



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

**August 7, 2012– 1:30 p.m.**

**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 1:30 p.m. on August 7, 2012, at Pacific Lodge Youth Services, 4900 Serrania Avenue, Woodland Hills, California.

**II. 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. 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; Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Anthony Scattaglia, Ranger; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Lisa Soghor, Chief of Developed Resources; Cara Meyer, Chief of Special Projects; Ana Petric, Project Analyst; Laura Saltzman, Associate Landscape Architect, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

**III. Approval of Minutes.**

Two sets of minutes from July 19, 2012 were submitted for approval.

Two sets of minutes from July 19, 2012 were approved as submitted.

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

The following members addressed the Authority:

Mr. Benjamin Haneelin, representing Latham & Watkins, on item XIII.  
Ms. Diane Abbitt, representing Ackerberg, on item XI(d).

The agenda was taken out of order, and item VI was heard next.

**VI. Public hearing and discussion regarding the proposed mitigated negative declaration for the Marsh Park project.**

The Chair convened the public hearing for item VI.

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

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

The following members addressed the Authority:

Ms. Mary Whitecloud, representing Rosanna Street Neighborhood Alliance.  
Mr. Paul Ibusuki, representing Rosanna Street Neighborhood Alliance.  
Ms. Joanne T. Paratore, representing Rosanna Street Neighborhood Alliance.

The Chair closed the public hearing for item VI.

**VII. Public hearing and discussion regarding the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Ballona Creek - Milton Park project.**

The Chair convened the public hearing for item VII.

No members of the public addressed the Authority.

The Chair closed the public hearing for item VII.

Item V was heard next.

**V. Public hearing regarding the establishment of Community Facilities District No. 2 (Open Space Protection and Fire Prevention).**

The Chair convened the public hearing for item V.

The Chair noted that no form of protest was heard or received.

Comments were made by Mr. Blair Aas, representing SCI Consulting Group.

Item IX was heard next.

**IX. Consideration of resolution of formation establishing Community Facilities District No. 2 (Open Space Protection and Fire Prevention).**

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.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-102 was unanimously adopted.

Item X was heard next.

**X. Consideration of resolution ordering an election on a special tax, establishing specifications of the election order, and requesting consolidation with other elections occurring on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.**

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-103 was unanimously adopted.

Item VIII was heard next.

**VIII. Reports from Staff.**

The Authority received oral reports from the following members of staff: Ranger Scattaglia; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Chief of Developed Resources, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

All items on the consent calendar were considered individually.

**XI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of July 12, 2012 to August 1, 2012.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution 12-104 was unanimously adopted.

**(b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of land, APN 649-0-140-060, unincorporated Ventura County.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-105 was unanimously adopted.

**(c) Consideration of resolution accepting amendment to open space easement, APNs 4453-005-089 and 4452-025-025, City of Malibu.**

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-106 was unanimously adopted.

**(d) Consideration of resolution accepting Ackerberg Public Access Easement, and approval of interim access plan, APN 4452-002-011, City of Malibu.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and Ms. Diane Abbot.

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

Item XIII was heard next.

**XIII. Consideration of a resolution authorizing acceptance of dedication in fee title, 19862 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu, subject to a deed restriction to preserve view corridor.**

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and Mr. Benjamin Hanelin, representing Latham & Watkins.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-109 was unanimously adopted.

**XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of 10-acre conservation and trail easement over portion of APN 649-0-340-230, along North American Cutoff trail in Box Canyon, unincorporated County of Ventura. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Earl Courtney. Under consideration: price and terms. (This matter may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.)**

This item was heard in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-108 was unanimously adopted.

**XIV. 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: eleven (11). (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; and (11) 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 2:54 p.m. to discuss agenda item XII.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 3:00 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to staff in relation to agenda item XII.

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on a date to be determined at a later time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

George Lange  
Chairperson