

**BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY**

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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
*of the*  
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2001**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. Roll Call**

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on September 7, 2001, at Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

Mary D. Nichols, Secretary, State of California Resources Agency, administered oath of office to David McNeill, newly appointed Executive Director for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. David McNeill administered oath of office to Mike Smith, who replaces Rodney Cooper as the new Director for the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following voting members were present: Mary Nichols, Interim Vice Chair Steve Treanor, Mike Smith, Interim Chair Albert Vera, Kenneth Wayne Bentley, Clare Bronowski, Mary Ann Greene, Annette Porini. Quorum present. The following member arrived subsequent to roll call: Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor.

**II. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No public comment was heard.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Albert Vera to approve minutes, seconded, all ayes.

**IV. Interim Chair Report - Albert Vera**

The Chair welcomed the Executive Director of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to the Board. The Chair also commended Mary Ann Greene, for the great work she has done in the past and what she is continuing to do. The Chair acknowledged his remaining comments would be made after the Executive Director, BHC, speaks.

## **V. Deputy Attorney General's Report - Nedra Austin, Deputy Attorney General**

Nedra Austin, Deputy Attorney General, introduced herself as stand-in for John Saurenman. She announced that if any of the board members needed a copy of the videotape for the ethics training to let her know. Ms. Austin mentioned that she could give board members the website address where they could access the information from the web.

The Chair asked if there was anything to discuss on conflicts of interest. Ms. Austin replied "no."

## **VI. Executive Director Report - David McNeill**

Mr. McNeill recognized Mike Smith as the new member of the board. He introduced Gloria Dangerfield, as the Executive Secretary for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, and gave out the Conservancy's new offices address and telephone number. Mr. McNeill made comments on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's request for \$4 million and the acquisition of land along Stocker Street.

The Chair made comment on not knowing how the State purchases land. Ms. Nichols suggested having a briefing for the Board on state land acquisition policies and thought it would be a good idea to schedule some time for this. The Chair made comments.

Ms. Greene agreed it would be an excellent idea and made comments on the process of land acquisition. The Chair made comments. Steve Treanor made comments regarding working with the County of Los Angeles as the State acquires the property being discussed.

The Chair made comments and suggested that many decisions, unless urgent, that needs to be made regarding Los Angeles County and parks everywhere, wait until January 1, that's when Supervisor Burke will join. The Chair asked Sara Amir how clean-up work would be shared by the State and the City. Ms. Amir commented. Ms. Bronowski suggested of Mr. McNeill, development of a flowchart showing different areas of responsibility. Mike Smith made comments on development of the property. Mr. McNeill answered a trail connecting the property to the Park. Mr. Edmiston had a question regarding historic oil operation on property. Mr. McNeill answered. Ms. Porini had comments regarding the Stocker area. The Chair commented he was not aware of the trail at all and asked of Mr. McNeill that a statement be made by him or someone else, informing the Board of developments made on in the future. Mr. McNeill made comments.

## **IX. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Edmiston requested of the Chair if they needed authorization for the Executive Officer to proceed. The Chair agreed. Mr. Edmiston asked Mr. McNeill if he needed any action from the Board. Mr. McNeill commented he would like approval to move forward on inter-agency transfer documents. Motion made by voting member and approved.

Mr. Treanor introduced Steve White as State Park's new Sector Manager. Ms. Greene made comments, also wondered about hydro-seeding of the land prior to rainy season. Steve Treanor responded and introduced his district superintendent, Russ Guiney, who informed the members

that the hydro-seeding would take place soon. Ms. Greene made comments. Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor made comments regarding the makeup of the Board and election of permanent officers.

**X. Public Comments:**

Roberto Ruiz asked what type seed mix would be used and clarification if the Baldwin Hills Conservancy supports the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan. Russ Guiney, District Superintendent responded to question of seeding and Mr. McNeill responded to question of the Master Plan. Mr. Treanor made comments. Ms. Greene made comments. Mr. McNeill made comments. Ms. Greene made comments. Roy Vanderhoek of the Sierra Club expressed concern about water conservation and made suggestion about the use of native trees. Martha Zaragoza made comments regarding spending public funds on public access and meeting notification of the Conservancy Board she also requested speaker cards for the next meeting.

**IX. Closed Session:**

No Closed Session.

Motion made to close meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Approved:

ALBERT VERA  
Chairperson