

BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

A public entity of the State of California exercising joint powers of the County of Los Angeles and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Mark Ridley-Thomas
Chairperson
Russell Guiney
Vice-Chairperson
Mary Ann Greene
William Vanderberg
Elizabeth Cheadle

Minutes of the Meeting of the Governing Board of the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority

January 25, 2012

I. Call to order

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority was called to order by Acting Chairperson Karly Katona at 6:30 p.m. on January 25, 2012 Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Community Room, 4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called and the following members were present: William Vanderberg; Mary Ann Greene; Russell Guiney, Vice Chairperson, and Ms. Karly Katona, Acting Chairperson. The following member was absent: Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairperson. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon, ASLA; Elaine Lemke, Staff Counsel; Karly Katona, Deputy to Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes for October 25, 2011.

The minutes of October 25, 2011 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of October 25, 2011 were adopted as submitted.

IV. Public comment on matters appearing on this Special Meeting Agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Authority.

The following member of the public addressed the Authority:

Ms. Liz Goznell, member of the public, on item V.

- V. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to engage the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to complete additional due diligence including a hazardous material survey, geotechnical borings and report, and survey related to the east side of the Ohr Eliyahu property at a cost not to exceed \$85,000.**

The Authority received an oral report from Mr. Kearns, representing the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Gosnell.

Comments were made by Mr. Kearns.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Greene.

Comments were made by the Acting Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Guiney, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-01 was unanimously adopted.

- VI. Report regarding the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works' preparation of a traffic study to assess feasibility of creating access to the Ohr Eliyahu property directly from La Cienega Blvd.**

The Authority received an oral report from Mr. Kearns, representing the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Greene.

Comments were made by Messrs. Vanderberg and Kearns.

- VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to engage the Department of Parks and Recreation to contract with their as-needed architectural consultants, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 to begin a community planning process for the development of the Ohr Eliyahu property.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Acting Chairperson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Vanderberg.

Comments were made by Mr. Guiney.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Greene.

Comments were made by the Acting Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Vanderberg, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-02 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Report regarding efforts to coordinate with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, California State Coastal Conservancy, and the Natural History Museum to assess the feasibility of completing an update to "The Biota of Baldwin Hills Study: An Ecological Assessment Report", originally completed in 2001.

The Authority received an oral report from Mr. Vanderberg.

Comments were made by Mr. Guiney.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer and the Acting Chairperson.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to engage the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation to perform or cause to be performed as-needed improvement projects at Authority-owned properties at a cost not-to-exceed \$20,000 annually.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Greene.

Comments were made by the Acting Chairperson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Vanderberg.

Comments were made by the Acting Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Vanderberg, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-03 was unanimously adopted.

X. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Greene.

Comments were made by the Acting Chairperson.

IX. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

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The Acting Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2012, unless a need for another special meeting arises before that time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

Karly Katona
Acting Chairperson