

**Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority**  
**Advisory Committee Bullet Minutes**  
**August 30, 2006**  
**Submitted by L.C. Yoshida**

- Item I: The WCCA Advisory Board session began at 5:37 PM in the Council Chambers, Brea, CA.
- Item II: Roll call was taken by Judi.
- Item III: Comments from members of public, introductions of audience Andrea of the Habitat Authority, Shelley Ambrose
- Item IV. Members of the Advisory Committee, no response to public introductions.
- Item V: Presentation of short video regarding the Harbor Blvd. underpass with news clips from Channel 11 and 13.
- Item VI: Update regarding activities of Puente Hills Native Habitat Preservation Authority: Given by Andrea: Some projects that are underway include 1) the restoration of coastal sage scrub, negotiations of properties in Turnbull Canyon, and beginning a resource management plan. Baseline studies were done on the vegetation and animals. The studies indicated a high diversity of animals and insects, including the discovery of 10 species of bats. A study of the attitudes of park visitors indicated that 60% people valued conservation over recreation. Most of the park visitors were men, 40% Hispanic, 40% White, 10% White. Another project underway is the removal of eucalyptus trees from Colima Road for fire prevention. A grant to promote docent manual is in progress. By December, 6 research papers will be completed and available to us.
- Item VII: Approval of minutes: Bullet Minutes from March 31, 2006 were approved. Meeting Minutes were not available and will be approved at the next meeting.
- Item VIII: Update on Governing Board meeting: Judi Tamasi updated us on the last meeting.
- Item IX: Comments and announcements by Advisory Committee Members: Alissa Ing talked about the 2<sup>nd</sup> naturally caused fire in rush canyon.. There was another fire (illegal camp fire) off the Blue gum and Rimcrest area; parents were charged with cost of fire suppression. They had first of many walk-throughs on Coal Canyon. They are pleased with how restoration is coming along. Other restoration sites are coming along nicely. In January, Bob Kanne noted how high thistles have grown the difficulty of removing disturbance-loving weeds, like thistles and fennel, and can only be eradicated by spraying. However, funding is needed. They hope to have it under control. Wilbur Smith mentioned bringing in sheep into Diamond Bar. However, they eat everything including natives. Regarding the Chapelle property, Claire Schlotterbeck mentioned that at the Public Works Board meeting on August 18, donation of land to CHSP was approved. Regarding Tonner Canyon, Roland von Dorp was concerned that the road is very wide, seeming to get wider each year. There were two campfires in the middle of road. He suggested encouraging the Authority to put up signs. Also, there needs to be a significant amount of signage to discourage smoking. Roland has found smoldering cigarette butts also noticed lots of Bladder vine and was concerned that it will invade everything.
- Item X: Update on Yorba Linda's Measure B was reported by Bob Kanne. This will affect the Murdoch property (400 acres), which is very steep. This will affect other properties as well. City Councilman Ken Ryan is pushing for this. He is not running for reelection, thus 1 seat is available.
- Item XI: Special Recognition in memory of Steve Feld. Claire said that they went to high school together. His mother was Mrs. Olson (Folgers coffee lady). His parents were actors.

Roland mentioned that he worked with Steve was a fine person he was and what a great loss. Steve kept huge notebooks with minutes. Alissa was always impressed with his participation.

- Item XII: Special Recognition of former WCCA Advisory members: Charles Hanson, Bill Kowalik and Richard Zinsley:
- Item XIII: Consideration of resolution recommending that the Governing Board support Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protections Bond Act of 2006: Claire moved to pass the motion to recommend and Roland seconded. Claire talked about the significance of the initiative to the hills. Motion was passed.
- Item XIV: Consideration of resolution recommending that the Governing Board oppose Proposition 90: Wilbur asked for clarification. Claire explained that it changes the rules regarding the way property is handled leading to changes in development. . It's changed the way Oregon does things, i.e., interferes with city's ability to change things. Bill Herrick, asking about the significance of Prop 90 and who is supporting it. See No on 90 website. Robert Turner directed us to read the insert. 1 abstention, 1 no, rest aye. Motion passed
- Item XV: Consideration of resolution recommending that the Governing Board support Orange County's Measure M: .The motion was moved by Claire, seconded by Ann Coté. Motion passed.
- Item XVI: Discussion and possible action regarding City of Diamond Bar proposed sphere of influence amendment to include the Aera property, west of State Route 57, Los Angeles County: There was discussion on the location, clarification of location, questions as to why they are doing this. Suggestions included to continue doing our homework, definitions of terms are needed. The motion to study it more was made by Clair, seconded by (do not have that information). It was recommended to do further homework and bring it back at a later date.
- Item XVII: Discussion and possible action regarding City of Diamond Bar proposed acquisition of Rowland Heights residential development site, north of Aera property, east of Hastings Street, west of State Route 57, Los Angeles County: A motion that asks the governing board to do public records request on acquisition was moved by Claire, seconded by Alissa. Motion was carried unanimously.
- Item XVIII: Consideration of resolution recommending that the Governing Board authorize a comment letter to City of Diamond Bar on Mitigated negative declaration No. 2006-03 for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No .1 54081, Brea Canyon Watershed. Bob K asked Judi for clarification. She explained that the crooked creek drive would be extended. The resolution was moved by Roland, seconded by Madden and was passed unanimously.
- Item XIX: Discussion and possible action regarding activities of the Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority: Helen Rahder moved to recommend that the Governing Board provide guidance to Staff, Alissa seconded the motion. Claire added they should let property owners know, as they are struggling with language of the RFP. They will meet in another month and are asking for a lot of things to be looked at.. There was a motion to continue to monitor the project. It was passed unanimously.
- Item XX: Reports from Advisory Sub-Committees: none
- Item XXI Statements, responses, question or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54956.2(a) of the Government Code Questions were asked about additional materials on Four Corners
- Announcement of next meeting and adjournment: Motion to adjourn was moved by Roland, seconded by Claire. Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM