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

February 6, 2013

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 February 6, 2013, at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Larry Peterson; Jim Hasenauer; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present.

Staff Present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, FAICP, Hon., ASLA (via teleconference); Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jamie Cabral; Deputy Chief of Interpretation; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Cara Meyer, Chief of Special Projects, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

The following members of the public addressed the Authority:

Mr. Rick Denman, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.
Ms. Beth Vidakovits, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

IV. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of January 7, 2013 were submitted for approval.
The minutes of January 7, 2013 were approved as submitted.

V. Reports.

The Authority received oral reports from the following members of staff: Chief Staff Counsel; Chief Ranger; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Chief of Interpretation; Chief of Construction, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of January 1, 2013 to January 31, 2013.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution awarding a contract to Bard Catering for food services related to Outdoor Education Camp at King Gillette Ranch.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution approving a sole source contract with Romtec, Inc. for pre-engineered restroom and storage structures for the Marsh Street Park Project.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Marsh Street Park project.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to Brett Goldstone to supply artistic fencing for the Marsh Street Park project.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a professional services contract with SCI Consulting Group for administration of MRCA Community Facilities Districts No. 1 and 2.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) acceptance of assignment of Proposition A funds for Escondido Canyon Acquisition from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Project Agreement No. 58A1-94-0132); (b) entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District; and (c) acquisition of 31 lots in an unincorporated area of Escondido Canyon totaling approximately 98 acres.**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 13-09; 13-10; 13-11; 13-12; 13-13; 13-14, and 13-15 were unanimously adopted.

VII. Presentation from the Community Plans and Liaison Officer from the Naval Base Ventura County on potential land protection partnerships.

The Authority received an oral report from Ms. Anna Shepard, representing Naval Base Ventura County.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Peterson.

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

VIII. Presentation on World Ranger Congress 2012.

The Authority received an oral report from the Deputy Chief of Interpretation and the Chief Ranger.

Comments were made by the Chief of Interpretation and the Executive Officer.

IX. Consideration of resolution adopting findings that the Marsh Street Park construction project is substantially complex and to increase the retention amount from 5% to 10%.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Special Projects.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Special Projects.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-16 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 2063-004-023, 024 and 025 totaling approximately 525 acres in the Triunfo Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County and entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for said parcels.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer and Daniel.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-17 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 4453-020-008 and 4453-016-008 totaling approximately 27 acres in the Carbon Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-18 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into agreements to accept mitigation funding for public access improvements to Las Tunas Beach, City of Malibu.

The staff report for this item was presented 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. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-19 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 2076-017-025 totaling approximately 5.3 acres in Woodland Hills using funds from Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No.2. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Kristine Dekreon. Under consideration: price and terms. (*This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to § 54956.8 of the Government Code.*)

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

This item was heard in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-20 was unanimously adopted.

- XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 2172-028-027, 028, 029 totaling approximately 0.5 acres in Woodland Hills using funds from Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Shawna and Arnold Verbiesen. Under consideration: price and terms. (*This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to § 54956.8 of the Government Code.*)**

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

This item was heard in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-21 was unanimously adopted.

- XV. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into loan agreements with the City of Los Angeles or private entities to acquire APN 2274-018-014 totaling approximately 1.6 acres in Sherman Oaks.**

The staff report for this item was presented 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. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-22 was unanimously adopted.

- XVI. 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: eleven (11). (1) *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu, and related litigation*; (2) *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS121650*; (3) *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS12922*; (4) *Malibu-Encinal Homeowners Association v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No.*

BC431798; (5) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS127089; (6) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Case No. BS121820; (7) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS129503; (8) Morris v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; (9) Everett v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; (10) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Whittier, Matrix Oil Co. and related entities, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; and (11) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Coldwater Investments.

The Chair convened the closed session at 3:54 p.m. and announced that price and terms for items XIII and XIV would be discussed.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 4:05 p.m. and announced that price and terms for items XIII and XIV were discussed.

XVII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on March 6, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m. in memory of Edward Michael Skei, and with best wishes of recovery to former Authority member Ed Hayduk.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

George Lange
Chairperson