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

April 2, 2014

I. Call to order.

The special 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 April 2, 2014, 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: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, FAICP, Hon, ASLA; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer of Interpretation; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manger.

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.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Minutes of March 7 and March 13 were adopted as submitted.

V. Reports from staff.

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

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of March 1, 2014 to March 21, 2014.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract for external audit services with Moss, Levy, and Hartzheim, LLP.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Michael Burke for solar energy consulting services.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over portions of APN 4379-030-020 (14730 Mulholland Drive), approximately 3.96-acres combined, in Upper Stone Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the InterEnvironment Institute, a 501(c)3 organization, for the ten-month project "Introducing more Urban People to the Natural World: Cross Promotion between Urban Protected Areas and Natural History Museums and Similar Institutions.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing staff participation in the NAI International Heritage Interpretation Conference in Suncheon Bay, South Korea.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing MRCA staff participation in the 2014 World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia.**

Item VI(c), VI(e), and VI(g) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 14-33; 14-34; 14-36, and 14-38 were unanimously adopted.

VI(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Michael Burke for solar energy consulting services.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson.

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-35 was unanimously adopted.

VI(e). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the InterEnvironment Institute, a 501(c)3 organization, for the ten-month project “Introducing more Urban People to the Natural World: Cross Promotion between Urban Protected Areas and Natural History Museums and Similar Institutions.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Interpretation.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-37 was unanimously adopted.

VI(g). Consideration of resolution authorizing MRCA staff participation in the 2014 World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Interpretation.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-39 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of mitigation funds to acquire APN 3212-004-017 approximately 5.8 acres in Agua Dulce Canyon, 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. 14-40 was unanimously adopted.

Item XII was heard next.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of fee simple or conservation easement interests on APNs 2064-005-011 (27.43 acres) and 2064-005-015 (2.62 acres) along the 101 freeway corridor and associated funding in cooperation with the City of Calabasas, 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. 14-45 was unanimously adopted.

Items XIII through XVIII were heard next.

XIII. Consideration of resolution assigning the right to apply for First Supervisorial Big Five Excess Funds to the City of Los Angeles for the Vertical Park Project in Chinatown.

The staff reports for items XIII through XVI were presented simultaneously by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-46 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. Consideration of resolution assigning the right to apply for First Supervisorial Big Five Excess Funds to the Little Tokyo Service Center for the Budokan Project.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-47 was unanimously adopted.

XV. Consideration of resolution assigning the right to apply for First Supervisorial Big Five Excess Funds to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation for the Whittier Narrows – San Gabriel Foothills County Trails Signage Project.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-48 was unanimously adopted.

XVI. Consideration of resolution assigning the right to apply for First Supervisorial Big Five Excess Funds to The Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County, commonly known as The Music Center, for the Grand Park Playground Project.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-49 was unanimously adopted.

XVII. Consideration of resolution supporting AB 1767 (Holden).

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-42 was unanimously adopted.

Item XVIII was heard next.

XVIII. 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: nine (9). (1) *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu*, Case No. SC092212 and related actions; (2) *Malibu-Encinal Homeowners Association v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC431798; (3) *Morris v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, Case No. BC448511; (4) *Everett v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC466880; (5) *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, (6) *Friends of the Hastain Trail, et al. v. Coldwater Investments, et al.*, Case No. BC469573; (7) *Prop "A" Protective Association, LLC v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BS 145771 and related cases; (8) *Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, The Trust for Public Land, et al. v. City of Whittier, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BS146670 and related cases; (9) *Ball v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC530090.

The Chairperson convened the closed session at 3:10 p.m. and announced that item VIII would be discussed.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 3:15 p.m. and announced that item VIII had been discussed.

Items VIII through XII were heard next.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of and accepting funding for the following 24 APNs: 4457-004-056 through 072, 4457-005-012, 015, 017, 027, 028; 4458-031-001 and 002, totaling approximately 703 acres located in Puerco Canyon in unincorporated Los Angeles County and the City of Malibu. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Stan Lamport and Steve Wiseman for Oklahoma State Realty 1, LLC, Watercrest Property 1, LLC, Pan Pacific Realty 1, LLC, Western Real Estate Company 1, LLC, and Wind Realty 1, LLC. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code section 54956.8.)

This item was heard in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-41 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to and acceptance of grant funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board for the purchase of the following 24 APNs: 4457-004-056 through 072, 4457-005-012, 015, 017, 027, 028; 4458-031-001 and 002, totaling approximately 703 acres located in Puerco Canyon in unincorporated Los Angeles County and the City of Malibu.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-42 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to and acceptance of grant funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for the purchase of the following 24 APNs: 4457-004-056 through 072, 4457-005-012, 015, 017, 027, 028; 4458-031-001 and 002, totaling approximately 703 acres located in Puerco Canyon in unincorporated Los Angeles County and the City of Malibu.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-43 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to and entering into a project agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the acquisition of the 703-acre Puerco Canyon property, incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-44 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on May 7, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson