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

October 2, 2013

I. Call to order.

The 480th 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 October 2, 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; Dawn Yasui, Legal Assistant; Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs; Walt Young, Chief of Operations; Dave Updike, Chief of Fire Division; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Melissa Guerrero, Project Analyst; Jamie Cabral, Chief Deputy of Interpretation and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

The following members addressed the Authority:

Ms. Lynn Byrne Simon, representing the Pastel Society of the Gold Coast, on matters not on the agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of September 4, 2013 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 4, 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 Fire Division; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; the Project Analyst, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

[The Chairperson excused himself from the meeting at 2:39 p.m. and asked the Vice Chairperson to conduct the meeting in his absence.]

[The Chairperson returned to the meeting at 2:43 p.m.]

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of August 23, 2013 to September 22, 2013.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of non-Corps associated in-lieu fee mitigation funds to acquire properties in the Los Angeles River, Malibu Creek, Antelope Valley, and Santa Clara River watersheds, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2013A public auction.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund fees to acquire properties in the Santa Monica Mountains coastal zone, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2013A public auction.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No.1 (Area B) funds to acquire properties in the Beverly Glen watershed, City of Los Angeles, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2013A public auction.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No.2 (Areas F and G) funds to acquire properties in Woodland Hills (F), and Encino (G), City of Los Angeles, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2013A public auction.**

- (f) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of SMM-0742 and SMM-0743 funds to acquire properties in the Upper Santa Clara River watershed, at the Los Angeles County.**
- (g) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Community Facilities District No.1 funds to acquire properties in Hollywood Hills, City of Los Angeles, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2013A public auction.**
- (h) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Community Facilities District No.2 funds to acquire properties in Woodland Hills, City of Los Angeles, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2013A public auction.**
- (i) **Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a contract with ChargePoint for services related to the electric vehicle charging stations at the Marsh Street Park Project.**
- (j) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract for professional services with Pareto Planning for Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan and associated California Environmental Quality Act documents.**
- (k) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements and/or open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. 4-92-091 (Cold Canyon LP), 4-92-090 (Toberman), 5-89-1218 (Goeglein), 4-92-158 (Bennett), and 5-91-027 (Kelso), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (l) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over portions of APNS 2069-065-001, 002, and 003 totaling approximately 10.5 acres along Mulholland Highway, City of Calabasas.**

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 13-107 through 13-118 were unanimously adopted.

VII. Presentation and discussion of MRCA Basic Financial Statements and related Federal Single Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012.

The Authority received an oral report from the Assistant Financial Officer.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer and Peterson.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing approval of application for grant funds from the Urban Greening Grant Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) for the following projects: Franklin Ivar Park and Caballero Creek and Los Angeles River Confluence Park.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Project Analyst.

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

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing assignment of right to apply for 5th Supervisorial District Specified Proposition A Excess Funds to the Trust for Public Land for the acquisition Newhall Pass properties east of Interstate 5, 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.

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

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for grant funds to acquire Oak Forest Canyon wildlife corridor parcel, eastern Santa Monica Mountains, City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

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

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

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing grant augmentation request to Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, SMM-40-1267, for closing costs pursuant to Towsley Canyon purchase agreement.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer, the Legal Assistant, and Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-122 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the transfer of a conservation easement to the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority over the following APNs: 2401-032-003, 005, 006, 007, and 008; 2401-034-003; 2561-007-007, 010, 012, 013, 016, 018, 019, 021, and 022; 2545-018-002, 004, and 005; 2546-010-009; 2561-009-005, 006, 007, 010, 012, 013, 015, and 016; 2561-031-004; 2561-033-001, 002, and 003; 2562-003-012 (portion) and 015; 2562-004-006 (portion), 008, 011, and 014; 2562-005-003, 004, 006, and 007; and 2562-006-005 and 008, La Tuna Canyon, Verdugo Mountains, City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-123 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. 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.

No closed session was held.

XIV Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on November 6, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Rorie A. Skei
Chief Deputy Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson