



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

February 2, 2011

I. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson George Lange, at 2:01 p.m. on February 2, 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, Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Ed Hayduk.

Staff present: Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Barbara Romero, Chief of Urban 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 Chief Staff Counsel, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance, Chief Deputy Executive Officer, Chief of Interpretation, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Chief of Construction, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

V. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of December 30, 2010 to January 27, 2011.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution awarding a contract to Bard Catering for food services related to Outdoor Education Camp at King Gillette Ranch, Calabasas.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a professional services contract with the Las Virgenes Unified School District for outdoor education camp at King Gillette Ranch, Calabasas.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement over portions of APN 2803-030-072 totaling approximately 5-acres, Santa Clarita.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of a conservation easement over APN 2172-013-053 near Conservancy-owned Serrania Ridge, Woodland Hills.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a five-acre donation of 2058-012-007 in Lobo Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 11-08, 11-09, 11-10, 11-11, 11-12 and 11-13 were unanimously adopted.

VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to Wildlife Conservation Board for funding the acquisition of 120-acre property (APNs 4455-006-032 and 033) in Cold Creek watershed and further authorizing the acquisition of the subject parcels, Calabasas.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-14 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution retroactively authorizing the acquisition of APN 5466-010-013 near Heidelberg Park using funds from SMM-0809, Mount Washington area, City of Los Angeles.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-15 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to Joe Caves and Associates contract.

This item was removed from the agenda.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing the assignment for the right to apply for Fourth Supervisorial District Proposition A Excess funds to the City of Long Beach for its Sleepy Hollow Project.

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

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-17 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a conservation easement over APN 2425-009-033 in the Multiview Drive area of Cahuenga Pass and acceptance of monitoring fund, City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-18 was unanimously adopted.

XI. 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.

XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on March 6, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP
Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson