



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

April 5, 2006

I. Call to Order.

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Michael Berger at 3:03 p.m. on April 5, 2006, at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Hayduk, Jerome C. Daniel, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Chairperson Michael Berger. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Amy Letbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes.

The following minutes were submitted for approval: February, 1, 2006; February 17, 2006; February 23, 2006 and March 1, 2006.

The following minutes were adopted as submitted: February, 1, 2006; February 17, 2006; February 23, 2006 and March 1, 2006.

IV. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

No public comment was made.

V. Reports.

The Authority received verbal reports from the Chief Staff Counsel, the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations, the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chief of Interpretation, the Chief of Construction, and the Chief of Facilities and Maintenance.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hayduk, Daniel, and Lange.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger & Chief of Operations and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hayduk, Lange, and Daniel.

VI. Consent Calender:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the following offer to dedicate public access easements: Goodstein & Watson/P5-84-274, located in unincorporated Los Angeles County adjacent to Saddle Peak Road near Schueren Road.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a sole source contract with SCI Consulting Group (formerly Shilts Consultants) for administration and management services for Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment Districts Nos. 1 and 2.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Ms. Karin Mueller for design of an interactive educational website for the National Park Service.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source professional services contract with Eric York for mountain lion tracking services for the National Park Service.**

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 06-42, 06-43, 06-44, and 06-45 were unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement and associated maintenance funding, Live Oak Trails development, City of La Verne, Los Angeles County.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-46 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District to use 1st Supervisorial District Proposition A Excess Funds for the Boyle Heights Green Corridors project.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-47 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the State Coastal Conservancy for projects on Ballona Creek.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-48 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 5-acre donation (portion of APN 4456-032-035), Maynard Drive, Cold Creek watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-49 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the sale to the owner of an adjacent parcel of fee title subject to the reservation of a conservation easement, APN's 4452-018-901 and 902, lower Malibu Canyon in Serra Retreat.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-50 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the sale of a 10 foot wide easement for a sewer line to the owners of 3033 Vista Crest Drive in Los Angeles on and under APN 2429-023-003, 004 and 005.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-51 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to use 5th Supervisorial District Proposition A Excess Funds to acquire the Rio Dulce Ranch, approximately 1,015 acres, Soledad Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hayduk, Daniel, and Lange.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, the Deputy Executive Officer and the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-52 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

No comments were made.

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: 1.

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Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

No closed session was held.

XVI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on May 3, 2006.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP
Executive Officer

Michael Berger
Chair