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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY  
FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held inside the Community Center at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056 and called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice Chair Robert L. Jones.

**I. Public Comments**

Jim Lamm (Ballona Creek Renaissance) stated that they hosted a tour, by invitation of Tree People/Generation Earth Service Learning Program, of the Ballona Wetlands, Ballona Creek, and the Baldwin Hills, to students from Reseda High School. He wanted to publicly thank County Parks Director Russ Guinery and Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Superintendent Shawn McArdory, for their assistance. He also announced that the residents, who established the community gardens overlooking Centinela Creek, will have a celebration there on Saturday, June 8, 2008. On Monday, June 30, 2008, the Milton Street project will have their first community meeting regarding the open space next to Ballona Creek.

Marta Zaragoza (HTCC/ECCNA.) 1) wants a written response if the Baldwin Hills Conservancy has been approached to set aside 1600 – 2500 sq. feet of land in the designated park for a public garden/environmental enrichment program; 2) expressed concern regarding the rescheduling of the June 6 meeting date; 3) announced Culver City's Parks Service Foundation gave out six scholarships to Culver City's disadvantaged youth to participate in park programs; 4) requested a copy of the Executive Officer's report, including additions made in today's meeting; and 5) requested a copy of EIR concerns she believes was given to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's board members.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll was called and the following voting members were present: Allan Boodnick, Russ Guiney, Robert Jones, and Bobbie Parks. Kenneth Bentley arrived after roll. Voting members absent were: Ta-Lecia Arbor, Supervisor Yvonne Burke, Bryan Cash, Ruth Coleman, Mike Chrisman, Mary Ann Greene, Lloyd Dixon, Allan Kingston, and Ron Schafer.

Non voting members present: Sara Amir, Paul Mount, and Patricia O'Toole. Non voting member absent: Joe Edmiston, Mary Small, and Bill LaPointe.

Staff members present: David McNeill, Gail Krippner and Gloria Dangerfield.

Rosana Miramontes, Deputy Attorney General, represented the Office of the State Attorney General:

**III. Approval of Minutes (April)**

There was no quorum present to take a vote on approval of April's meeting minutes.

**IV. Presentation on the Public Hearing Process for the Forthcoming Draft Environmental Impact Report on the Baldwin Hills Oil Field Community Standards District - Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning**

Russell Fricano and Susanne Franco-Rogan gave an update on their work in developing new oil fields regulations in the Baldwin Hills and the proposed Community Standards District (CSD) Draft Environmental Impact Report, which has been released to the public for review and comment. Their goal is to have a hearing date in early August.

**V. Presentation on the Facilities and Reservation System for Kenneth State Recreation Area - Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation**

Member Guiney introduced the following County Parks staff: Joe Mendoza, Deputy Director (South Agency) Dale Hall, Regional Operations Manager, Shawn McArdory, Superintendent of Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Jeremy Gray, Chief of Technology, and Frank Chen, Deputy Director(Chief Information Officer) who gave presentations on County Parks' reservations system and on the amenities located inside Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.

Following their presentations, the Chair recognized and introduced Jonathan Ketch and Eric Boyd, from Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas' office.

**VI. AG Report – Rosana Miramontes**

Ms. Miramontes had nothing to report.

**VII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill**

Mr. McNeill gave his report on the following items:

- Update on the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook
- SONY partnership with the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook's theatre
- BH Master Plan/EIR
- State 2008-09 Budget
- Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area
- Trails Improvement
- Milton Street project
- Public Outreach
- Native Planting
- Pampas Grass Control

**VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

Member Amir recommended that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to review the entire Master Plan and EIR, to come up with a report to present e to the board. The Chair thanked her for the idea and asked if she would chair the ad hoc committee. Member O'Toole volunteered to serve on the committee and Member Guiney stated he would volunteer someone from his staff to serve on it. Mr. McNeill was included to serve on the committee as well.

**IX. Board Comments**

Member Mount announced that he was retiring and today would most likely be his last meeting. He introduced Greg Scott and Dave Mercier, who will be substituting for him until a permanent replacement is appointed.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Next meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy will be held Friday, July 18, 2008.

Approved:

Robert L. Jones  
Chair