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

June 3, 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 2:02 p.m., on June 3, 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; 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 Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer, Cara Meyer, Chief of Urban Projects; James Latham, Ranger; Brian Baldauf, Project Analyst; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Assistant; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

No member of the public addressed the Authority.

IV. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of May 6, 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of May 6, 2015 were adopted as submitted.

V. Reports from staff.

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

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of April 27, 2015 to May 21, 2015.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Pepo Weed Abatement, Inc. to perform brush clearance.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Executive Suite Services to perform brush clearance.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Pan American Brush Clearance to perform brush clearance.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with TELACU Construction Management for construction management services for the Malibu Road Accessway project.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution augmenting the contract with TELACU Construction Management for construction management services for the Milton Street Park and Green Street Project.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution approving the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the 2015 Countywide Competitive Grant Program for Caballero Creek Park and adopting a youth employment plan.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of the contract with BlueGreen Consulting for additional design services for the Caballero Creek and Los Angeles River Confluence Park project.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution adopting a Water Conservation Plan.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of the contract with DIRTONU, Inc. dba MUROW CM for hillside stabilization at the Trebek Open Space property, Nichols Canyon.**

- (k) Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments under Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways Code for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (l) Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments under Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways Code for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles**
- (m) Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2015-2016 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (n) Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2015-2016 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (o) Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (p) Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**

Item VI(c) and VI(d) were removed from the agenda.

Item VI(j) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 15-78; 15-79; 15-82; 15-83; 15-84; 15-85; 15-86; 15-88; 15-89; 15-90; 15-91; 15-92, and 15-93 was unanimously adopted.

VI(j). Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of the contract with DIRTONU, Inc. dba MUROW CM for hillside stabilization at the Trebek Open Space property, Nichols Canyon.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-87 was unanimously adopted as amended.

VII. Presentation of the Safe Routes to the River: Connecting Schools to the Los Angeles River study.

The Authority received an oral report from the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by the Chair, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

VIII. Presentation on GHG reduction impacts from implementation of Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority conservation lands program.

The Authority received an oral report by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Mr. Hasenauer, the Executive Officer, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

IX. Presentation and discussion of MRCA Basic Financial Statements and related Federal Single Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.

The Authority received an oral report by Ms. Sheryl Lewanda, representing the Conejo Recreation and Park District.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Ms. Lewanda and Auditors: Mr. Craig Hartzheim, Mr. Jay Siegel, and Mr. Bin Zeng.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson and the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Ms. Lewanda and the Assistant Financial Officer.

X. Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Preliminary Budget, Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-94 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy on the Proposition 1 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines.

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.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-95 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of (a) fee title to APNs 3240-016-001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 3243-018-009, 3240-015-024 and 025, totaling approximately 712 acres, and (b) an option to purchase APNs 3243-013-009, 012, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017, 065, 3243-018-007 and 016, totaling approximately 488 acres, located in the Lake Hughes area. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. Under discussion: price and terms. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and David Tomblin on behalf of Tomblin and Associates and Le Park North, LLC.)*

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Laurie Collins, representing Tomblin and Associates and Le Park North, LLC.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-86 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a project agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the acquisition of (a) fee title to APNs 3240-016-001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 3243-018-009, 3240-015-024 and 025, totaling approximately 712 acres, and (b) an option to purchase APNs 3243-013-009, 012, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017, 065, 3243-018-007 and 016, totaling approximately 488 acres, located in the Lake Hughes area.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-87 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing one or more contracts for roof replacement at King Gillette Ranch for (a) Wisdom Hall; (b) Dormitory; and (c) DeCenses House.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Urban Projects.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-88 was unanimously adopted.

XV. 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*.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b)(3)(C): conference with legal counsel regarding claim of liability and exposure to litigation. Claimant: Lesly Adriana Colindres.

The Chair commenced the closed session at 4:42 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 4:58 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to staff.

XVI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on July 8, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson