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

January 25, 2012

I. Call to Order.

The special telephonic 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 January 25, 2012, at the following locations:

- (a) Conejo Recreation and Park District (CRPD), Medium Conference Room, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.
- (b) King Gillette Ranch (KGR), Conference Room, 26800 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, California.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Jim Hasenauer (KGR), Ed Hayduk (CRPD), Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson (KGR), and George Lange, Chairperson (CRPD). A quorum was present.

Staff Present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, FAICP, Hon, ASLA; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

The Authority received no public comment.

IV. Consideration of ordinance regarding park rules and regulations, waiver of first reading, and introduction of "An Ordinance of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority amending the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority park ordinance establishing park rules and regulations and prescribing the punishment for violation thereof."

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Staff Counsel, and Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer and Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel, the Executive Officer, and Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer, Staff Counsel, and the Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Authority waived the first reading, and introduction of "An Ordinance of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority amending the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority park ordinance establishing park rules and regulations and prescribing the punishment for violation thereof."

V. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to enter into a professional services contract with the law firm of Pircher, Nichols, and Meeks relative to certain interests the Authority may have in respect to the Chevron Whittier Hills acquisition and the proposed disposition of a portion thereof by the city of Whittier.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-09 was unanimously adopted.

VI. 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) *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*; (12) *Everett v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, and (13) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Whittier, Matrix Oil Co. and related entities, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors*.

The Chair convened the closed session at 2:49 p.m. to discuss *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Whittier, Matrix Oil Co. and related entities, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors*.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 2:51 p.m. and announced that directions were given to staff regarding regarding *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Whittier, Matrix Oil Co. and related entities, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.*

VII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on February 1, 2012.

Their being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

George Lange
Chairperson