Summary Minutes for the

CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ENDOWMENT (CCHE) BOARD MEETING

Held Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. in the Natural Resources Agency Building, Room 1305 (Sacramento) and by teleconference in Los Angeles, Inglewood, and Irvine.

Agenda Item 1: Called to order and welcomed by Julie Alvis.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call. Board Members Present: Julie Alvis, Carmen Martinez, Karen Finn, Greg Lucas, Delbra Richardson-Price (via teleconference), Ennette Morton (via teleconference), and James Swinden (via teleconference). Also in attendance via teleconference were individuals from the offices of Assemblymember Evan Low and Assemblymember Ian Calderon.

Agenda Item 3: Approval of June 2016 Meeting Minutes.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion made, seconded, and carried.

Agenda Item 4: Chairperson’s Report given by Julie Alvis. Shared that Bryan Cash has a new role in Agency and introduced herself as the new individual representing Secretary Laird as Board Chair. Gave a brief fiscal report. There are currently 10,000 Snoopy License Plates on the road. Revenue from these plates is anticipated to fund an expected round of the Museum Grant Program with a solicitation in 2019/2020 and subsequent rounds every other year.

Agenda Item 5: Executive Officer’s Report given by Polly Escovedo. Board Member Carla Sands stepped down after the last meeting, and her position is currently vacant. Of the 18 projects approved at the Board meeting two years ago, six have been completed and closed out. Some of these successful projects were highlighted. For Round Two, staff performed five technical workshops, resulting in 52 applications and 18 projects (totaling 1.6 million dollars) recommended for funding. Two of these recommended projects are historical societies in the Central Valley. One recommended project, from the Sacramento Zoo, has withdrawn. Those funds will be distributed to other projects that were recommended for partial funding. Discussion occurred regarding specific details on the recommend project for Habitot Children’s Museum.

Agenda Item 6: Presentation of Recommendations for California Museum Program given by Craig Zeff. Highlighted a few of the recommended projects. Comment given by Monica Tong from Assemblymember Evan Low’s office. Thanked Celeste for coming and thanked staff for diversity in project selection.

ACTION TAKEN: Approval of funding recommendation list, excepting the Ocean Institute project. Motion made, seconded, and carried with 7 ayes.

ACTION TAKEN: Approval of funding for the Ocean Institute project. Motion made, seconded, and carried with 6 ayes and one abstention.
Agenda Item 7: No Public Comments.

Agenda Item 8: Presentation from California Association of Museums given by Celeste DeWald. Updated the Board on AB1984 California Museums for All, Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Sustainability, and Snoopy Plate promotion efforts. Board discussed presented items to receive clarification and offer suggestions.

Agenda Item 9: Board comments and questions regarding how funds will be redistributed from the withdrawn project and the types of projects eligible in future rounds of the Museum Grant Program.

Agenda Item 10: Adjournment at 2:55pm.

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