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

March 14, 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 2:03 p.m. on March 14, 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; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief of Operations; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Jamie Cabral, Chief Deputy of Interpretation; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer (via teleconference) and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

The following members of the public address the Authority:

Mr. Neil Brower, representing David Haddad, Trustee of Haddad Family Trust.
Mr. Bill Keifer, member of the public, on item XI.

IV. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of February 15, 2012 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of February 15, 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; Chief Deputy of Interpretation; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, and Chief of Facilities and Maintenance.

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of January 25, 2012 to March 7, 2012.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution approving a Fire-Fuels Reduction Services Contract for fire-fuels reduction efforts to be performed on MRCA managed lands, Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Spring 2012.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution approving a Fire-Fuels Reduction Services Contract for fire-fuels reduction efforts to be performed on MRCA managed lands, Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Spring 2012.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution approving a Fire-Fuels Reduction Services Contract for fire-fuels reduction and establishment of low fire-fuel native vegetation. Efforts to be performed on MRCA managed lands, Proposition 84 - Santa Monica Bay Watershed, Spring 2012.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution approving a Fire-Fuels Reduction Services Contract for fire-fuels reduction and establishment of low fire-fuel native vegetation. Efforts to be performed on MRCA managed lands, Proposition 84 - Los Angeles River Watershed, Spring 2012.**

- (f) **Consideration of resolution approving a Tree Maintenance and Removal Contract for hazardous tree and fire-fuels reduction efforts to be performed on MRCA managed lands. Unrestricted Revenues Funded, Spring 2012.**
- (g) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the following offer to dedicate a lateral access easement: 5-85-533 (Reiker), Lechuza Beach, Malibu.**
- (h) **Consideration of resolution authorizing awarding professional services contract to SCI Consulting Group for engineering and administrative services related to Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment Districts No. 1 and 2, City of Los Angeles.**
- (i) **Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a professional services contract with Energy Choice, Inc.**
- (j) **Consideration of resolution adopting greenway Project Plan and a Youth Employment Plan for the Ballona Creek to Parks Connection Loop project funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.**

Item VI(a) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 12-20; 12-21; 12-22; 12-23; 12-24; 12-25; 12-26; 12-27, and 12-28 were unanimously adopted.

VI(a). Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of January 25, 2012 to March 7, 2012.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-19 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a request to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to expand the project agreement for Grant No. 58L2-07-2132, Summit-to-Summit/Henry Ridge Motorway Parcel Acquisition to include APNs 2080-013-001, 003, 007 and 008; and 4436-023-002, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.

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 Plannin.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-29 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution confirming the acceptance of a donation of APN 4453-016-008 and portions of 4453-020-008, totaling approximately 13 acres, Carbon Canyon, unincorporated Malibu area.

The Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning presented the staff report for this item and announced that the resolution would be amended to authorize the acceptance of said donation as opposed to confirming the acceptance of it.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-30 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant from the State Coastal Conservancy to acquire APNs 4449-007-013 to and including 017.

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

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hayduk and Daniel.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-31 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of APNs 4449-007-013 to and including 017, County of Los Angeles. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Norm Haynie. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code.)

This item was heard in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-32 was unanimously adopted.

- XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing transfer of an easement to the owners of 31820 Seafield Drive, Malibu on and over approximately 1200 sq. feet of a portion of Lot A, Lechuza Beach, City of Malibu. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Kenneth A. Ehrlich, Esq. Under consideration: terms and price. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code.)**

This item was heard in closed session.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hayduk and Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-33 was unanimously adopted.

- XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services and sole source contract with Miguel Luna for organization and facilitation of a community forum on interpretive programming at Ramirez Canyon Park.**

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

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-34 was unanimously adopted.

- XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract, not to exceed \$300, with Gregory Hester for interpretive services.**

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

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-35 was unanimously adopted.

- XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of conservation easements on portions of APNs 5565-003-036, 037, 039, 040 and 041, Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-36 was unanimously adopted.

XV. Consideration of resolution authorizing co-application with the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks to the L.A. for Kids – Proposition K Program for grant funds for the Laurel Canyon and Mulholland Acquisition Project, Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer and Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, the Chief Ranger, and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-37 was adopted.

Mr. Hayduk voted against authorizing the acquisition.

XVI. 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: fifteen (15). (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; (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; (14) Zusser Company, Inc. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and (15) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Coldwater Investments.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a): conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Zusser Company, Inc.

The Chair convened the closed session at 3:10 p.m. to discuss items X and XI on the agenda, and the following cases: *Reuben v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Morris v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; Everett v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; 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, and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Coldwater Investments.*

The Chair reconvened the open session at 3:58 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators regarding item X and XI on the agenda, and the following cases: *Reuben v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Morris v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; Everett v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; 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, and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Coldwater Investments.*

XVII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on April 4, 2012.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

George Lange
Chairperson