in regards to the High Speed Rail System.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, the Chair, and Mr. Scattaglia.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Mr. Scattaglia in regards to the abandon well site.
Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Messrs. Scattaglia, Johnston and Reilly.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Scattaglia.

Comments were made by Messrs. Reilly and Scattaglia.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Scattaglia in regards to deer stands.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

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Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Mr. Scattaglia.

XI. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment.

The next meeting will be held on December 1, 2011 and with no further business the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:                Approved:

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Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA   Richard E. Gould
Executive Officer                     Chair