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

May 7, 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 1:01 p.m., on May 7, 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; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer; Tim Miller, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Ken Nelson, Acting Chief of Fire Division; Ana Petrlc, Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division; Laura Ratcliffe, Staff Counsel; Ken Nelson, Ranger, 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.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Minutes April 2 were adopted as submitted.

V. Reports from staff.

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief Staff Counsel; the Deputy Executive Officer; the Acting Chief of Fire Division; the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; the Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division; the Chief of Interpretation; the Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, and the Executive Officer.

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of March 22, 2014 to April 27, 2014.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a funding agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the Carbon Canyon East Segment Property of the Coastal Slope Trail.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution of endorsing the San Gabriel River Discovery Center project.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to Malibu Ceramic Works to supply artistic tiles for Marsh Street Park Project.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to LT Mustardseed to supply artistic fencing for the Franklin/Ivar Park project.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing staff to register/vest and purchase properties through www.bid4assets.com for the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector 2014B online public auction.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing a deposit of funds into an account with www.bid4assets.com to purchase parcels at the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector 2014B online public auction.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of non-Corps associated 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 2014B online public auction.**

- (i) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund to acquire properties in the Santa Monica Mountains coastal zone, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2014B online public auction.**
- (j) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Community Facilities District Number 1 funds to acquire properties in the Ballona Creek and Los Angeles River watersheds at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2014B online public auction.**
- (k) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over APNs 2836-003-010, 2836-002-038, 2836-002-047, 2836-003-017, 2836-003-018, 2836-003-019 and associated processing funds, City of Santa Clarita.**
- (l) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APN 694-0-181-500 totaling 33.96 acres in the Carlisle Creek watershed, unincorporated Ventura County.**
- (m) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Pepo Weed Abatement, Inc. to perform brush clearance.**
- (n) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Avalon Landscape, Inc. to perform brush clearance.**
- (o) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Affordable Tree Experts, Inc. to perform brush clearance.**

Items VI(a); VI(d); VI(n), and VI(o) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

Items VI(c) and VI(e) were removed from the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 14-52; 14-56; 14-57; 14-58; 14-59; 14-60; 14-61; 14-62, and 14-63 were unanimously adopted.

VI(a). Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of March 22, 2014 to April 27, 2014.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-51 was unanimously

adopted.

VI(d). Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to Malibu Ceramic Works to supply artistic tiles for Marsh Street Park Project.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

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

This item was removed from the agenda.

VI(n). Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Avalon Landscape, Inc. to perform brush clearance.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Acting Chief of Fire Division.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-64 was unanimously adopted.

VI(o). Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Affordable Tree Experts, Inc. to perform brush clearance.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Acting Chief of Fire Division.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-65 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Presentation on Eastern Los Angeles County area MRCA ranger contract services.

The Authority received an oral report from Rangers Kenn Hughers, Laura Just, Milton Cano, and Francine Godoy.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chair.

Comments were made by Ranger Kenn Hughes.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the transfer of a portion of APN 2385-018-904 to adjacent property owner.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-66 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution adopting FY 14/15 MRCA Workprogram.

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. 14-67 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire parcels in the area of the Agua Dulce Canyon Road and State Route 14 Interchange and using said Proposition A funding to acquire APNs 3212-004-010 and 014, 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. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-68 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire APNs 4465-005-006 and 4465-004-053 in the Escondido Canyon watershed and acquisition of said parcels, unincorporated Malibu area.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-69 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds to acquire APNs 4465-005-006 and 4465-004-053 in the Escondido Canyon watershed, unincorporated Malibu area.

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. 14-70 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a conditional exchange of scenic easements with the State Coastal Conservancy in the El Nido subdivision area of Corral Canyon, unincorporated Malibu area.

This item was removed from the agenda.

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing a request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a budget augmentation to SMM-84-1331 for Mulholland Scenic Parkway Project Planning and Design, City of Los Angeles.

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

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-72 was unanimously adopted.

XV. Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of mitigation funds to acquire APN 648-0-270-325 comprised of approximately 118 acres on the north slope of Chatsworth Peak, unincorporated Ventura County.

This item was postponed to a later date.

XVI. Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) entering into an agreement with Centex Homes regarding Sterling at West Hills project (TT Map No. 52866); (b) acceptance of a minimum 250-acre open space dedication, various small conservation easements, and public access easements, and (c) acceptance of open space maintenance funding, Dayton and Woolsey Canyons, City of Los Angeles and incorporated 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. 14-74 was unanimously adopted.

XVII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Moorpark.

This item was postponed to a later date.

XVIII. Consideration of resolution supporting AB 1922 (Gomez).

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-76 was unanimously adopted.

XIX. Consideration of resolution supporting SB 1086 (De León).

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-77 was unanimously adopted.

XX. Consideration of resolution authorizing application for Federal Excess Personal Property in Accordance with United States Forest Service Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act (CFAA) of 1978.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Acting Chief of Fire Division.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-78 was unanimously adopted.

XXI. Presentation on recent acquisition of approximately 416 acres of land in Decker Canyon area, Malibu.

The Authority received an oral report by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel; the Assistant Financial Officer; Mr. Hasenauer, and the Chair.

XXII. 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.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9: conference with legal counsel regarding claim of liability and exposure to litigation. Claimant: James Reynolds.

The Chair convened the closed session at 3:17 p.m. and announced that the following item would be discussed: Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9: conference with legal counsel regarding claim of liability and exposure to litigation. Claimant: James Reynolds.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 3:22 p.m. and announced that the following item was discussed: Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9: conference with legal counsel regarding claim of liability and exposure to litigation. Claimant: James Reynolds.

XXIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on June 4, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson