



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

**May 6, 2015**

**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 May 6, 2015, 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; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Jim Hasenauer.

Staff Present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, FAICP, Hon, ASLA; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer, Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Ana Petric, Deputy Chief of Urban Projects; Cara Meyer, Chief of Urban Projects; Tony Scattaglia, Ranger; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Jerry Hidalgo, Project Analyst, and Chris Trumpy, Acting Board Secretary..

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

The following members of the public addressed the Authority:

Ms. Lisa Cislo, member of the public, on item XIV.

Mr. Jonathan Kaye, representing Winding Way Homeowners Association, on item XIV.

Mr. Rick Denman, member of the public, on item XIV.

Ms. Beth Videnkovitz, member of the public, on item XIV.

**IV. Approval of minutes.**

The minutes of March 26, 2015; April 1, 2015; April 16, 2015, meeting one, and April 16, 2015, meeting two, were submitted for approval.

The minutes of March 26, 2015; April 1, 2015; April 16, 2015, meeting one, and April 16, 2015, meeting two, were approved as submitted.

**V. Reports from staff.**

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief of the Fire Division; Chief Staff Counsel; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Chief of Interpretation; Chief of Construction, and the Acting Assistant Financial Officer.

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) **Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of March 26, 2015 to April 26, 2015.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract with Mia Lehrer + Associates for design services for the Franklin/Ivar Park project.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Franklin/Ivar Park project.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Canyonback Restoration project.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Malibu Road Accessway.**
- (f) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of 0.67 acres (APNs 4371-015-013, -020, 4371-016-025, 4371-024-004, 4371-041-012, -019, 4380-030-010) Beverly Glen Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

Item VI(f) was removed from the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 15-60; 15-61; 15-62; 15-63, and 15-64 were unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution adopting findings that the Franklin/Ivar 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 Urban Projects.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-66 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution adopting findings that the Malibu Road Accessway 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.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-67 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract with TELACU Construction Management for construction management services for the Franklin/Ivar Park project.**

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-68 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funding for Project Planning and Design of the Los Angeles River Greenway–San Fernando Valley project.**

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-69 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing (1) acceptance of assignment of the Turnaround Easement from Malibu Encinal Homeowners Association (portion of Assessor parcel number [APN] 4470-021-007) and (2) granting an easement on portion of Lot 156 (APN 4470-028-918) to property owner of 31842 West Sea Level Drive, Lechuza Beach, City of Malibu.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-70 was unanimously adopted.

**XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Use Agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for operation and maintenance of the Zev Yaroslavsky Greenway Project, Los Angeles.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-71 was unanimously adopted.

**XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement to conditionally exchange APN 2819-010-905 for APN 2819-003-010 owned by Chatsworth Habitat, LLC, Deerlake Highlands, unincorporated Chatsworth area.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Project Analyst.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-72 was unanimously adopted.

**XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a project planning and design grant for Escondido Canyon public access, City of Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-72 was unanimously adopted.

**XV. Consideration of resolution authorizing the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Countywide Competitive Grant Program for the a) Woolsey-Box Canyon Project, b) Pacoima – Kagel Canyon Project, and c) Cahuenga Pass Project and approving the adoption of youth employment plans.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-73 was unanimously adopted.

**XVI. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 14-144 and authorizing Overtime and Portal to Portal Pay for Employees.**

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of the Fire Division.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-74 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: ten (10). (1) *Malibu-Encinal Homeowners Association v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC431798; (2) *Morris v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, Case No. BC448511; (3) *Everett v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC466880; (4) *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, (5) *Friends of the Hastain Trail, et al. v. Coldwater Investments, et al.*, Case No. BC469573; (6) *Prop "A" Protective Association, LLC v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BS 145771 and related cases; (7) *Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, The Trust for Public Land, et al. v. City of Whittier, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BS146670 and related cases; (8) *Denman, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; (9) *Perez v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, and (10) *Smaldino and Simak v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.**

No closed session was held.

**XVIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on June 3, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

George Lange  
Chairperson