



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

May 4, 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 May 4, 2011, 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: Jim Hasenauer; Ed Hayduk; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, ASLA, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Lisa Soghor, Director of Premier Parks; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer, 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;
- (h) Finance.

The Authority received oral reports from the Assistant Financial Officer; Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Chief of Interpretation; Director of Premier Parks, and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

V. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of March 31, 2011 to April 27, 2011.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate trail easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. 5-89-133 (Stiepel), 5-89-1149 (Thorne), 5-87-983 (Forge), 5-89-260 (Norman), 5-90-106 (Niemier), 5-89-124 (Ashley), 5-89-123 (Ashley), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to Brett Goldstone to supply artistic fence panels for the Compton Creek-Washington Elementary School Natural Park project.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Interwest Consulting Group for construction management and inspections services for the Compton Creek-Washington Elementary School Natural Park project.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of approximately 1.09 acres of natural land, APN 2569-022-054, between La Crescenta and Tujunga, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of multiple conservation easements totaling approximately 11 acres from the University Village project over APN 521-0-031-140 and acceptance of processing funds, Thousand Oaks.**

Items V(c) and V(f) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

Item V(d) was removed from the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded Resolution Nos. 11-57, 11-58, and 11-61 were unanimously adopted.

V(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to Brett Goldstone to supply artistic fence panels for the Compton Creek-Washington Elementary School Natural Park project.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Director of Premier Parks.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-59 was unanimously adopted.

V(f). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of multiple conservation easements totaling approximately 11 acres from the University Village project over APN 521-0-031-140 and acceptance of processing funds, Thousand Oaks.

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. 11-62 was unanimously adopted.

VI. MRCA Cash Report for the 3rd quarter of Fiscal Year 2010-2011, as required under Section 11.4(d) of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

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

VII. Consideration of resolution adopting Fiscal Year 2011-2012 MRCA Workprogram.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer and Hayduk.

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

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-63 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution concerning public benefits program associated with Coastal Development Permit application numbers 4-10-040, 4-10-041, 4-10-042, 4-10-043, 4-10-044, and 4-10-045 (formerly application numbers 4-07-067, 4-07-068, 4-07-146, 4-07-147, 4-07-148 and 4-08-043) and authorize entering into an agreement to secure such public benefits, Sweetwater Mesa, unincorporated Malibu area.

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

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Hayduk.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded Resolution No. 11-64 was unanimously adopted.

- IX. Consideration of resolution: (a) acknowledging receipt of the California Coastal Commission's resolution of certification approving the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement – Public Works Plan (PWP) with suggested modifications, including all terms and/or modifications suggested for final certification; (b) accepting and agreeing to all such terms and/or modifications; (c) taking formal action to incorporate such terms and/or modifications in the PWP, and (d) acknowledging that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will satisfy such terms and/or modifications.**

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer and Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-65 was unanimously adopted.

- IX. Consideration of resolution requesting augmentation from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy of grant SMM-0839 for ranger interpretation.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Director of Premier Parks.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-66 was unanimously adopted.

- X. Consideration of resolution requesting that the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy augment grant SMM- 0757 (Proposition 84) for Fuel Hazard**

Reduction for protection and restoration of parklands managed by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by the Chief of Facilities and Maintenance.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-67 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing requesting budget augmentation and scope revisions for grant SMM-0853 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

Comments were made by the Director of Premier Parks.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-68 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for grant funds for improvements to the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

Comments were made by the Director of Premier Parks.

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

Comments were made by the Director of Premier Parks.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-69 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for grant funds for landscape improvements at King Gillette Ranch.

Comments were made by the Director of Premier Parks.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made the Chair of Facilities and Maintenance, Mr. Daniel, and the Director of Premier Parks.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-70 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing granting a utility easement to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District for a fire protection water line serving the Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch.

Comments were made by the Director of Premier Parks.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Director of Premier Parks.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-71 was unanimously adopted.

XV. Consideration of resolution of a contract with Big-D Construction for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch.

Comments were made by the Director of Premier Parks.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Director of Premier Parks.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-72 was unanimously adopted.

XVI. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of APN 2816-031-001 totaling 9.3 acres using in lieu mitigation fees, Santa Susana Mountains, Devil Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer; Mr. Hayduk; the Chair, and Mr. Daniel.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution 11-73 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: thirteen (13). (1) *Santa Monica Mountains and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu, and related litigation*; (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) *Friends of Temescal Pool v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC405252*; (5) *Malibu-Encinal Homeowners Association v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC431798*; (6) *Estwick v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC434783*; (7) *Reuben v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; (8) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS127089*; (9) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Case No. BS121820*; (10) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS129503*; (11) *Morris v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; (12) *Grant v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, and (13) *Kaufman v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation (two cases)*.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95: conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Danny Everett.

No closed session was held.

XVIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on June 1, 2011.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

George Lange
Chairperson