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

April 4, 2012

I. Call to order.

The regular 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 April 4, 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; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Jamie Cabral, Chief Deputy of Interpretation; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; David Updike, Chief of Fire Division; Cara McClane, Chief of Special Projects, 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. Miles Burkart, representing Tree Climbing Hawaii, on matters not on the agenda.

IV. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of March 14, 2012 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of March 14, 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 of Fire Division; Deputy Chief of Interpretation; Chief of Special Projects; Chief of Constructions; 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 March 8, 2012 to March 29, 2012.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing contract with Echo X Park Artist Studio for design, engineering, fabrication, and installation of an artistic gate for 8th Street Park project, San Fernando.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract with BonTerra Consulting for professional services for Milton Street Park project, Los Angeles.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services and sole source contract with Jenny Price for interpretive services.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution supporting the amended California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights.**

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 12-38; 12-39; 12-40; 12-41, and 12- 42 were unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution modifying the MRCA Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan administered by ICMA-RC.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer and the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-43 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution requesting that the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy allow a change of scope to Grant No. SMM-0853 to amend eligible locations.

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

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-44 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with National Park Service, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority for preparation of the National Recreation Area trail management plan and joint EIR/EIS.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Melanie Beck, representing National Park Service.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by Ms. Beck, Mr. Hasenauer, and the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-45 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an easement over a portion of APN 5442-031-043 for ingress and egress and utilities, adjacent to Marsh Park, from LA River Lofts, LLC, a California limited liability company.

The staff report for this item was present by the Chief of Special Projects.

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

Comments were made by the Chief of Special Projects.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-46 was unanimously

adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to LT Mustardseed Sculpture and Design to supply an artistic fence and gate.

The staff report for this item was present by the Chief of Special Projects.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-47 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: 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.

No closed session was held.

XIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on May 2, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m. in memory of Peter Douglas.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson