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

October 3, 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 1:30 p.m. on October 3, 2012, at 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: 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; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Dave Updike, Chief of Fire Management Division; Walt Young, Chief of Operations, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

III. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of September 18, 2012 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 18, 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:

Ms. Kathy Coleman, representing Pastel Society of the Gold Coast, on matters not on the agenda.

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

V. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of September 13, 2012 to September 27, 2012.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of a conservation easement over APN 2552-002-900 in the Big Tujunga Wash to the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a professional services contract with the Las Virgenes Unified School District for outdoor education camp at King Gillette Ranch.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a dedication of an approximately 25-acre conservation easement over portions of APN 4377-002-039 (1400 Linda Flora Drive), Hoag Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 12-136, 12-137, 12-138, and 12-139 were unanimously adopted.

VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing application for grant funds from the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program for acquisition of Ramirez Canyon properties, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-140 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds towards the acquisition of APNs 4465-004-045 and 4465-004-084 in the Ramirez Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-141 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of fee title to, or a multi-use trail easement over, all or a portion of APN 4387-020-001, adjacent to Franklin Canyon Park, Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-142 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution approving the application, assurances, and application submission for grant funds from the California State Coastal Conservancy, entering into a grant agreement, and acceptance of grant funds for project planning and design, and development of Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan, for multiple beach accessways in City of Malibu: thirteen sites located at Carbon Beach, La Costa Beach, Las Flores Beach, Las Tunas Beach, Escondido Beach, Lechuza Beach, and Malibu Cove Beach.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Peterson.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-143 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the California Coastal Commission Whale Tail grant program for MRCA interpretive programs.

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-144 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration(NOAA) California Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program for MRCA interpretive programs.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-145 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: 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.

XIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson