



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

**July 19, 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 2:02 p.m. on July 19, 2012, at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.

**II. Administration of Oath of Office to Larry Peterson.**

The Oath of Office was administered by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Governing Board and Staff introductions were made.

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Peterson.

**III. Roll Call.**

The roll was called and the following members were present: Larry Peterson: Jim Hasenauer: Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson.

Staff Present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, FAICP, Hon, ASLA; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretations; Walt Young, Chief of Operations; Ken Nelson, Ranger; Sheryl Lewanda, Acting Assistant Financial Officer, representing Conejo Recreation and Park District, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

No members of the public were present.

**V. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of June 27, 2012 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of June 27, 2011 were approved as submitted.

**V. Reports from Staff:**

- (a) Legal;
- (b) Ranger Services;
- (c) Natural Resources and Planning;
- (d) Interpretation;
- (e) Developed Resources;
- (g) Construction;
- (h) Finance.

The Authority received oral reports from the following members of staff: Chief Staff Counsel; Chief of Operations; Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning; Chief of Interpretation; Chief Deputy Executive Officer, and the Acting Assistant Financial Officer.

**VII. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of May 31, 2012 to July 11, 2012.
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperative Agreement with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for a term extension.
- (c) Consideration of resolution confirming amended assessments and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.
- (d) Consideration of resolution confirming amended assessments and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.
- (e) Consideration of resolution adopting Engineer's Report, confirming the annual levy of maintenance assessment for fiscal year 2012-2013 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.

- (f) **Consideration of resolution adopting Engineer's Report, confirming the annual levy of maintenance assessment for fiscal year 2012-2013 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (g) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement over a portion of APN 2287-006-026 (16854 Severo Place), near Westridge-Canyonback Wilderness Park, Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor, City of Los Angeles.**

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 12-89; 12-90; 12-91; 12-92; 12-93, and 12-94 were unanimously adopted.

**VII(a). Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of May 31, 2012 to July 11, 2012.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-88 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Video presentation by Conejo Recreation and Park District regarding application submittal to National Recreation and Park Association for gold medal award.**

Comments were made by the Chair and the Executive Officer.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing staff to establish and direct activity in Authority bank accounts.**

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-95 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the operation and management of Franklin/Ivar Park.**

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

The Memorandum of Understanding was amended pursuant to direction from the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-96 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing disposal of vehicles.**

The staff report for this item was presented by Ranger Ken Nelson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Ranger Ken Nelson.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-97 was unanimously adopted.

**XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation to provide public safety dispatch services.**

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-98 was unanimously adopted.

**XIII. 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: twelve (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) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS127089; (6) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Case No. BS121820; (7) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS129503; (8) Morris v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; (9) Everett v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; (10) 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; (11) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Zusser Company, Inc., and (12) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Coldwater Investments.***

**The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following item pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6. Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions.**

The Chair convened the closed session at 3:27 p.m. and announced that the following matters would be discussed: *Morris v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Zusser Company, Inc.*

The Chair reconvened the open session at 3:49 p.m. On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, the Authority unanimously voted to settle the matters of: *Morris v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Zusser Company, Inc.*

#### **XIV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on August 7, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

George Lange  
Chairperson