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

December 3, 2014

I. Call to order.

The regular 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 December 3, 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; 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 Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Ana Straabe, Deputy Chief of Urban Projects & Watershed Planning Division; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

The following member of the public addressed the Authority:

Mr. Rick Denman, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

IV. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of November 11, 2014 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of November 11, 2014 were approved as submitted.

V. Reports from staff.

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief Staff Counsel; the Chief Deputy Executive Officer;; 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 October 28, 2014 to November 23, 2014.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Mars-NP Heating and Air Conditioning for air conditioning and heating systems replacement at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation to provide public safety dispatch services.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution awarding a contract to Bard Catering for food services related to Outdoor Education Camp at King Gillette Ranch.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract amendment with Penfield & Smith for additional engineering design services for the Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract amendment with Bionic for additional landscape architecture services for the Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan.**

Items VI(b) and VI(c) were removed from the consent calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 14-185, 14-188, 14-189, and 14-190 was unanimously adopted.

VI(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Mars-NP Heating and Air Conditioning for air conditioning and heating systems replacement at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief of Construction.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-186 was unanimously adopted.

VI(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation to provide public safety dispatch services.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-187 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Discussion and possible action regarding the temporary storage of dredge materials from Malibu Creek Ridge Dam on King Gillette Ranch property, unincorporated Calabasas area.

The Authority received an oral report from the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson, the Chairperson, Mr. Hasenauer, and Mr. Daniel.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, staff was directed to undertake an initial study, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, to assess issues related to the temporary storage of dredge materials from Malibu Creek Ridge Dam on King Gillette Ranch property.

The Chairperson was noted as opposing the motion.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with and the receipt of funds from Los Angeles County to implement the Mission Canyon Trailhead Project.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 14-191 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution approving grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for third Supervisorial District excess funding for the Pacoima Wash Bikeway 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. 14-192 was unanimously adopted.

X. 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: thirteen (13). (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; (10) Friedman v. King Gillette Ranch, et al., Case No. BC540277; (11) Denman, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; (12) Perez v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and (13) Smaldino v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.

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

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9: conference with legal counsel regarding claim of liability and exposure to litigation. Claimant: California Automobile Insurance Company.

The Chairperson convened the closed session at 3:25 p.m.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 3:53 p.m. and announced that directions had been given to staff.

XI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on January 7, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson