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

October 5, 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 2:02 p.m. on October 5, 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: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon, ASLA (via teleconference); Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel (via teleconference); Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Walt Young, Chief Operations Officer; David Updike, Fire Division; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Jamie Cabral, Chief Deputy of Interpretation; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Cara McClane, Chief of Special Projects; Barbara Romero, Chief of Urban Parks; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

The Chairperson announced that the Closed Session would be taken out of order and heard next.

XII. 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 Conservancy 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) Malibu-Encinal Homeowners Association v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC431798; (5) Estwick v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC434783; (6) Reuben v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; (7) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS127089; (8) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Case No. BS121820; (9) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS129503; (10) Morris v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; (11) Grant v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; (12) Kaufman v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and (13) Everett v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

The Chair convened the Closed Session at 2:03 p.m. to discuss the matter of *Estwick v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC434783*.

The Chair reconvened the Open Session at 2:34 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to Counsel on the matter of *Estwick v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC434783*.

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 January 6, 2010, January 6, 2010 (Special), and September 12, 2011 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of January 6, 2010, January 6, 2010 (Special), and September 12, 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 Staff Counsel, Chief Operations Officer, Fire Division, Chief Ranger, Chief of Interpretation, Chief Deputy Executive Officer, Chief of Special Projects, Chief of Constructions, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance, and Sheryl Lewanda, representing the Conejo Recreation & Park District.

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of August 25, 2011 to September 28, 2011.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract for air conditioning and heating systems replacement at Ed Davis Park in Towsley Canyon.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over portions of 1400 Linda Flora Drive (APNs 4377-002-036 and 037), Bel Air, City of Los Angeles.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements and/or open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. 5-89-025 (Andrews), 5-90-199 (Morgan Trust), 5-90-514 (Petrusis), 5-90-680 (Ross), 5-88-639 (Cappello), 5-90-1000 (Pankow), 5-90-1130 (Shamonki), 5-90-991 (Revere), 5-90-690 (Miel), 5-88-501 (Bay), 5-90-327 (Javid Development), 5-89-993 (Azar), 5-90-566 (Berger), 4-92-189 (Dore) and 5-91-588 (Wallis), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution adopting a Youth Employment Plan for Los Angeles River Center and Gardens improvements funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for Los Angeles River Center and Gardens improvements funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.**

Item VI(c) was removed from the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 11-126, 11-127, 11-129, 11-130, and 11-131 were unanimously adopted.

VII. 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.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-132 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for projects in the Ballona Creek watershed including Ballona Wetlands Public Access Project.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Urban Parks.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief of Urban Parks.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-133 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funds from the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation for Ballona Wetlands Improvements.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Urban Parks.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-134 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution approving the application for grant funds for the California River Parkways Grant Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) for the following projects: Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek Confluence Park and Pacoima Wash – El Dorado Park.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Urban Parks.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Urban Parks.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-135 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing requesting a budget augmentation and modification of scope for grant SMM-50-1108 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, for Project Planning and Design services for the Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project, City of Malibu.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-136 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced the next meeting would be held on November 9, 2011.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson