



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

**March 6, 2013**

**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 2:01 p.m. on March 6, 2013, 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; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger (via teleconference); Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Walt Young, Chief of Operations; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

The following member of the public addressed the Authority:

Mr. Burt Whalley, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

**IV. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes and special minutes of February 6, 2013 were submitted for approval.

The minutes and special minutes of February 6, 2013 were approved as submitted.

**V. Reports.**

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

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of February 1, 2013 to February 27, 2013.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over an approximately 0.01-acre portion of APN 5570-024-011, near Briar Summit Open Space Preserve, Nichols Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over an approximately 0.3-acre portion of APN 2381-028-005 (2971 Laurel Canyon Boulevard), Berry Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 13-24; 13-25, and 13-26 were unanimously adopted.

**VII. Presentation regarding the proposed Los Angeles River Recreation Area.**

The Authority received an oral report by the Chief of Operations.

Questions were propounded by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chief of Operations, Mr. Daniel, and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer and Peterson.

Comments were made by the Chief of Operations.

[The Chairperson left the meeting at 3:29 p.m.]

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to California Coastal Commission regarding Cease and Desist Order Amendment No. CCC-09-CD-01-A, Lisette Ackerberg Trust, including for beach access easements, 22466 and 22500 Pacific Coast Highway, Carbon Beach, City of Malibu.**

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. 13-27 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of 18.9 acres, APN 2821-011-017, adjacent to Rocky Peak Park, unincorporated Chatsworth area.**

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-28 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District for the Summit Valley - Mulholland Gateway Park Gap Closure Project, Topanga 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. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-29 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. 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.***

**Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b): conference with legal counsel regarding claim of liability and exposure to litigation. Claimant: Joel Cordeiro.**

The Acting Chairperson convened the closed session at 3:35 p.m. and announced that the following item would be discussed: conference with legal counsel regarding claim of liability and exposure to litigation. Claimant: Joel Cordeiro.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 3:56 and announced that instructions were given to staff counsel regarding the matter of: conference with legal counsel regarding claim of liability and exposure to litigation. Claimant: Joel Cordeiro.

## **XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Acting Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on April 3, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m. in memory of Authority employee Robin Smith.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

George Lange  
Chairperson