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MINUTES
of the
GOVERNING BOARD
of the
MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

April 7, 2004

I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Michael Berger, at 3:09 p.m. on April 7, 2004 at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Hayduk, Jerome C. Daniel, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Michael Berger, Chair. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Tracy Dockery, Staff Services Manager, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

III. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

No public testimony was given.

The Chair announced that Item IV would be heard later in the meeting.

V. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for February 2004.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for habitat and endangered species protection improvements in Upper Las Virgenes Canyon (formerly Ahmanson Ranch), unincorporated Ventura County, and authorizing any budget amendments necessary.**

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded Resolution Nos. 04-44, and 04-45 were unanimously adopted.

VI. Report from Macias, Gini & Company LLC.

The Authority received a verbal report from Gene Horimoto.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Horimoto and the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Ms. Horimoto.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by Ms. Horimoto and the Executive Officer.

VII. Report from Richards, Watson & Gershon.

The Authority received a verbal report from Craig Steele.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and Mr. Steele.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by Mr. Steele and the Executive Officer.

IV. Reports from Staff.

The Authority received a verbal report from the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comment were made by the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations.

The Authority received a verbal report from the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing reassignment of an interim equestrian use lease for the Two Winds Ranch portion of Rancho Portrero Open Space (former Huck Property/Broome Ranch) from the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA) to the City of Thousand Oaks.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-46 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a dedication of lots 7 through and including 11, Tract 51034, Benedict Canyon, Los Angeles.

The Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Lange and Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-47 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution adopting Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment Districts Nos. 1 and 2 Policy for Expenditure and Application of General Benefit.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-48 was unanimously adopted as amended.

XI. Consideration of resolution accepting the following offers to dedicate open space easements: (a) Provisor / P-5-82-393 located on Peak Trail, west of Topanga Canyon Boulevard, unincorporated Los Angeles County; (b) Strote / P-5-82-778 located on Stunt Road, south of Mulholland Highway, unincorporated Los Angeles County; (c) Cariker / P-5-82-584 located on Ramble Orienta, west of Las Flores Canyon Road, Malibu, and (d) Norin / P-5-83-143 located between Escondido Drive and Maguire Drive, west of Latigo Canyon Road, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-49 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 2380-005-010, 3598 Lankershim Boulevard, using funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1, Studio City.

The Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-50 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of an approximately 10 acre portion of APN 4434-009-015, using in lieu mitigation fees, Garapito Canyon.

The Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning presented the staff report for this item.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-51 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into contracts with the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority for work in Whitney Canyon Park and the upper Santa Clara River watershed.

The Chief Deputy Executive Officer presented the staff report for this item.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-52 was unanimously adopted.

XV. Consideration of adoption of Ordinance No. 01-2004 regarding park rules and regulations, waive second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 01-2004, "An Ordinance of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority amending the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Ordinance establishing park rules and regulations, and prescribing the punishment for violations thereof." Ordinance No. 01-2004 modifies existing Ordinance No. 01-2003(a).

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Ordinance No. 01-2004 was unanimously adopted.

XVI. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of tax defaulted properties in Los Angeles County pursuant to Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 8 of the Revenue and Taxation Code that were reserved at the County's 2003B Public Tax Auction and authorizing acceptance of donations and public funding to acquire said properties.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-54 was unanimously adopted.

XVII. Closed Session.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9. Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions. Conference with legal counsel. Number of cases: 1. (1) *City of Malibu v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.*

No closed session was held.

XVIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

Comments were made by the Chair.

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Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on May 5, 2004.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP
Executive Officer

Michael Berger
Chair