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

November 7, 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 2:00 p.m. on November 7, 2012, 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: 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, Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Cara Meyer, Chief of Special Projects, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

III. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of October 3, 2012 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of October 3, 2012 were approved as submitted.

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

No members of the public addressed the Authority.

V. Reports from Staff:

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 Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

VI. Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of September 28, 2012 to November 1, 2012.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-149 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing realignment of a publicly owned easement for ingress and egress over a portion of APN 4457-013-073, Corral Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-150 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for grant funds for purchase of construction equipment.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel; the Chairperson, and Mr. Peterson.

Comments were made by the Chief of Construction; Chief of Special Projects, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-151 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for grant funds for improvements to the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-152 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing execution of grant agreement with, and acceptance of grant funds from, California Department of Fish and Game to conduct weed management at Tierra Rejada Vernal Pool Preserve, City of Moorpark, Ventura County.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer and Peterson.

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-153 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District for the Escondido Creek small lots project adjacent to Latigo Canyon Road, 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. 12-154 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 4461-001-011, 4461-035-003, 4461-035-005, 4461-036-032, 4461-036-033, 4461-036-031, 4461-036-034, 4461-036-044, 4461-036-030, 4461-036-035, 4461-036-029, 4461-036-036, 4461-036-028, 4461-036-037, 4461-036-027, 4461-036-038, 4461-036-026, 4461-036-039, 4461-036-040, 4461-036-025, 4461-036-041, 4461-036-024, 4461-036-042, 4461-036-023, 4461-036-043, 4461-036-022, 4461-034-001, 4461-036-021, 4461-036-020, 4461-036-019, and 4465-004-021, comprising 98 acres in Escondido Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County. Negotiators: Rorie A. Skei and Norm Haynie. Under consideration:

price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code).

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

This item was heard in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-155 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution (a) authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 40 funds for the purchase of remaining interest in Towsley Canyon parcels, and (b) authorizing purchase of remaining interest in APN's 2826-018-900 and 066; -901 and 067; -902 and 068; 2826-019-901 and 040, and -902 and 041. Negotiators: Rorie A. Skei and Malund E. Hale. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code).

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

This item was heard in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-156 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 Chairperson convened the closed session at 3:33 p.m. and announced that items XI and XII would be discussed.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 3:39 p.m. and announced that items XI and XII were discussed.

XV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on December 5, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Rorie A. Skei
Chief Deputy Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson