



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

**December 14, 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 2:04 p.m. on December 14, 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, Executive Officer, FAICP, Hon, ASLA; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; 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.**

The following member of the public addressed the Authority:

Mr. Mike Winter, representing Saves-Regis Group, on item VI(d).

**IV. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of November 9, 2011 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of November 9, 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 Ranger; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Chief of Interpretation; Chief of Construction; Chief of Facilities and Maintenance, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of November 3, 2011 to December 7, 2011.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution assigning rights to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation to apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fourth Supervisorial District Proposition A Specified Excess Funds for the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Equestrian Facility Project.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 2275-025-001 (14545 Mulholland Drive), for wildlife movement purposes, in Sherman Oaks, City of Los Angeles.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing the sale of a slope easement on APN 2166-013-900 and the acceptance of conservation easement on APN 2166-013-014, Woodland Hills.**

Item VI(d) was removed from the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 11-50, 11-51, and 11-52 were unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of contract SMM-127-10 for interpretive program services with the Compton Jr. Posse.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief of Interpretation and the Executive Officer.

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

**VIII. Consideration of adoption of ordinance regarding park rules and regulations, waiver of first reading, and introduction of “An Ordinance of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority establishing park rules and regulations, and prescribing the punishment for violations thereof.”**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing vehicle leases.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Construction, the Chief Deputy Executive Officer, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Construction.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-156 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution opposing commercial signage within 500 feet of MRCA-managed parkland or visible from the Mulholland Scenic Parkway corridor.**

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. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-157 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of four parcels APNs 2813-023-044, 2813-023-045, 2813-023-046, 2813-023-047 totaling 3.96 acres in an unnamed Mint Canyon tributary of the Santa Clara River, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

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 Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-158 was unanimously adopted.

**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.***

No closed session was held.

**XIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on January 11, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

George Lange  
Chairperson