



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

**March 13, 2014**

**I. Call to order.**

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson George Lange, at 2:01 p.m., on March 13, 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; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Laura Ratcliffe, Staff Counsel; Cara McClane, Chief of Urban Projects; Liz Jennings, Project Analyst; Walt Young, Chief of Operations; 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.**

No members of the public addressed the Authority.

**IV. Approval of minutes.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, the Minutes of February 5, 2014 were adopted as submitted.

**V. Reports from staff.**

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief Staff Counsel; the Chief Ranger; the Chief of the Fire Division; the Executive Officer; Chief of Interpretation; the Chief of Urban Projects; Chief of Constructions, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of January 25, 2014 to February 28, 2014.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Milton Street Park and Green Street project.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with TELACU Construction Management for construction management services for the Milton Street Park and Green Street project.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with TELACU Construction Management for construction management services for the Franklin-Ivar Park project.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for roadway improvements at Michael D. Antonovich Regional Park at Joughin Ranch.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Mia Lehrer + Associates for design services for the Pacoima Wash Mountain Bikeway project.**
- (g) Consideration of a resolution authorizing a professional services contract with MIG, Inc. for design services for the Compton Creek Natural Park at Washington Elementary Phase 2 project.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements and/or open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. 5-91-865 (Imhof), 4-01-123 (Kaplan), 5-90-755 (Harvest Corporation), 5-89-1064 (Assael), 5-90-065 (Lewis), 4-93-178 (Stroeber) and 5-90-368-A (Berger), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**

- (i) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over portions of APNs 2381-031-009 and 010 (8220 Mulholland Terrace), approximately 0.5-acres, adjacent to National Park Service-owned Fryman Canyon Park, City of Los Angeles.**
- (j) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to execute updated management and maintenance agreement with Community Conservation Solutions for the Studio City/Los Angeles River Greenway Project.**
- (k) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the Quitclaim of APN 8124-004-901 to the Watershed Conservation Authority.**

Item VI(e), VI(f), and VI(i) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 14-19; 14-20; 14-21; 14-22; 14-25; 14-26; 14-28, and 14-29 were unanimously adopted.

**VI(e). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for roadway improvements at Michael D. Antonovich Regional Park at Joughin Ranch.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Urban Projects.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-23 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(f). Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Mia Lehrer + Associates for design services for the Pacoima Wash Mountain Bikeway project.**

Comments were made by Mr. Hasenauer.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Urban Projects.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-24 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(i). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over portions of APNs 2381-031-009 and 010 (8220 Mulholland Terrace), approximately 0.5-acres, adjacent to National Park Service-owned Fryman Canyon Park, City of Los Angeles.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-27 was unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution adopting findings that the Milton Street Park and Green Street 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 Urban Projects.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief of Urban Projects and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-30 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of a resolution approving and adopting the updated MRCA Salary Schedule.**

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-31 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing requesting a budget augmentation for grant SMM-50-1108 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, for Project Planning and Design services for the Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project, City of Malibu.**

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-32 was unanimously adopted.

#### **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*.

No closed session was held.

#### **XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on April 2, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange  
Chairperson