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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
AUGUST 10, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Dr. Allan Boodnick, at 10:12 a.m. The meeting was held inside the Community Center at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Chair Allan Boodnick, Julie Alvis, Lloyd Dixon, Hayden Sohm, Allan Kingston, Sara Amir, Patrick Reynolds, and Marina Voskanian.

Members Absent:

Karen Finn, Robert Jones, Bobbie Parks, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Joan Cardellino, Barbara Romero, Jason Marshall, and Patricia O'Toole.

Staff Present:

David McNeill, Gail Krippner, and Gloria Dangerfield.

The Chair informed board members Member Robert Jones wife passed away and his youngest son had suffered a stroke. Member Amir suggested taking a collection to purchase flowers.

III. Approval of Minutes (May and July) Dr. Allan Boodnick, Chair

There being no quorum, approval of the meeting minutes was deferred. The Chair commented this was the third time there's been no quorum and expressed his concern. The Chair has been working hard to fill the two vacant board positions and to have a designee appointed for the County Supervisor. The Chair has placed a call to Assemblymember Holly Mitchell and hopes to meet with her today. He may also try to meet Congresswoman Karen Bass and plans to travel to Sacramento, along with David McNeil, to speak with someone in the Governor's appointee office if necessary. He may also ask the City of Culver City to join in the resolving the issue. Mr. McNeill stated Member Bobbie Parks has indicated to him her intent to resign from the board leaving another vacancy. Member Alvis offered to speak with her higher ups to see what results they can get on their end.

IV. Presentation on Bolsa Chica Wetlands Restoration Project, A Model for Compatible Land Use Between Public Parks and Industrial Operations – Jim Trout, Former Executive Director, State Lands Commission

The Chair asked Member Voskanian to introduce Jim Trout and also congratulated Member Voskanian on her promotion as the new Division Chief for State Lands Commission Mineral Resources Division. Mr. Trout began his presentation that he understood that the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was interested in how a group of enterprisers and government agencies could come together to accomplish a project in a compatible and joint endeavor. He stated that operating oil fields in a sensitive environmental site can be accomplished, but there are

IV. Presentation on Bolsa Chica Wetlands Restoration Project (cont'd)

conditions (communication and compromise) that must be developed. Concessions have to be made so the major mission is not diminished. The public and agencies need to know what you are trying to achieve and how you are going to do it. His presentation illustrated in detail the steps that State Lands Commission took in working with private entities, local government, and the public on environmental issues in the acquisition and development of the Bolsa Chica Project.

V. Ad Hoc Committee Ad Hoc Committee Reports –Starlett Quarles, Fundraising

Member Quarles was unavailable to give her committee's report. Member Dixon gave a report on the Negotiations Ad Hoc Committee. They met in July and are exploring potential for well consolidation in the Baldwin Hills area and are also looking into the number of wells allowed in the CSD and potential incentives for consolidation. Member Jason Marshall has volunteered to give a presentation to the board on slant drilling, Member Voskanian provided contacts for outreach to federal regulators to communicate and coordinate with them on issues from their point of view, and David McNeill is tracking down past county studies that's been done on consolidation.

VI. Executive Officer Report - BHC Staff Representatives

Mr. McNeill stated updates for Prop 84 and Prop 40 projects are included as an attachment in his written report and Gail Krippner would give the capital outlay project status report. Ms. Krippner reported 1) the work on the La Cienega Bridge was being done currently and expects completion in late September and an opening in October; 2) the Milton Street park planning project with MRCA is complete and is moving on with 100% construction documents; 3) the Eastern Ridgeline project is moving forward, the County Board of Supervisors approved the second addendum to the EIR and the project is now out to bid with awards for the project due in late October; 4) Norman O. Houston Park Improvements, the City of Los Angeles is in the pre-design stage; 5) Habitat Restoration, expect a presentation from Generation Water next month; 6) Jefferson Blvd Improvements, there was a pre-construction meeting held the end of July and construction is slated to start August 20. Mr. McNeill added he's hoping construction efforts will be coordinated with two projects going on in that location (crosswalk signal, landscaping and sidewalks along with the Hetzler pedestrian improvements project). Not having a quorum, approval of the resolutions for the Department of Toxic Substances Control oversight for the Eastern Ridgeline project and the project on Milton Street cannot be made.

Mr. McNeill reported the Sony screening of California Forever had about sixty people attending in support of the greenhouse program, including Councilman Jim Clarke from the City of Culver City, as well as students from local schools. It was good exposure for a broad range of projects. Member Kingston also commented it was a really good film and encouraged everyone to watch it when it airs on PBS in September. He added that David McNeill is featured in the film.

Mr. McNeill stated radio station KPCC (who supports the film) has asked him to be part of the Crawford Family Forum on August 26, where they will screen the filming. He has been getting the newsletter together (he's written two articles and given them to Member Quarles) who's using an electronic format for web distribution. The upcoming newsletter will feature interviews with Members Sara Amir Russ Guiney. Lastly, Mr. McNeill reported that there were no changes to the fiscal updates of his report and will go over it in more detail in next month's meeting'

VII. Board Announcements and Other Agenda Items

Member Voskanian thanked Jim Trout for coming down from Sacramento to give his presentation. Member Sohm announced the second public meeting on the Stoneview site was well attended and that traffic going through the neighborhood to the site is still a big issue; they are trying to come up with solutions. On the Stocker Corridor Trail administrative process, they are waiting for a letter from Craig Sap (California State Parks) confirming the conditions for the transfer have been met.

VII. Board Announcements and Other Agenda Items (cont'd)

Member Dixon stated he had attended the Stoneview site meeting and it was very contentious. He believes the County and their consultants need to improve their planning process. In an earlier planning meeting, half the people there wanted designs with no access from Stoneview school site and the consultants came back with three options that all had access, which he felt undermined the credibility of the process. Work needs to be done to re-establish trust with the community. He felt also that this will probably impact the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, as presumably, the County will be coming to the Conservancy for money.

Member Kingston again spoke about the Sony film; it is a worthwhile event, enables people to know a little more about the Conservancy, which is a good thing for the Conservancy.

Member Reynolds commented the Jefferson Blvd meetings project and crosswalk is already underway. On August 15, Culver City Green space plan are having their first conceptual design review meeting with the advisory board, which is a passive use plan tying into some of the Park-To-Playa trail that passes through Culver City Park. They are looking to create more passive picnic group gatherings new opportunities of components of that plan, as well as more exercise areas, drinking fountains, restrooms, and amenities.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Approved:

Dr. Allan Boodnick
Chairman