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

**June 5, 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 2:00 p.m. on June 5, 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, Acting Executive Officer; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Walt Young, Chief of Operations; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Cara Meyer, Chief of Special Projects; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Barbara Romero, Chief of Urban Projects, 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:

Mr. Fred Soroudi, representing Environmental Construction, on item XI.

**IV. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of June 5, 2013 and June 29, 2013 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of June 5, 2013 and June 29, 2013 were approved as submitted.

**V. Reports.**

The Authority received oral reports from the following members of staff: Chief Staff Counsel; Chief of Special Projects; Chief of Construction; Chief of Operations; Chief of Interpretation, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of April 20, 2013 to May 23, 2013.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution approving a fire-fuels reduction servicing contract with Avalon Landscape for fire-fuels reduction on agency managed lands for 2013.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution approving a fire-fuels reduction servicing contract with International Environmental Corporation for fire-fuels reduction on agency managed lands for 2013.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Ninyo and Moore for geotechnical services for the Marsh Street Park project.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing renewal of professional legal services contract with Joe Caves and Associates.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments under Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways Code for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments under Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways Code for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2013-2014 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**

- (i) **Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2013-2014 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (j) **Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (k) **Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 13-75; 13-76; 13-77; 13-78; 13-79; 13-80; 13-81; 13-82; 13-83; 13-84, and 13-85 were unanimously adopted.

Item XI was considered next.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Newman Midland Corporation for construction of the Marsh Street Park project.**

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

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Acting Executive Officer and Mr. Soroudi.

On motion of Mr. Hasenaer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-90 was unanimously adopted.

The Chair resumed the regular order of the agenda.

**VII. Consideration of resolution adopting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenaer and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-86 was unanimously adopted.

- VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 2274-018-014, approximately 1.6 acres, Sherman Oaks. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Derek Wiseman. Under consideration: price and terms. (*This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code.*)**

This item was considered in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-87 was unanimously adopted.

- IX. Consideration of resolution amending resolution No. 10-116 regarding price and terms on APN 2292-010-032, Encino. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Stephanie Vitacco. Under consideration: price and terms. (*This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code.*)**

This item was considered in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-88 was unanimously adopted.

- X. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 2552-001-008, approximately 22 acres, Big Tujunga Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and David Thomas. Under consideration: price and terms. (*This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code.*)**

This item was considered in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-87 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*.**

**Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9: conference with legal counsel regarding claim of liability and exposure to litigation. Claimants: Richard B. Denman and Beth Vidakovits.**

The Chair 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. Claimants: Richard B. Denman and Beth Vidakovits, and items VIII, IX, and X on the agenda.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 3:50 p.m. and announced that directions were given to staff regarding: conference with legal counsel regarding claim of liability and exposure to litigation. Claimants: Richard B. Denman and Beth Vidakovits, and that items VIII, IX, and X on the agenda were also discussed.

**XIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Rorie A. Skie  
Acting Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange  
Chairperson