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

February 5, 2014

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 5, 2014, at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, Community Room, 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; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edeleman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Brian Baldauf, Project Manager; Amy Lethrbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manger.

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. Jeremy Wolf, representing Save Open Space, on items VII and VIII.
Mr. Jess Thomas, representing Old Agoura NOA, on items VII and VIII.
Mr. Ed Corridori, member of the public, on items VI(d), VII, and VIII.

IV. Approval of minutes.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Minutes of January 2, 2014 were adopted as submitted.

V. Reports from staff.

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief Staff Counsel; Chief Ranger; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Chief of Interpretation; the Project Analyst, the Assistant Financial Officer.

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of January 1, 2014 to January 24, 2014.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Los Angeles Conservation Corps for installation of trees and shrubs at Pacoima Wash - Eighth Street Park project.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment to an open space easement over portions of APNs 4452-025-021, 023, 025, 027, and 028, located in the City of Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution amending resolution No. 08-29 to include APNs 2064-006-902 and 905, Liberty Canyon, City of Agoura Hills.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Breen Engineering, Inc. for engineering and design services for the Lopez Canyon Park improvement project.**
- (f) Consideration of a resolution approving and adopting the MRCA Salary Schedule.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Bionic for landscape architect work for the Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan.**

Items VI(e) and VI(d) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 14-08; 14-09; 14-10; 14-13, and 14-14 were unanimously adopted.

VI(d) Consideration of resolution amending resolution No. 08-29 to include APNs 2064-006-902 and 905, Liberty Canyon, City of Agoura Hills.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-11 was unanimously adopted.

VI(e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Breen Engineering, Inc. for engineering and design services for the Lopez Canyon Park improvement project.

Comments were made by Mr. Hasenauer regarding revisions to the Staff Report.

Staff accepted said revision. No change to the resolution was made.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-12 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for project planning and design regarding implementation of a wildlife crossing structure on the 101 freeway at Liberty Canyon, Agoura Hills.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-15 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for preparation of a Project Scoping Report for wildlife crossings on the 101 freeway at Liberty Canyon, Agoura Hills.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-15 was unanimously adopted.

- IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) amendments to option agreement for Laurel Canyon and Mulholland properties; (b) contingent reduction of square footage of existing conservation easements on APNs 5565-003-040 and 041; (3) contingent granting of access easement over APN 5565-003-900, and (d) contingent sale of APN 5565-003-900, City of Los Angeles. *Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Lawrence Lazar. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.)***

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-16 was unanimously adopted.

- X. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Moorpark.**

This item was postponed to a later date.

- 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: eleven (11). (1) *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu*, and related actions, Case No. SC 092212; (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, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, et al., Case No. BS136211, and related cases, and (11) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Coldwater Investments.

The Chair convened the closed session at 2:56 p.m. and announced that the matter of *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Whittier, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, et al., Case No. BS136211, and related cases* would be discussed.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 3:05 and announced that the matter of *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Whittier, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, et al., Case No. BS136211, and related cases* was discussed.

XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on date to be determined at a later time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson