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

January 7, 2015

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 January 7, 2015, 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; Sheryl Lewanda, Acting Assistant Financial Officer; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Ana Straabe, Deputy Chief of Urban Projects & Watershed Planning Division, Amy Lethrbridge, Chief Deputy of Interpretation, Cara Meyer, Director of Urban Projects; Brian Baldauf, Project Analyst; James Latham, Acting Chief Ranger, Tim Miller, Chief of Construction, Walt Young, Chief of Operations, Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

III. Election of Officers.

On nomination of Mr. Daniel, George Lange was unanimously elected Chairperson.

On nomination of Mr. Hasenauer, Jerome C. Daniel was unanimously elected Vice Chairperson.

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

The following members of the public addressed the Authority:

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

The Chair introduced guests Don Robinson, Chairperson of the Advisory Committee of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and Mike Paul, President of the Ventura County Special Districts Association.

V. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of December 3, 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of December 3, 2015 were approved as submitted.

VI. Reports from staff.

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief of Fire Division; Chief Staff Counsel; Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Chief of Interpretation; Director of Urban Projects; Chief of Construction, the Acting Chief Ranger, and the Acting Assistant Financial Officer.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Acting Chief Ranger and the Chief of Operations.

VII. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of November 24, 2014 to December 24, 2014.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract amendment with TELACU Construction Management for construction management services for the Park to Playa-Stocker Corridor Trailhead.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing assigning the right to apply for First Supervisorial Big Five Excess Funds to City of Cudahy for the Lugo Park Renovation project.**

- (d) Consideration of resolution assigning the right to apply for First Supervisorial Big Five Excess Funds to National Audubon Society, Inc. for the Audubon Center at Debs Park General Renovations project.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing assigning the right to apply for First Supervisorial Big Five Excess Funds to Legacy LA Youth Development Corporation for the Hazard Park Armory Improvements project.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing assigning the right to apply for First Supervisorial Big Five Excess Funds to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Los Angeles Plaza Park General Improvements project.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing assigning the right to apply for First Supervisorial Big Five Excess Funds to North East Trees for the Hazard Park Riparian Restoration project.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution assigning the right to apply for First Supervisorial Big Five Excess Funds to the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks for the Plaza de la Raza General Improvements project.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing assigning the right to apply for First Supervisorial Big Five Excess Funds to La Plaza de Cultura y Artes Foundation for the La Plaza de Cultura y Artes Outdoor Improvements project.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing assigning the right to apply for First Supervisorial Big Five Excess Funds to the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority for the San Gabriel River Discovery Center project.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution adopting safe harbors under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).**
- (l) Consideration of resolution approving the MRCA updated salary schedule as of December 1, 2014.**

Items VII(c) through VII(j) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 15-01; 15-02; 15-11, and 15-12 were unanimously adopted.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Director of Urban Projects and the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 15-03; 15-04; 15-05; 15-06; 15-07; 15-08; 15-09, and 15-10 were unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Los Angeles Engineering, Inc. for construction of the Park to Playa-Stocker Corridor Trailhead.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-13 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a nonprofit organization grant to Resources Legacy Fund for community outreach and engagement in the development of recommendations for competitive grant criteria required for the implementation of the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 including, without limitation, emphasis on the needs of urban and under-served communities and priorities that would provide for critically needed urban creek protection and enhancement projects.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Interpretation and the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-14 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Resources Law Group LLP for legal services in connection to the implementation of the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Interpretation.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-15 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing sale of APN 3265-002-900 to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Antelope Valley.

This item was removed from the agenda.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the establishment of and appointments to the Community Facilities District No. 1 citizens' oversight committee.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Peterson.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-17 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the establishment of and appointments to the Community Facilities District No. 2 citizens' oversight committee.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-18 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. 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: fourteen (14). (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*; (13) *Smaldino v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, and (14) *Simak v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.

The Chairperson announced the closed session at 3:47 p.m.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 4:36 and announced that instructions were give to staff.

XV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on February 4, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson