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

August 7, 2012– 11:00 a.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 11:05 a.m. on August 7, 2012, at Franklin Canyon Park, Auditorium, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly 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, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

The following member of the public addressed the Authority:

Ms. Anita Sokotsky, member of the public, on items IV, V, and VI.
Ms. Ethlie Ann Vare, member of the public, on items IV, V, and VI.

IV. Public hearing regarding the establishment of Community Facilities District No. 1 (Open Space Protection and Fire Prevention).

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

Comments were made by Mr. Blair Aas, representing SCI Consulting Group and the Executive Officer.

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

[The Chair convened a short recess at the request of the Executive Officer at 11:24 a.m.]

[The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:34 a.m.]

V. Consideration of resolution of formation establishing Community Facilities District No. 1 (Open Space Protection and Fire Prevention).

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

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-100 was unanimously adopted.

VI. 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.

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

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson.

Comments were made by Mr. Aas and the Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-101 was unanimously adopted.

VII. 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 (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.

No closed session was held.

X. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held at 1:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson