



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

March 2, 2011

I. Call to Order.

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson George Lange, at 2:00 p.m. on March 2, 2011, 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: Jim Hasenauer; Ed Hayduk; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon., ASLA, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Lisa Soghor, Director of Premier Parks; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Fernando Gomez, Ranger; Kevin Perrine, Ranger; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

No public testimony was given.

IV. Reports from Staff:

- (a) Legal;
- (b) Ranger Services;
- (c) Natural Resources and Planning;
- (d) Interpretation;
- (e) Developed Resources;
- (f) Construction;
- (g) Facilities and Maintenance;

(h) Finance.

The Authority received oral reports from Ranger Kevin Perrine; the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Chief of Interpretation; Director of Premier Parks; Chief of Facilities and Maintenance, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

V. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of January 28, 2010 to February 23, 2011.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution entering into a professional services contract with Green Leaf G.T.H. Inc. for weed abatement and fire-fuel reduction on Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority managed lands funded by Proposition 84 (SMR).**
- (c) Consideration of resolution entering into a professional services contract with Green Leaf G.T.H. Inc. for weed abatement and fire-fuel reduction on Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority managed properties funded by Proposition 84 (LAR).**
- (d) Consideration of resolution entering into a professional services contract with Green Leaf G.T.H. Inc. for weed abatement and fire-fuel reduction on Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority managed properties funded by Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution entering into a professional services contract with Green Leaf G.T.H. Inc. for weed abatement fire-fuel reduction on Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority managed properties funded by Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 2.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution entering into a professional services contract with Green Leaf G.T.H. Inc. for weed abatement and fire-fuel reduction on Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority managed properties funded by 5555-7629 (Fire Prevention).**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements and/or open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit No. 5-90-103A (Solar Systems, Inc.), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over portions of APNs 2275-028-005, 006 and 007**

(approximately 0.20 acres) for wildlife movement purposes, 14501 Mulholland Drive, City of Los Angeles.

- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract amendment with SWA Group for additional professional services for the Milton Street Park project.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing a request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to augment SMM-0754 for Project Planning and Design work.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution requesting that the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District add APNs 3210-001-004, 3210-002-007, 3210-004-004, 005, 008, 009, 010, 011, 013, 014, 3210-005-006, 007, 008, 027, 035, 040, 3210-006-005, 3210-008-021, 022, and 3210-010-001, totaling 1,017.47 acres, to Project Agreement 58A1-09-2202, augmenting said Project Agreement to increase grant amount, and authorizing acquisition of said parcels, Soledad Canyon area, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (l) Consideration of resolution amending MRCA Resolution No. 10-36 to authorize the use of In-Lieu Fee Mitigation funds for the acquisition of APN 2826-025-007 in Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement 2664, Newhall Pass, Santa Clarita.**
- (m) Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to Joe Caves and Associates contract.**
- (n) Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Hutchinson Grading and Excavation, Inc., for grading services in Browns Canyon, unincorporated Chatsworth.**

Item V(m) was removed from the agenda.

Items V(b), V(c), V(d), V(e), V(f), and V(h) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded Resolution Nos. 11-19, 11-25, 11-27, 11-28, 11-29, 11-30, 11-31, and 11-32 were unanimously adopted.

- V(b). Consideration of resolution entering into a professional services contract with Green Leaf G.T.H. Inc. for weed abatement and fire-fuel reduction on Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority managed lands funded by Proposition 84 (SMR).**

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The remaining items from the Consent Calendar were heard next.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 11-20, 11-21, 11-22, 11-23, 11-24, and 11-26 were unanimously adopted.

- VI. Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Compton Creek-Washington Elementary School Natural Park project.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Director of Premier Parks.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel, Hayduk, and Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Director of Premier Parks and Chief of Interpretation.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-33 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a budget augmentation and scope amendment to the grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for the Compton Creek-Washington Elementary School Natural Park project.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Director of Premier Parks.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hayduk and Hassenaur.

Comments were made by the Director of Premier Parks.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Director of Premier Parks, and the Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-34 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for grant funds for the restoration and improvement of Hollywood Bowl Overlook, City of Los Angeles.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Director of Premier Parks.

Questions were propounded by the Chair, Mr. Hayduk, and the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Director of Premier Parks, the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-35 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution: (a) acknowledging receipt of the California Coastal Commission's resolution of certification approving the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement – Public Works Plan (PWP) with suggested

modifications, including all terms and/or modifications suggested for final certification; (b) accepting and agreeing to all such terms and/or modifications; (c) taking formal action to incorporate such terms and/or modifications in the PWP, and (d) acknowledging that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will satisfy such terms and/or modifications.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer and Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-36 was unanimously adopted.

X. Report from Financial Officer and Executive Officer on measures being taken to deal with FY 2010-11 budget shortfall.

The Authority received an oral report from the Assistant Financial Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer and the Director of Premier Parks.

XI. 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 ten (15). (1) *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. LC077488*; (2) *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC377233*; (3) *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation*

Authority v. City of Malibu, and related litigation; (4) City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No.BS121650; (5) Friends of Temescal Pool v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC405252; (6) Malibu-Encinal Homeowners Association v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority BC431798; (7) Estwick v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority BC434783; (8) Reuben v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; (9) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (BS127089); (10) City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (BS129222), (11) Morris v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, (12) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (BS121820); (13) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (BS129503); (14) Grant v Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and (15) Kaufman v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation (two cases).

No closed session was held.

XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on April 6, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon, ASLA
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson