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

October 1, 2014

I. Call to order.

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Acting Chairperson Jerome C. Daniel, at 2:00 p.m., on October 1, 2014, 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, and Jerome C. Daniel, Acting/Vice Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: George Lange, Chairperson.

Staff Present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, FAICP, Hon, ASLA; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Amy Lethrbridge, Deputy Executive Officer of Interpretation; Ana Straabe, Deputy Chief of Urban Projects & Watershed Planning Division; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Ken Nelson, Chief of the Fire 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 September 10, 2014 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 10, 2014 were approved as submitted.

V. Reports from staff.

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

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of September 1, 2014 to September 19, 2014.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of non-Corps associated in-lieu fee mitigation funds, and private donation 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 2014A 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 2014A 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 2014A public auction.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No.2 (Areas F) funds to acquire properties in Woodland Hills, City of Los Angeles, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2014A public auction.**
- (f) 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 2014A public auction.**

- (g) 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 2014A public auction.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over APNs 3271-001-049, 3271-005-032, 3271-005-033, 3271-028-106 and associated management and monitoring funds in Val Verde, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 4382-006-001 (2850 Benedict Canyon Drive), approximately 0.05 acres, for wildlife movement purposes, in the Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor, Benedict Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 14-152 through 14-160 were unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Shannon & Wilson, Inc. for geotechnical services for the Park to Playa – Stocker Corridor Trailhead project.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-161 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution adopting findings that the Park to Playa – Stocker Corridor Trailhead construction project is substantially complex and increase the retention amount from 5% to 10%.

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-162 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Park to Playa – Stocker Corridor Trailhead project.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-163 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing the modification of two promissory notes in the amounts of \$3,000,000 and \$1,000,000 and certain related actions.

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-164 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a contract with DIRTONU, Inc. dba MUROW CM for hillside stabilization at the Trebek Open Space property, Nichols Canyon.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-165 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: ten (10). (1) *Kaplan v. State of California, et al.*, Case No. BC520639; (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, and (10) Friedman v. King Gillette Ranch, et al., Case No. BC540277.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9: conference with legal counsel regarding claim of liability and exposure to litigation. Claimant: Las Virgenes Unified School District.

The Acting Chairperson convened the closed session at 2:59 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: Las Virgenes Unified School District.

The Acting Chairperson re-convened the open session at 3:04 p.m. and announced that direction was given to staff.

XIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Acting Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on November 5, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

Approved:

Jerome C. Daniel
Acting Chairperson