



**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD (ERB)
Unincorporated Coastal Zone, Santa Monica Mountains, Los Angeles County
Meeting of 21 October 2013**

(Approved 24 February 2014)

Persons in Attendance

ERB Members

Ron Durbin
Suzanne Goode
Margot Griswold, Ph.D.
Richard Ibarra
Andrew Nickerson

Regional Planning Staff

Shirley Imsand, PhD, Coordinator
Gina Natoli, Planner

Public

Chris Deleau, Schmitz & Associates, Inc.
Runyang Low

MINUTES

I. Old Business

A. Minutes of 22 July 2013 were approved as amended.
Motion: Suzanne Goode, 2nd Ron Durbin, Ayes: Unanimous

B. Minutes of 19 August 2013 were approved.
Motion: Ron Durbin, 2nd Suzanne Goode, Ayes: Unanimous

II. Discussion Items

C. Wireless Project Reviews

1. **Duties of ERB and Content of Meetings:** Scope of ERB duties and recommendations was discussed.
2. **Materials the ERB May Request:** Materials appropriate for wireless review were outlined and discussed.
3. **ERB Recommendations:** Scope of ERB recommendations on wireless projects for environmental concerns of the LUP was outlined and discussed.

D. Staff Reports, Other Documents, and Work Study Group meetings:

1. **New procedures and format of ERB documents** was outlined and discussed. New format for agenda, postings to webpage for member and public perusal, comments and recommendations, and minutes were outlined and discussed. A proposed method of making the ERB actions and recommendations immediately valid after the meeting was discussed. This will be tested with republication of recommendations with exact wording to the webpage.
2. **Work Study Group meetings** were outlined and discussed.

3. ERB recommended that ERB have a follow-up on final approval of projects they review. Staff recommended this be done by means of the coordinator arranging with the case planner to receive final conditions and approved site plans after final review by Department of Regional Planning (DRP), Hearing Officer, and/or Regional Planning Commission.

Recommendation: Suzanne Goode, 2nd Margot Griswold, Ayes: unanimous

E. (Malibu) Land Use Plan Policies

1. **Policy 57 of the LUP: Biological review of resources**

ERB review of unmapped biological resources was outlined and discussed.

2. **Size of building pad in the Malibu-Cold Creek Resource Management Area**

Building pad size is not restricted in the Malibu-Cold Creek Resource Management Area. ERB review of projects in this SERA was outlined and discussed.

3. **Policy 65 of the LUP**

ERB review of resources emphasized by Policy 65 may be for both subdivisions and for single-family residences. Review was outlined and discussed.

Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code:

Mr. Deleau requested that it be noted that his company (a development company) objects to ERB using Policy 65 to comment or form recommendations for single-family residences. His company states that Policy 65 was intended to apply only to subdivisions.

4. **LUP policy for Land Use Distribution in (3) Significant Watersheds and with respect to cumulative impacts:**

The development rights retirement program has been used to retire nonconforming lots that cannot be legally developed. For conservation purposes, the LUP suggests using a non-profit conservation group such as joint power funds; funds in the Regional Park and Open Space District; California Conservancy state funds; and an operational program yet to be developed.

OTHER MATTERS

F. Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code:

Mr. Deleau asked if application for development permits allows County planning staff to visit the site without notification of the applicant.

County staff on ERB panel answered that County staff does site visits as necessary to do review of projects and completion of necessary documents, and application does permit them to do this without notification.