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

September 12, 2011

I. Call to Order.

The special 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 September 12, 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, Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Ed Hayduk.

Staff Present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon, ASLA; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Jamie Cabral, Chief Deputy of Interpretation; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Cara McClane, Chief of Special Projects; Bob Garcia, Acting Assistant Financial Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

No members of the public address the Authority.

IV. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of August 3, 2011 and August 23, 2011 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of August 3, 2011 and August 23, 2011 were approved as submitted.

V. 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 Ranger; Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning; Chief Deputy of Interpretation; Chief of Special Projects; Chief of Facilities and Maintenance, and the Acting Assistant Financial Officer.

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of July 27, 2011 to August 24, 2011.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing the ability to register/vest and purchase properties at the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector Public Auction 2011A.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of public, private, and in-lieu mitigation fees to open an Auction Trust Account with the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collectors office, to purchase parcels at the 2011A public auction.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of In-Lieu Mitigation Fees to acquire properties at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2011A public auction, or through the sealed bid process, in the Los Angeles River, Malibu Creek, Antelope Valley, and Santa Clara River watersheds.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of properties at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2011A public auction, or through the sealed bid process, using Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund fees, Santa Monica Mountains coastal zone.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No.1 (Area B), and District No.2 (Area F), to acquire property at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2011A public auction, or through the sealed bid process, Beverly Glen watershed, Woodland Hills, City of Los Angeles.**

- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of funds from SMM-0742 and SMM-0743, to acquire properties in the Upper Santa Clara River watershed at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2011A public auction, or through the sealed bid process.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of funds from SMM-0809, to acquire properties in the Northeast Los Angeles area at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2011A public auction, or through the sealed bid process, Glassell Park, Mount Washington, Elephant Hill, City of Los Angeles.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate trail easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. 5-90-563 (Kivman), 5-90-578 (James), 5-89-1053 (Gittelson), 5-90-144 (Miller), 5-90-534 (Quiros), 5-91-132 (Geren & Soroudi), 5-91-028 (Johnson & Yahraus), 5-89-955 (Carlson), 5-90-247 (Fong), 5-91-076-A (Raj), 5-90-246 (Bolton), 5-89-220 (Sack), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (j) Consideration of a resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 5570-019-021 in the upper Laurel Canyon watershed, City of Los Angeles.**

Item V(i) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 11-113, 11-114, 11-115, 11-116, 11-117, 11-118, 11-119, 11-120, and 11-122 were unanimously adopted.

- V(i). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate trail easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. 5-90-563 (Kivman), 5-90-578 (James), 5-89-1053 (Gittelson), 5-90-144 (Miller), 5-90-534 (Quiros), 5-91-132 (Geren & Soroudi), 5-91-028 (Johnson & Yahraus), 5-89-955 (Carlson), 5-90-247 (Fong), 5-91-076-A (Raj), 5-90-246 (Bolton), 5-89-220 (Sack), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-121 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a project agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire Burnell Avenue properties abutting Elyria Canyon Park and authorizing acquisition of APNs (5464-028-26, 027, 028, 029, 042; 5464-030-037, 038, 039), Mount Washington, City of Los Angeles.

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 Executive Officer and Mr. Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-123 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing rejection of all bids for 8th Street Park Concrete and Masonry work and completion of the work by force account and purchase on the open market.

This item was postponed to a later date.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to contract with McCabe and Associates.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-125 was unanimously adopted.

X. 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.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(a), consultation with MRCA Chief Ranger regarding camp security and potential threats to public facilities operated by MRCA.

The Chairperson convened the closed session at 3:01 p.m. to receive an oral report from the Chief Ranger.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 3:30 p.m. and announced that the Authority received an oral report from the Chief Ranger in closed session.

XI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced the next meeting would be held on October 5, 2011.

Their being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson