

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Statement of Proceedings for March 23, 1999

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1999

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO BE HELD IN ROOM 381B

OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

9:30 A.M.

Present: Supervisors Gloria Molina, Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Zev Yaroslavsky, Michael D. Antonovich and Don Knabe, Chairman

Absent: None

Invocation led by Damon Hill, Associate Pastor, Double Rock Baptist Church, City of Compton (2).

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ernest F. Leyva, Commander, Monterey Park Post No. 397, The American Legion (1).

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AND THE
BOARD TOOK ACTIONS AS INDICATED IN BOLD AND IN CAPITALS

1.0 NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

CS-1 .

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Determination of whether to initiate litigation (two cases including Agenda No. 27), pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c).

CS-2 .

DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Consideration of a Department Head performance evaluation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.

2.0 SET MATTERS

9:30 a.m.

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Presentation of scroll to Tsutomu "Tom" Gomibuchi, Senior Representative of Hitachi, Ltd., Los Angeles in recognition of his numerous contributions to benefit the people of Los Angeles County, as arranged by Supervisor Burke.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS 1 - 13

10 1 .

Hearing on proposed annexation of territories to County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and County Lighting District LLA-1, Petition Nos. 112-106 and 187-125, Unincorporated Zone (1 and 5); and the levying of annual assessments within the annexed territories for street lighting purposes, with a base rate of \$5 for a single-family residence for Fiscal Year 1999-2000; also determination of exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and from the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.
THE BOARD CLOSED THE HEARING AND TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- A. ORDERED THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS ON THE ISSUE OF LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS, PETITION NOS. 112-106 AND 187-125, AND AFTER FINDING THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION 218, APPROVED THE LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS;**
- B. MADE A FINDING THAT THE ANNEXATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS ARE**

FOR THE PURPOSE OF (1) MEETING OPERATING EXPENSES, PURCHASING SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT OR MATERIALS, (2) MEETING FINANCIAL RESERVE NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS, (3) OBTAINING FUNDS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN SERVICE WITHIN THE AREAS PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION, AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND FROM THE COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT REPORTING PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES; AND

C. ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS ORDERING ANNEXATIONS AND CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAMS AND ASSESSMENTS AND THE LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 IN COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

11 2.

Hearing on proposed annexation of 24 parcels to the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District, Annexation Nos. 9-98 through 32-98, within unincorporated territory of the County and the City of Santa Clarita (5); also determination of exemption from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. **THE BOARD CLOSED THE HEARING AND TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:**

A. MADE A FINDING THAT THE TERRITORIES PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION, DETERMINED THAT SAID ACTION IS EXEMPT FROM CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, AND ORDERED THAT THE BOUNDARIES BE ALTERED TO INCLUDE SUCH BENEFITED TERRITORIES; AND

B. INSTRUCTED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO FILE THE STATEMENT OF BOUNDARY CHANGE WITH THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND THE COUNTY ASSESSOR, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 54900 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE AND SECTION 99 OF THE REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

12 3.

Hearing on Weed Abatement Referee's Report to abate noxious or dangerous weeds, brush, rubbish, etc., on unimproved parcels (All Districts). **CLOSED HEARING AND APPROVED THE WEED ABATEMENT REFEREE'S**

REPORT; AND INSTRUCTED THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES TO REMOVE THE NOXIOUS OR DANGEROUS WEEDS, BRUSH, AND RUBBISH FROM UNIMPROVED PARCELS

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

13 4.

Hearing on Brush Clearance Referee's Report to abate hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation to include native and ornamental vegetation on improved parcels (All Districts). **CLOSED HEARING AND APPROVED THE BRUSH CLEARANCE REFEREE'S REPORT; AND INSTRUCTED THE FIRE CHIEF TO REMOVE THE HAZARDOUS BRUSH, DRY GRASS, WEEDS, COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH OR FLAMMABLE VEGETATION, INCLUDING NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL VEGETATION ON IMPROVED PARCELS**

Absent: Supervisor Burke

Vote: Unanimously carried

14 5.

Hearing to vacate, with reservations, portions of Iverson Rd., all streets in Tract No. 42353, and a portion of an easement for riding, hiking and equestrian trail in the unincorporated Chatsworth area (5); also determination of exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. **THE BOARD CLOSED THE HEARING AND TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:**

- A. MADE A FINDING THAT THE VACATION IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND THAT THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE RESERVATION AND EXCEPTION OF EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS; AND**
- B. ADOPTED RESOLUTION ORDERING THE VACATION WITH RESERVATIONS AND INSTRUCTED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO RECORD SAID RESOLUTION**

Absent: Supervisor Burke

Vote: Unanimously carried

15 6.

Hearing on proposed application of Section 21455.6 of the California Vehicle Code which will allow for the implementation of a Pilot Automated Red Light Photo Enforcement Program at five signalized intersections to enable the California Highway Patrol to detect and cite motorists who violate red light indications in order to improve traffic safety (All Districts); also award and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign a consultant services agreement

with Lockheed Martin IMS in the amount of \$4.9 million, to install and operate the Automated System for a 36-month period; and approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign agreement with the California Highway Patrol, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 per calendar year over the life of the contract, to enforce the Program, with costs to be fully offset by fees collected from each paid citation. **THE BOARD CLOSED THE HEARING AND TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:**

- A. MADE A FINDING THAT THE PILOT AUTOMATED RED LIGHT PHOTO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT UNDER CLASS 1-(X)7 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES APPROVED BY THE BOARD;
- B. APPROVED THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE USE OF AN AUTOMATED RED LIGHT PHOTO ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM AT FIVE SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS, AS IDENTIFIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS;
- C. AUTHORIZED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR HIS DESIGNEE TO MODIFY AND EXECUTE THE CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LOCKHEED MARTIN IMS TO INSTALL AND OPERATE THE AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR A 36-MONTH TRIAL PERIOD AT FOUR SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS WITHIN THE FIRST, THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS;
- D. AUTHORIZED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR HIS DESIGNEE TO MODIFY AND EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL TO ENFORCE THE PILOT PROGRAM AT THE FOUR SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS WITHIN THE FIRST, THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS; AND
- E. INSTRUCTED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO MEET WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE USE OF A DIGITAL RED LIGHT PHOTO ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM VERSUS AN ANALOG SYSTEM FOR THE FIFTH INTERSECTION LOCATED IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AT 135TH AND BROADWAY

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

16 7.

Hearing on proposed establishment of the 50th Street West Underground Utility District, to provide for undergrounding of existing overhead electrical, telephone and cable television lines along 50th Street West from the centerline of Avenue L to 100 ft. south of the centerline of Avenue M-4, within the unincorporated territory of the County (5); also determination of exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. **THE BOARD CLOSED THE HEARING AND TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:**

- A. **MADE A FINDING THAT THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT, FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT;**
- B. **ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE 50TH STREET WEST UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT; AND**
- C. **ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 99-0018 ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 16 - HIGHWAYS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE TO ADD SECTION 16.34.553, CREATING THE 50TH STREET WEST UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT"**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

18 8.

Hearing to grant an industrial gas pipeline franchise to Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (APCI), to transport and distribute gas for a period of 15 years from APCI's existing Los Angeles Plant to a proposed APCI plant in the City of Carson, as well as to the ARCO Los Angeles Refinery, South Bay unincorporated area (2 and 4); also determination of exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. **CLOSED HEARING AND AWARDED A 15-YEAR COMMON CARRIER PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC., AND ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 99-0019F**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

17 9.

Hearing on Zone Change Case No. 98-002-(5), and Negative Declaration for change of zone, from R-3-13U-DP-Unilateral Contract to R-3-13U-DP, to authorize the construction of 54 detached single-family residential condominium units on property located at 27744 Parker Rd. (south side of Parker Rd., approximately 340 ft. westerly of The Old Road), Castaic Canyon Zoned District, petitioned by Barry Shy. **CLOSED HEARING; INDICATED INTENT TO APPROVE ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 98-002-(5); AND INSTRUCTED COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY ORDINANCE AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION FOR APPROVAL**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

19 10.

Hearing on Zone Change Case No. 94-021-(5), and certification of Final Environmental Impact Report, from A-2-2 to RPD-1-3.0 U, to authorize the construction of

194 single-family residences on a 79-acre site, located on the northerly side of Copper Hill Dr., approximately 1,350 ft. westerly of Haskell Canyon Rd. between the northerly terminus of the West Don Gee Court and the northerly terminus

of North Kenton Lane, Bouquet Canyon Zoned District, petitioned by Kenneth Battram. **CLOSED HEARING; INDICATED INTENT TO APPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION AND ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 97-021-(5); AND INSTRUCTED COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY ORDINANCE AND FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

20 11.

Hearing on Zone Change Case No. 97-009-(5), and certification of Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report, from R-1-5,000, R-1-40,000 and OS to A-1-1 to authorize the development of 197 single-family residence lots on 225 acres of land, located northerly of the Antelope Valley Fwy. and Soledad Canyon Rd. and easterly and northerly of Mammoth Lane, in the Pinetree (Tick Canyon) area of the Santa Clarita Valley, Soledad Zoned District, petitioned by Pacific Bay Homes. **CLOSED HEARING; INDICATED INTENT TO APPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION AND ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 97-009-(5); AND INSTRUCTED COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY ORDINANCE AND FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

21 12.

De Novo hearing on Conditional Use Permit Case No. 95-099-(5), and Negative Declaration, to authorize the continued operation and maintenance of Shambala Preserve, an existing wild animal menagerie, mobilehomes for caretakers and accessory uses, including educational activities, tours, overnight camping and picnics, located at 6867 Soledad Canyon Rd., Acton, Soledad Zoned District, applied for by Carolyn Ingram Seitz for The Roar Foundation. (Appeal from Regional Planning Commission's conditions of approval) **CONTINUED TO TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1999 AT 9:30 A. M.**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

23 13.

Combined hearing on the following zoning matters and Final Environmental Report relating to the project known as WESTRIDGE GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY located in the community of Valencia, west of the Golden State Freeway (I-5), north of McBean Pkwy. (Stevenson Ranch), and south of Magic Mountain Pkwy., Newhall Zoned District, petitioned by Newhall Ranch Company: **CLOSED HEARING; INDICATED INTENT TO APPROVE GENERAL PLAN AND SUB-PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND OAK TREE PERMIT CASE NOS. 87-222(5), AND VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 45433-(5) AS AMENDED; AND INSTRUCTED COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION, ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL**

General Plan and Sub-Plan Amendment Case No. 87-222-(5), to amend the land use policy maps of the Countywide

General Plan and the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan, to reduce the maximum number of housing units that could be built on the site from 2,880 units to 2,814 units;

Zone Change Case No. 87-222-(5), from A-2-5 and C-3 to RPD-5,000-12.5U; RPD-5,000-23.5U; RPD-6,100-7.2U; RPD-8,500-5.1U; RPD-12,500-3.5U; C-R; C-3 and A-2-5;

Conditional Use Permit Case No. 87-222-(5), to allow the development of 1,711 housing units, an 18-hole golf course with club house and driving range, 5-acre commercial site, elementary school site, park site, community recreation center and water tank site;

Oak Tree Permit Case No. 87-222-(5), to allow the removal of 146 oaks trees, to encroach upon an additional 112 trees and to provide conditions for replacement of removed trees; and

Vesting Tentative Tract Map Case No. 45433-(5), to establish conditions for the subdivision of the property into lots for residential, commercial, school, park development, golf course, open space and water reservoir uses.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

5.0 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (Committee of Whole) 14 - 21

22 14.

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Yaroslavsky: Approve ordinance to establish within the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office a domestic partnership registry. **APPROVED** (Relates to Agenda No. 25)

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: **Supervisor Antonovich voted no on this action.**

31 15.

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Antonovich: Oppose all legislative proposals introduced to repeal or revise the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA) of 1975, which provides injured patients with full compensation for all medical costs, lost wages, future wages, and up to a quarter million dollars for non-economic

damages and limits attorney fees in all medical malpractice cases. **CONTINUED THREE WEEKS (4-13-99)**

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

31 16.

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Antonovich: Instruct County Counsel in conjunction with the Director of Planning to prepare and process the appropriate ordinance amendments and conduct public hearings before the Regional Planning Commission to modify County Code Sections 22.60.200, et. al., to provide for the automatic referral of all pertinent discretionary permits to the Board of Supervisors to whom a legislative action is being recommended and referred; instruct the Executive Officer of the Board, in conjunction with the Auditor-Controller, to conduct a study of the impact on permit fees paid to the Executive Officer of the Board for discretionary permits and legislative actions; and return to the Board with appropriate recommendations for cost recovery for such development proposals.

CONTINUED TWO WEEKS (4-6-99)

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

31 17.

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Antonovich: Instruct the Director of Public Social Services to incorporate the following recommendations into the Enhanced Services Plan being developed for review by the Board:

CONTINUED TWO WEEKS (4-6-99)

[See Supporting Document](#)

Creation of a County-Wide Welfare-to-Work Web Site which integrates existing State and Federal funded programs focused on CalWORKs;

Creation of a Child Care Web Site;

Development of a Child Care Professionals Training and Employment Program; and

Establishment of "Mini Career Centers" throughout Los Angeles County.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

3 18.

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Antonovich: Waive rental and parking fees in total amount of \$625, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for use of Castaic Lake Recreation Area by the Los Angeles Police Department's Foothill Division for their employee's picnic, to be held July 10, 1999. **APPROVED**

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

25 19.

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Molina: Instruct the Chief Administrative Officer through the Office of Unincorporated Area Services to explore the feasibility of creating a help-line for local services in the unincorporated areas of the County, including information regarding traffic safety, parks, libraries, garbage collection, bulky item clean-ups, hazardous waste round-ups, Animal Care and Control, tree trimming, reporting vandalism, community nuisances and the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk services; also to consult with appropriate departments, the Board of Supervisors' field offices and constituent groups and report back to the Board in writing in 60 days with a plan for coordinating these services through a toll-free number, including costs for a phased implementation plan to begin July 1, 1999. **APPROVED AS AMENDED TO INSTRUCT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER THROUGH THE OFFICE OF UNINCORPORATED AREA SERVICES TO EVALUATE THE FOLLOWING AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 60 DAYS (CONCURRENT WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S HELP LINE FEASIBILITY STUDY) ON:**

- A. THE METHODS WITH WHICH THE COUNTY'S SERVICE-ORIENTED DEPARTMENTS CURRENTLY ALLOW CONSTITUENTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM VIA THEIR FIELD OR REGIONAL OFFICES, INCLUDING PHONE LISTINGS IN THE WHITE PAGES OF TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES AND/OR PUBLICATIONS OF BROCHURES AND MAGNETS, ETC.; AND
- B. THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A REGION-SPECIFIC DIRECTORY TO SERVICE THE RESIDENTS OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH LOCAL LISTINGS OF COUNTY SERVICES AND BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S FIELD OFFICES

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

4 20.

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Burke: Proclaim 1999 to be the "Year of Healthy Women in Los Angeles County," and send a letter to the Governor, State Legislature, Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation and all cities within the County informing them of the Board's action; instruct the Director of Health Services to work with

appropriate departments to review all major program initiatives in 1999 affecting the health of women in Los Angeles County and to develop a plan of action for the appropriate coordination of these activities throughout the year; also instruct the Director of Health Services to submit a preliminary report on women's health to the Board by July 1, 1999, and a final report due at the end of the year on accomplishments and issues regarding the status of women's prevention and wellness activities in Los Angeles County. **APPROVED**

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

5 21.

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Burke: Waive fees in amount of \$152, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for use of Alondra Park's Community Building by the Many Trails Indian Club for their social and dance program, to be held March 26, 1999. **APPROVED**

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (Committee of Whole) 22

4-VOTE

6 22.

Recommendation: Find that County real property is surplus and not required for County use, nor for County park and recreational purposes; approve and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute Purchase and Sale Agreement with the City of Santa Monica in amount of \$1.2 million, for the sale of the County's right, title and interest for property located at 1525 Euclid St., Santa Monica (3), and to take such other steps as necessary to document and complete the transaction; instruct the Chairman to execute deed; also instruct the Auditor-Controller to deposit sale proceeds into the Asset Development Implementation Fund; and find that sale of property is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. **APPROVED**

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

7.0 COUNTY COUNSEL (Committee of Whole) 23

24 23.

Recommendation: Certify Final Environmental Impact Report, adopt Statement of Overriding Considerations, Environmental Findings and Mitigation Monitoring Program; adopt resolution approving amendments to General Plan and Sub-Plan Amendments Case No. 94-087-(5) amending the Land Use Policy Maps of the Los Angeles County General Plan and the Santa Clarita Valley Areawide Plan and adoption of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan; adopt findings, conditions and order for Conditional Use Permit Case No. 94-087-(5) and Vesting Tentative Parcel Map Case No. 24500-(5), relating to the project known as Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and Water Reclamation Plant located generally one-half mile west of the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and largely southwest of the junction of I-5 and State Route 126 (SR-126) located between the Magic Mountain Theme Park on the east and the Los Angeles/Ventura County boundary line on the west where SR-126 and the Santa Clara River transect the Specific Plan site from east to west, Newhall Zoned District, applied for by Newhall Ranch Company, for approval. (On November 24, 1998 the Board declared its intent to approve) (Relates to Agenda No. 26)

THE BOARD TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- A. CERTIFIED THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT;
- B. ADOPTED THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, FINDINGS, STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN WITH THE MODIFICATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE ERRATA SHEET;
- C. ADOPTED RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AND THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AREAWIDE PLAN AND THE ADOPTION OF THE NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN, GENERAL PLAN AND SUB-PLAN AMENDMENTS CASE NO. 94-087-(5), RELATING TO THE NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN AND WATER RECLAMATION PLANT PROJECT, NEWHALL ZONED DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY NEWHALL RANCH COMPANY WITH THE MODIFICATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE ERRATA STREET;
- D. ADOPTED THE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS AND ORDERS APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 94-087-(5) AND VESTING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 24500-(5), NEWHALL ZONED DISTRICT APPLIED FOR BY NEWHALL RANCH COMPANY; AND
- E. INSTRUCTED COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE "HIGH COUNTRY" BY THE CENTER FOR NATURAL LANDS MANAGEMENT, SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ENTITIES

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

8.0 SHERIFF (5) 24

31 24.

Recommendation: Approve the maximum expenditure of \$2,912,000 of the Department's funds to upgrade the Tandem Computer Hardware for the Mobile Digital Communications Systems (MDCS), which supports 9-1-1 calls for service to Sheriff patrol vehicles in the field, in order to ensure Year 2000 compliance of hardware and operating system software; instruct the Interim Director of Internal Services to expedite the Request for Quotation in order to comply with previous Board instructions to complete the upgrade before September 30, 1999; also approve appropriation adjustment to transfer \$2,912,000 from Services and Supplies to Fixed Assets for Fiscal Year 1998-99 to offset the expenditure of purchasing Tandem Computer Hardware for the MDCS. **CONTINUED ONE WEEK (3-30-99)**

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

9.0 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION 25

22 25.

Ordinance for introduction amending the County Code, Title 2 - Administration, to establish within the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office a domestic partnership registry. **INTRODUCED, WAIVED READING AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ADOPTION** (Relates to Agenda No. 14)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

10.0 ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION 26

24 26.

Ordinance for adoption amending the County Code, Title 22 - Planning and Zoning, changing regulations for execution of the General Plan, relating to the Newhall Zoned District No. 118, Zone Change Case No. 94-087-(5), petitioned by Newhall Ranch Company. **ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 99-0020Z** (Relates to Agenda No. 23)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

11.0 SEPARATE MATTER 27

26 27.

Status report by Auditor-Controller and Interim Director of Internal Services regarding investigative findings on the alleged exploitation of County contract workers and the violation of State and Federal laws and County contract provisions, as requested by Board at the meeting of March 16, 1999. **BY COMMON CONSENT, THE BOARD MET IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S AND INTERIM DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES' STATUS REPORT**

Absent: None

12.0 MISCELLANEOUS

28.

Additions to the agenda requested by Board members and the Chief Administrative Officer, which were posted more than 72 hours in advance of the meeting, as indicated on the green supplemental agenda.

27 28-A.

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Yaroslavsky: Instruct the Director of Health Services to establish an 800 number which would take tenants' complaints regarding violations of the State Health and Safety Code, and refer them to the appropriate agency; also instruct the Director to coordinate this effort including costs, with the City of Los Angeles Departments of Housing and Building and Safety, the County Department of Public Works, and the appropriate agencies in other incorporated cities so that tenants have a single point of access that will immediately dispatch both city and County inspectors to a site; and report back to the Board on how to implement a public information program which will inform tenants of their rights with respect to housing issues. **APPROVED AS AMENDED TO INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD TO SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL ENCOURAGING THEM TO FIND THE MEANS TO QUICKLY HIRE MORE BUILDING AND SAFETY INSPECTORS TO MAKE THE PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP A SUCCESS**

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

7 28-B.

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Antonovich and Yaroslavsky: Instruct the Directors of Children and Family Services and Personnel to proceed immediately in recruiting and hiring a permanent Director of the Adoptions Division, utilizing, if necessary, a professional executive search firm and report back to the Board on the progress of the search within 30 days, with a goal of completing the search within 60 days. **APPROVED**

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

8 28-C.

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Antonovich: Instruct County Counsel and the Director of Children and Family Services to report to the Board within 30 days regarding the following: **APPROVED**

[See Supporting Document](#)

The disciplinary actions taken against the Supervising Social Worker and the Social Worker who were responsible for the placement and non visitation of two children in an abusive foster home;

Violations of confidentiality which allowed the rapist son of the foster mother to track down the child after being transferred to a new home and continue his victimization of the girl; and

Policy changes made as a result of this case which will ensure that tragedies like this never happen again.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

28 28-D.

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Antonovich: Instruct the Director of Children and Family Services to implement the use of E-mail and fax machines to simultaneously notify the public and private agencies when children are in need of placement in a foster or adoptive home.

THE BOARD INSTRUCTED THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT THE MEETING OF APRIL 13, 1999 ON THE FOLLOWING:

--SETTING AS A FIRST PRIORITY THE PLACING OF CHILDREN IN

THE MOST APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT WITHIN THEIR OWN COMMUNITY AND/OR SCHOOL DISTRICT WHETHER IT BE A COUNTY-RUN FOSTER HOME OR A FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY (FFA) FOSTER HOME;

- IMPLEMENTING A POLICY WHICH STIPULATES THAT WHEN PLACEMENT IN A COUNTY-RUN FOSTER HOME IS NOT AVAILABLE WITHIN THE CHILD'S COMMUNITY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT, AN FFA FOSTER HOME WILL BE CONTACTED IMMEDIATELY;
 - IMPLEMENTING A POLICY WHEREBY FFAs AND PRIVATE AGENCIES ARE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY IF CHILDREN ARE IN NEED OF ADOPTIVE HOMES, INCLUDING THE USE OF E-MAIL AND FAXES;
 - THE IMPACT OF SETTING A FIVE-MILE RADIUS BOUNDARY FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE FOSTER CHILD, WHETHER IN AN INDEPENDENT FOSTER HOME OR A HOME THAT IS AFFILIATED WITH A FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY (FFA); AND
 - THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF USING AN FFA WHEN THE CHILD IN PLACEMENT IS NOT THE HIGH-RISK/HIGH-NEED CHILD THAT FFAs ARE FORMED TO HANDLE, AND IN THOSE CASES, EVALUATE WHETHER THE FFA COULD ACCEPT THE STANDARD PLACEMENT RATE FOR THE CHILD RATHER THAN THE CURRENT FFA RATE WHICH IS THREE TIMES HIGHER;
- B. PREPARE FOR EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT A MAP, BY ZIP CODE, OF WHERE CHILDREN ARE PLACED

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

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Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Burke: Instruct the Director of Planning to initiate a zoning study of undeveloped properties along Stocker St., located in the unincorporated community of View Park, to determine the appropriate zoning designations given the characteristics of the properties, such as shallow depth and long frontage, poor vehicular access, moderately to steep terrain and landslides, and to initiate such changes as necessary, with the involvement of the community and all affected parties. **APPROVED**

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

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Items not on the posted agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Board, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

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- Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Antonovich: Support AB 1194 (Leonard), legislation which would reduce the property tax transfers from local governments to the State through the Education Revenue Augmentation Fund by approximately \$370 million in the current year, increasing by nearly \$570 million per year over the next six years, with an eventual total return to local governments in excess of \$3.7 billion; and send a letter to Governor Davis, the Senate and Assembly Leadership, and all members of the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation urging their support. **INTRODUCED FOR DISCUSSION AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF MARCH 30, 1999 FOR CONSIDERATION**

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- Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Antonovich: Send a letter to Tony Harris, District Director of the California Department of Transportation, urging him to approve the placement of a four-way stoplight at the intersection of Pearblossom Hwy. (Hwy. 138) and 80th Street East in Littlerock; and send copies of this letter to Governor Davis, Senate President Pro Tem John Burton, Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa, Congressman Buck McKeon, State Senator Pete Knight and Assemblyman George Runner. **INTRODUCED FOR DISCUSSION AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF MARCH 30, 1999 FOR CONSIDERATION**

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- Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Antonovich: Instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to coordinate with all affected County departments to conduct an inventory of heavy duty equipment such as heavy duty trucks, waste haulers, off-road equipment and harbor and marine vessels and to prepare applications for funding of a \$25 million incentive program to assist in the conversion of heavy equipment to clean fuels through the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program.

INTRODUCED FOR DISCUSSION AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF MARCH 30, 1999 FOR CONSIDERATION

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- Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Burke: Instruct the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Health Services to immediately review the staffing levels in the Office of Managed Care to ensure that a backlog in claims, currently estimated to be near \$5.6 million, does not reoccur and that future claims are processed within the time frame required by the Department of Corporations and report back to the Board within 30 days; and instruct the Director of Health Services to provide weekly reports to the Board on the process of the resolutions on backlogged claims. **INTRODUCED FOR DISCUSSION AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF APRIL 6, 1999 FOR CONSIDERATION**

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- Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Burke: Instruct the Director of Children and Family Services to assure that licensed foster families in Los Angeles County continue to receive foster care rates in excess of the basic rates as provided in the rate structure currently in effect, and receive the full State Fiscal Year 1999-2000, 2.08% cost-of-living rate increase, by seeking the repeal of the statute which only allows for one-half of the percentage adjustment in the California Necessities Index for Counties with rates in excess of the basic rates. **INTRODUCED FOR DISCUSSION AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF APRIL 6, 1999 FOR CONSIDERATION**

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Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. SHARON JACKSON, DONNA SPROAL, ROBERT M. PEASE AND DAVID L. DAVID

Discussion of topics on the posted agenda and administrative requests by individual Supervisors for reports from Department Heads on various matters was follows:

- During the public comment portion of the meeting Ms. Donna Sproal addressed the Board regarding liens placed against her by the District Attorney's Office and Ms. Sharon Jackson regarding the repayment of welfare funds collected by the father of her children. Supervisor Knabe requested the District Attorney to contact Ms.

Sproal to address her concerns and to review Ms. Jackson's case and submit a report to the Board.

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On motions duly seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned in memory of the following persons:

<u>Motion by</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>
Supervisor Molina Ryan Smith	Fred Partida
Supervisor Burke Roque Vargas Villalobos	Adele Cecilia Ranson Groves
Supervisor Knabe and All Members of the Board Devin Hinton	Lynda Taylor and H. George Taylor
Supervisors Knabe	Bob Ward
Supervisors Antonovich	Joye Anderson
Martimiano Anguiano	
Marjorie B. Beardsley	
Stanley Butler, Jr.	
Louise Conover	
Dolores Mildred Dluzak	
James Findley	
Maria De Jesus Ibarra	
Rose G. Martinez	
Margaret Pribble	
Louis Sidles	

James Edward Silvis

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Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 1:20 p.m., following Board Order No. 32, for the purpose of conferring with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation regarding determination of whether to initiate litigation (two cases including Agn. No. 27), pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c); and considering a Department Head performance evaluation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.

Closed Session convened at 1:30 p.m. Present were Supervisors Gloria Molina, Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Zev Yaroslavsky, Michael D. Antonovich and Don Knabe, Chairman presiding.

Closed Session adjourned at 2:20 p.m. Present were Supervisors

Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Zev Yaroslavsky, Michael D. Antonovich and Don Knabe, Chairman presiding. Absent was Supervisor Gloria Molina.

Meeting adjourned (Following Board Order No. 32). Next meeting of the Board: Tuesday morning, March 30, 1999 at 9:30 a.m.

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held March 23, 1999, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

JOANNE STURGES

Executive Officer-Clerk

of the Board of Supervisors

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ROBIN A. GUERRERO

Chief, Board Operations Division
