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

April 6, 2011

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 April 6, 2011, 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: Jim Hasenauer; Ed Hayduk; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present.

Staff Present: Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Cara McLane, Chief of Special Projects; Jamie Cabral, Acting Chief of Interpretation; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Walt Young, Chief Ranger, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

No public testimony was given.

IV. Reports from Staff:

- (a) Legal;
- (b) Ranger Services;
- (c) Natural Resources and Planning;
- (d) Interpretation;
- (e) Developed Resources;
- (f) Construction;
- (g) Facilities and Maintenance;
- (f) Finance.

The Authority received oral reports from the following members of staff: Chief Staff Counsel; Chief Ranger; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Acting Chief of Interpretation; Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Chief of Facilities and Maintenance, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

V. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of February 24, 2011 to March 30, 2011.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement, approximately 0.3 acres, over portion of APN 5565-011-011, on Horse Shoe Canyon Road, Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement, approximately 0.2 acres, over portion of APN 2428-006-042, on Oak Point Drive in the Cahuenga Pass area, City of Los Angeles.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to contract with Joe Caves and Associates.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution assigning rights to Amigos de Los Rios to apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Proposition A Specified Excess Funds for the Circle Park Improvements project.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution assigning rights to Amigos de Los Rios to apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Proposition A Specified Excess Funds for the Hollydale Regional Park Improvements project.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution assigning rights to Los Angeles Conservation Corps to apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Proposition A Specified Excess Funds for the Rio Hondo Bike Trail Access Improvements project.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Teracor Resource Management to conduct biological surveys on MRCA managed properties in the Antelope Valley.**

- (i) **Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a contract with Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority for pre-acquisition services directly related to the acquisition of parcels in the Upper Santa Clara River watershed and San Gabriel Mountains.**
- (j) **Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a management agreement and contract with Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority for property management of approximately 187 acres bordering Elizabeth Lake Road, from the Joshua Ranch project, City of Palmdale.**
- (k) **Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a management agreement and contract with Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority for administration, acquisition expenses, initial site preparation, and property management services for a 480-acre property, from the AV Solar Ranch One project, located between Highway 138 and California State Parks Antelope Valley Poppy Preserve, unincorporated Antelope Valley.**
- (l) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Vallier Design Associates, Inc. for the Malibu Road Accessway.**
- (m) **Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Caltrans Contribution Agreement, District Agreement No. 07-4903, to receive mitigation funds from the State Route 118 and Rocky Peak Road on and off-ramp project, Santa Susana Mountains, City of Simi Valley.**

The following items were removed from the Consent Calendar: V(b); V(c); V(d); V(e); V(f); V(g); V(h); V(l), and V(k).

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-37; 11-46; 11-48, and 11-49 were unanimously adopted.

V(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement, approximately 0.3 acres, over portion of APN 5565-011-011, on Horse Shoe Canyon Road, Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-38 was unanimously adopted.

V(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement, approximately 0.2 acres, over portion of APN 2428-006-042, on Oak Point Drive in the Cahuenga Pass area, City of Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-39 was unanimously adopted.

V(d). Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to contract with Joe Caves and Associates.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer; the Chief Deputy Executive Officer, and the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-40 was unanimously adopted.

V(e). Consideration of resolution assigning rights to Amigos de Los Rios to apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Proposition A Specified Excess Funds for the Circle Park Improvements project.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-41 was unanimously adopted.

V(f). Consideration of resolution assigning rights to Amigos de Los Rios to apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Proposition A Specified Excess Funds for the Hollydale Regional Park Improvements project.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-42 was unanimously adopted.

V(g). Consideration of resolution assigning rights to Los Angeles Conservation Corps to apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Proposition A Specified Excess Funds for the Rio Hondo Bike Trail Access Improvements project.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-43 was unanimously adopted.

V(h). Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Teracor Resource Management to conduct biological surveys on MRCA managed properties in the Antelope Valley.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-44 was unanimously adopted.

V(i). Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a contract with Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority for pre-acquisition services directly related to the acquisition of parcels in the Upper Santa Clara River watershed and San Gabriel Mountains.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-45 was unanimously adopted.

V(k). Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a management agreement and contract with Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority for administration, acquisition expenses, initial site preparation, and property management services for a 480-acre property, from the AV Solar Ranch One project, located between Highway 138 and California State Parks Antelope Valley Poppy Preserve, unincorporated Antelope Valley.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-46 was unanimously adopted.

VI. Consideration of resolution requesting transfer and acceptance of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy properties located north of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Zone in Los Angeles County.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-50 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Reimbursement Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Culver City for the purposes of developing, designing, and constructing the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Enhancement project.

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

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-51 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution adopting a Quality Assurance Program to be followed for all projects using Federal-aid transportation funding.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-52 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution approving a payment to Big-D Construction subject to provisions of Task Agreement # J8544080082 with National Park Service for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made the Chief of Special Projects.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-53 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution awarding a contract for roadwork at Mentryville.

The staff report for this item was present by Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-54 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 10-106 and authorizing acquisition of APNs 5576-009-055, 056, 057, 058, 059, 060, 061, 062, 063 AND 064, Hollywood Knolls, South of Lake Hollywood. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Daniel Fitzgerald. Under consideration: price and terms. (*This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code.*)

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel, Hayduk, and the Chair.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer, Hayduk, and the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-55 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of a portion of APN 2826-026-005 and potentially portions of APNs 2826-026-006 and 014 located west of Interstate 5 in the Newhall Pass, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded Resolution No. 11-56 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. 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 (15). (1) *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. LC077488*; (2) *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC377233*; (3) *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu, and related litigation*; (4) *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BS121650*; (5) *Friends of Temescal Pool v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC405252*; (6) *Malibu-Encinal Homeowners Association v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority BC431798*; (7) *Estwick v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority BC434783*; (8) *Reuben v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; (9) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (BS127089)*; (10) *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (BS129222)*, (11) *Morris v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*, (12) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (BS121820)*; (13) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains*

Conservancy(BS129503); (14) Grant v Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and (15) Kaufman v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation (two cases).

No closed session was held.

XIV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced the next meeting would be held on May 4, 2011.

Their being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon, ASLA
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson