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

September 18, 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 11:00 a.m. on September 18, 2012, at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Los Angeles, 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; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Laura Ratcliffe, Staff Counsel; David Updike, Chief of Fire Division; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Basem Mosaad, Acting Assistant Financial Officer; Lisa Soghor, Chief of Developed Resources; Cara Meyer, Chief of Special Projects; Barbara Romero, Chief of Urban Projects, Melissa Cartelli, Associate Government Program Analyst, Melissa Guerro, Project Analyst, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

The following members of the public addressed the Authority:

- Ashid Diehl, members of the public, on item XI.
- Miranda Rodriguez, representing LA River Revitalization Corporation, on item XI.
- Lewis MacAdams, representing FOLAR, on item XI.
- Antonio Gonzalez, representing WCVI, on item XI.

Mary Whitecloud, representing Rosanna Street Neighborhood Alliance, on item XI.
Joanne Paratore, representing Rosanna Street Neighborhood Alliance, on item XI.
Paul Ibusuki, representing Rosanna Street Neighborhood Alliance, on item XI.
Allen Anderson, representing EVAC/EVRNC, on item XI.
Joel Jimenez, representing Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, on item XI.
Carol Armstrong, representing City of LA/River(LARRMP), on item XI.
Tori Kjer, representing the Trust for Public Land, on item XI.

Item X was heard next.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing adopting Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Marsh Street Park project.

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-133 was unanimously adopted.

Item XI was heard next.

XI. Consideration of resolution approving the Marsh Street Park project.

Comments were made by Messrs. Hasenauer and Peterson.

Comments were made by the Chair.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-134 was unanimously adopted.

Item IV was heard next.

IV. Approval of Minutes.

Two sets of minutes from August 7, 2012 were submitted for approval.

Two sets of minutes from August 7, 2012 were approved as submitted.

V. Reports from Staff:

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

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of August 2, 2012 to September 12, 2012.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of habitat restoration mitigation funds from Caltrans Santa Clara River impacts, and authorizing acceptance of said grant and funds.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of habitat restoration mitigation funds from Caltrans Basin Clearing Project, and authorizing acceptance of said grant and funds.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of habitat restoration mitigation funds from Caltrans Wendy/Borchard Project, and authorizing acceptance of said grant and funds.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Camarillo on Conejo Creek Wildlife Corridor.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Mia Lehrer + Associates for the Franklin/Ivar Park project.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing the ability to register/vest and purchase properties at the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector Public Auction 2012A.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of in-lieu fee mitigation funds to acquire properties in the Los Angeles River, Malibu Creek, Antelope Valley, and Santa Clara River watersheds, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2012A public auction.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund fees to acquire properties in the Santa**

Monica Mountains coastal zone, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2012A public auction.

- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No.1 (Area B) funds to acquire properties in the Beverly Glen watershed, City of Los Angeles, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2012A public auction.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of SMM-0742 and SMM-0743 funds to acquire properties in the Upper Santa Clara River watershed, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2012A public auction.**
- (l) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of SMM-0809 funds to acquire properties in the Northeast Los Angeles areas of Glassell Park, Mount Washington, Elephant Hill, City of Los Angeles, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2012A public auction.**
- (m) Consideration of resolution authorizing the creation of an Auction Trust Account with the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collectors office to purchase parcels at the 2012A public auction.**
- (n) Consideration of resolution to approve the application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Excess Funds for Los Angeles River Center and Gardens Tree Planting project.**
- (o) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Tropical Creations for construction of trails at the Pacoima Wash – Eighth Street Park project.**
- (p) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offer to dedicate trail easement associated with Coastal Development Permit No. 4-00-013 (Isbell), unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (q) Consideration of resolution authorizing contract with TTG Construction Services for construction management services for Milton Street Park project, Los Angeles.**
- (r) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with TELACU**

Construction Management for construction management services for the Marsh Street Park project.

- (s) **Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract with Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for design-build services for the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvement Project, Los Angeles.**
- (t) **Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with the State of California and designating a representative to sign the agreement, and any amendments thereto, for the Milton Street Park project.**
- (u) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No.2 (Areas F, G, and I) funds to acquire properties in Woodland Hills (F), Encino (G), and Mandeville Canyon and Mission Canyon watersheds (I), City of Los Angeles, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2012A public auction.**

Item VI(a) was removed from the consent calendar.

Item VI(e) was removed from the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 12-111, 12-112, 12-113, 12-115, 12-116, 12-117, 12-118, 12-119, 12-120, 12-121, 12-122, 12-123, 12-124, 12-125, 12-126, 12-127, 12-128, 12-129, and 12-130 were unanimously adopted.

VI(a). Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of August 2, 2012 to September 12, 2012.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-114 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Update on status of existing grant funded projects.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and Staff Counsel.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing adopting Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Milton Street Park project, Los Angeles.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Urban Projects and Chief of Developed Resources.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson.

Comments were made by the Chief of Special Projects.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-131 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution approving the Milton Street Park project.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief of Urban Projects and Chief of Developed Resources.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-132 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a public access easement over a portion of APN 5304-017-048, located in Montecito Heights, Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-133 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: 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.

No closed session was held.

XIV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on October 3, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

George Lange
Chairperson