

**MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (WCA)
September 22, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Teresa Villegas at approximately 1:31 p.m.

The meeting was held at the following locations:

Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple Street, 3rd Floor, Room 383 Los Angeles, CA 90012; Gateway Cities COG, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Small Conference Room, Paramount, CA 90723; and San Gabriel Valley Water Company, 11142 Garvey Avenue, El Monte, CA 91734.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Teresa Villegas, Chair (for Supervisor Molina)
Mr. Brian Mejia, Vice Chair (for Supervisor Antonovich)
Ms. Karly Katona (for Supervisor Ridley-Thomas)
Ms. Connie Sziebl (for Supervisor Knabe)
Mr. Dan Arrighi
Mr. Edward Wilson
Mr. Gary Hildebrand (for Gail Farber)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Frank Colonna

STAFF PRESENT

Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General
Valerie Thompson, Executive Secretary

Mr. Mark Stanley was sworn in as the Executive Officer by Mr. Terry Fujimoto.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. APPROVAL THE MINUTES

No corrections were noted.

Ms. Sziebl motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Arrighi seconded. Minutes unanimously approved. Vote: All ayes; no nays or abstentions.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no report given.

6. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Report given during closed session.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S (EO) REPORTS

7. LIAISON & ACTIVITIES REPORT

The Executive Officer gave a summary and update on the Azusa River Wilderness Park project: the upgraded water filtration system; the Duck Farm: Tehachapi Renewal Transmission towers, water source and irrigation system, and weed abatement; Emerald Necklace; South Gate Habitat Restoration project: design and construction documents; San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Watershed Coordinator project: community gardens; and Walnut Creek: landscape architect community meetings. There was further discussion regarding the financial impact of the Tehachapi Renewal Transmission towers and impacts regarding the construction delay, in regard to the Duck Farm project.

Ms. Katona arrived at approximately 1:39pm.

8. EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Executive Officer gave a summary and update on personnel expenditures. There was further discussion regarding the format of the budget.

REGULAR CALENDAR

9. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84) FOR THE DUCK FARM PROJECT.

The Executive Officer gave a summary of the 2011/12 California River Parkways Grant Program which included guidelines, requirements, and conditions; and staff's submission of the proposal. There was further discussion regarding the possible award amount and how the funds would be used if awarded.

Mr. Arrighi moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Katona seconded the motion. Unanimously passed. Vote - Ayes = All; Nays = None.

10. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84) FOR THE RIVER WILDERNESS PARK PROJECT.

The Executive Officer gave a summary on the amount being requested and that, if awarded, the funding would be used for the Azusa River Wilderness Park project special use area, and a description of the area was given. A summary of the grant program guidelines, requirements, and conditions was also given.

Mr. Wilson moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Sziebl seconded the motion. Unanimously passed. Vote – Ayes = All; Nays = None.

11. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH WATER WORKS FOR THE AZUSA SPRINGS WATER SYSTEM.

The Executive Officer gave a background summary and update on the scope of work, and presented reasons for the time extension and increase in the budget. An explanation of the testing process was also given. There was further discussion regarding the additional funding, water testing process, and delays in regard to issues with Southern California Edison (SCE). Mr. Wilson suggested that there be a stipulation that if additional costs are incurred as a result of delays caused by SCE, that SCE be held responsible for the additional cost. Staff will follow up with SCE and report at the next meeting. There was additional discussion regarding the timeline.

Vice Chair Mejia moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Unanimously passed. Vote – Ayes = All; Nays = None.

12. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH POSITIVE PLUMBING, INC. TO PROVIDE STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE WCA.

The Executive Officer gave a summary of the scope of work, request for bids, and proposals submitted. The description of the areas to be included at the Duck Farm and Azusa River Wilderness Park projects was given. A draft agreement was included in the staff report and the details within the agreement were discussed.

Mr. Wilson moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Villegas seconded the motion. Unanimously passed. Vote – Ayes = All; Nays = None.

13. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL TRACTOR SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE WCA.

The Executive Officer gave a description of the area to be maintained, and a summary of the scope of work was given. A draft agreement was included in the staff report, and there was a correction noted in the draft agreement regarding the amount not to be exceeded.

Mr. Wilson moved to adopt the resolution as amended; Ms. Sziebl seconded the motion. Unanimously passed. Vote – Ayes = All; Nays = None.

- 14. CLOSED SESSION: THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY MAY HOLD A CLOSED SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM; PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 54956.8 AND 54956.9 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE: WCA; AND INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY V. ANTHONY V. SEARS; WEST COAST ARBORISTS, INC., ET AL, CASE NO. BC417273; NEGOTIATOR: JANE BEESLEY; PROPERTY: EXCHANGE OF RECIPROCAL EASEMENTS; PERSONS WITH WHOM WCA IS NEGOTIATING: ANTHONY V. SEARS.**

The Board meeting went into closed session at approximately 2:15pm.

The Board meeting resumed at approximately 2:40pm.

- 15. STATEMENTS, RESPONSES, QUESTIONS OR DIRECTIONS TO STAFF PURSUANT TO SECTION 54954.2(A) OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE.**

No statements, responses, questions, or directions to staff were forthcoming.

- 16. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting to be determined.

- 17. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Villegas at 2:42 pm.