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

September 4, 2013

I. Call to order.

The 479th 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 September 4, 2013, at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, Community Room, 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, Deputy Executive Officer of Interpretation; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Ana Petric, Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

No members of the public addressed the Authority.

IV. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of August 7, 2013 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of August 7, 2013 was approved as submitted.

V. Reports.

The Authority received oral reports from the following members of staff: Chief Staff Counsel; Chief Ranger; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Deputy Executive Officer of Interpretation; Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division; and Sheryl Lewanda, Acting Assistant Financial Officer.

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of July 25, 2013 to August 25, 2013.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of donation of a 5.16-acre parcel, APN 3310-004-039, unincorporated Antelope Valley.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing the ability to register/vest and purchase properties at the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector Public Auction 2013A.**
- (d) 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 2013A public auction.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing the ability to register/vest and purchase properties at the Ventura County Treasurer and Tax Collector Public Auction.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of private funds and the use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds at the Ventura County Treasurer and Tax Collector Public Auction.**
- (g) 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.**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded Resolution Nos. 13-107; 13-108; 13-109; 13-110; 13-111; 13-112, and 13-113 were unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing establishment of a Mulholland Scenic Parkway Core Trail Fund and entering into agreements with the City of Los Angeles regarding said fund.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Hasenauer.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-114 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of 54.4 acre open space dedication in the Triunfo Canyon watershed associated with PM 071223, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-115 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Los Angeles River Recreational Zone planning.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Peterson.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger and the Deputy Executive Officer of Interpretation.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-116 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Malibu regarding the Pacific Coast Highway Safety Study and related documents.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Peterson and Hasenauer.

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

The comment letter was revised with the addition of a paragraph regarding bike lanes to be drafted by staff.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-117 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a management agreement with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the following APNs: 4470-021-900, 4470-028-900 through -918, 4470-001-900, 4470-024-900, -901; 4470-021-008, -009; and portions of APNs 4470-001-003, -004, -005, -006, -008, -012, -013, Lechuza Beach, City of Malibu.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-118 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution approving the application for competitive excess funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for fourth Supervisorial District excess funding for Ballona Creek Regional Gateway project.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel, the Chair, and Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-119 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) entering into grant agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy; (b) accepting the terms and conditions of the subject grant agreement, and (c) designating an authorized representative to negotiate and sign the agreement for the Ballona Creek – Milton Street Park project.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-120 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with the City Project to evaluate environmental justice issues in Southern California.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer and Peterson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Interpretation and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No.13-121 was unanimously adopted.

XV. 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 actions, Case No. SC 092212; (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, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, et al., Case No. BS136211, and related cases, and (11) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Coldwater Investments.

The Chair convened a closed session at 3:18 p.m. to discuss *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu*, and related actions, Case No. SC 092212.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 3:40 p.m. and announced that directions were given to counsel regarding *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu*, and related actions, Case No. SC 092212.

XVI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on October 2, 2013.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

George Lange
Chairperson