



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

**January 11, 2012**

**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 2:01 p.m. on January 11, 2012, 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, 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; David Updike, Fire Division Manager; Barbara Romero, Chief of Urban Parks; Sheryl Lewanda, Acting Assistant Financial Officer, Cara Meyer, Chief of Special Projects, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

**III. Election of Officers.**

Pursuant to a nomination by Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, George Lange was unanimously re-elected as Chairperson of the Authority.

Pursuant to a nomination by Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Jerome C. Daniel was unanimously re-elected as Vice Chairperson of the Authority.

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

The Authority received no public comment.

**V. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of December 14, 2011 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of December 14, 2011 were approved as submitted.

**VI. 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 for Natural Resources and Planning; Fire Division Manager; Chief of Interpretation; Chief of Construction; Chief of Facilities and Maintenance, and Acting Assistant Financial Officer.

**VII. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of December 8, 2011 to January 4, 2012.
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Tim Yaryan for professional services.
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Penfield & Smith Engineering for the Malibu Road Accessway.
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of the professional services contract with Meléndrez for design services for the Marsh Street Park project.

- (e) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an offer to dedicate a trail easement associated with Coastal Development Permit No. 5-90-327 (Javid) and all subsequent amendments, City of Malibu.**
- (f) **Consideration of resolution amending resolution 11-151.**

Item VII(b) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 12-01, 12-02, 12-03, 12-05 and 12-06 were unanimously adopted.

- VII(d). Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of the professional services contract with Meléndrez for design services for the Marsh Street Park project.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-04 was unanimously adopted.

- VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to fund the Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek Confluence Park, Los Angeles.**

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hayduk, Daniel, and Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Urban Parks.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-07 was unanimously adopted.

- IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Third Supervisorial District Excess Funds for Santa Monica Mountains trail property acquisitions.**

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-08 was unanimously adopted.

- X. 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. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Mike Winter. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.)**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**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: thirteen (12). (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) *Reuben v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; (6) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS127089*; (7) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Case No. BS121820*; (8) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS129503*; (9) *Morris v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; (10) *Grant v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; (11) *Kaufman v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, and (12) *Everett v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.

Consultation with MRCA Chief Ranger regarding security of public facilities and agency personnel pursuant to Government Code § 54957(a).

The Chair convened the closed session at 3:12 p.m. to discuss item X on the agenda, and to consult with Chief Ranger regarding security of public facilities and agency personnel pursuant to Government Code § 54957(a).

The Chair reconvened the open session at 3:50 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators regarding item X on the agenda, and received a report by the Chief Ranger regarding security of public facilities and agency personnel pursuant to Government Code § 54957(a).

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on January 25, 2012.

Their being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

George Lange  
Chairperson