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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
March 5, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER

I. Roll Call

Prior to roll call, the Chair welcomed and introduced Dave Harper, State of California Department of Finance designee, to the board. Supervising Deputy Attorney General John Saurenman issued the oath of office to Mr. Harper.

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 8:55 a.m., on March 5, 2004, at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

The Conservancy roll was called, and the following voting members were present: Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor, Allan Boodnick, Tim Gallagher, Mary Ann Greene, Ted Jackson, Supervisor Yvonne Burke, Dave Harper, and Marta Zaragoza. Reginald Jones-Sawyer and Bobbie Parks arrived after roll. Absent: Ruth Coleman, Kenneth Bentley, Mike Chrisman, Fred Klass, and Robert Jones.

The following non-voting members were present: Sara Amir, Don Rogers, and Greg Broughton. Joe Edmiston arrived after roll. Absent: Neal Fishman and Paul Mount.

The following staff members were present: David McNeill and Gloria Dangerfield.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was John Saurenman.

II. Approval of Minutes (February)

Member Zaragoza made motion that the minutes be accepted with the following amendment, "Page two, 5b, the ninth sentence," the words "Master Plan" be put immediately after the words "with the park." Member Jackson requested that under Item 10, Board Member Comments, second paragraph, where it states that "Superintendent Schafer noted that they worked out an MOU with the City of Culver City Police and Fire," to note "it has yet to be signed." A motion was made that the February minutes be accepted with the amendments made to Item 5b and second paragraph of Item 10. Motion carried with one abstention by Member Harper.

III. Receive and File Correspondence

Mr. McNeill reported that the correspondence received regarding Valley Ridge negotiations would be discussed in closed session.

IV. Public Comments

None.

At 9:00 a.m., the Chair called the open session to a close at to enter into closed session.

V. Closed Session

Open session re-convened at 9:40 a.m. The Chair announced that during closed session, the Board authorized the Executive Officer to enter into negotiations with Los Angeles County on Parcel 5028021014.

Mr. Saurenman stated a question arose whether the Board could discuss items not on the agenda. Mr. Saurenman explained process on how items not on the agenda could be made appropriate for discussion. Member Zaragoza pointed out there had been no motion to approve the agenda and according to Robert's Use of Order, the agenda was still open for amendment. Member Burke asked if the item could be considered as an addition and be added to the agenda with 2/3 votes. Mr. Saurenman answered it could be done. Member Burke stated she was just told that this issue that had been added to the City of Culver City's agenda and will be discussed by their City Council.

Member Zaragoza moved that the Board Member Comments be added to the agenda. After some discussion, Member Zaragoza amended her motion. The Chair suggested they discuss SB1259 after the board workshop. Member Greene asked that the subject be placed on the agenda and have board comments later for clarification only and not discussion. The Chair pointed out that Member Gallagher had basically asked for clarification only on this item. Mr. McNeill stated there was no language for SB1259 and that it was simply a spot bill that deals with acquisitions to be filled at such time when the Conservancy has appropriate information and a decision on proposed recommendations to the bill. Member Gallagher made a motion that SB1259 discussion be put on next month's agenda; the motion was seconded. Member Zaragoza voiced concerns that the bill, according to Senator Kevin Murray, was initiated by the Conservancy and stated she didn't recall a motion requesting the Senator to initiate it. Mr. McNeill stated that Al Austin, who was a representative of Senator Murray's office at that time, addressed the board about acquisition issues as they relate to the BHC. Member Greene stated that an ad hoc legislature committee met with Al Austin, where they presented issues they thought needed to go before the legislature (in a bill) to help facilitate the process of acquisition; eminent domain was not one of them. The Chair opened the floor stating it was moved and seconded that the SB 1259 be place on April's agenda and called for approval. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved:

Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor
Chair