



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

**April 1, 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 April 1, 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: Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Sheryl Lewanda, Acting Assistant Financial Officer, Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Ana Petric, Deputy Chief of Urban Projects; Tony Scattaglia, Ranger; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction, 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 March 4, 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of March 4, 2015 were approved as submitted.

**V. Reports from staff.**

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

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of February 26, 2015 to March 25, 2015.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing awarding a professional services contract to SCI Consulting Group for consulting, engineering, and administrative services related to Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Districts No. 1 and 2, City of Los Angeles.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to MRCA Agreement 157/15 to the non-profit Resources Legacy Fund, for additional services related to community outreach and engagement with emphasis on the needs of underserved and urban audiences.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter of participation to Cal Fire for an Urban & Community Forestry Program grant application for Ballona Creek - Milton Park, Phase 2 acquisition and development.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements and/or open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. 4-94-114 (Ferris), 4-93-137 (Onsoien), 4-93-033 (Bittle), 4-92-246 (Ulmer/Kart), 4-95-054 (SAM Trust) and 5-86-349-A2 (Johnson), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded Resolution Nos. 15-39 to 15-43 were unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APN's 4455-027-006, 007, 008 totaling 10 acres in Stokes 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. 15-44 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of payment of funds from the applicant of CDP 5-84-791-A1 for the construction of new access improvements within undeveloped public beach vertical accessways within the Coastal Zone in the City of Malibu, Los Angeles County.**

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-45 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution adopting FY 15/16 MRCA Workprogram.**

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Paterson.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-46 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution authorizing grant application to the City of Los Angeles L.A. for Kids grant program for Proposition K funding for the Los Angeles River / Caballero Creek Confluence Park project.**

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer and Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Chief of Urban Projects.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-47 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funds for capital improvements at Wilacre Park, Los Angeles.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Construction and the Assistant Financial Officer.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-48 was unanimously adopted.

**XII. Consideration of resolution ratifying the acquisition of 47.5 acres, APNs 4464-020-023, 025, 030, 042, 050, 051, 052, and 064, pursuant to Resolution No. 12-168, in the upper Malibu Creek watershed, County of Los Angeles.**

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 Staff Counsel and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-49 was unanimously adopted.

**XIII. 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) *Malibu-Encinal Homeowners Association v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC431798; (2) *Morris v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, Case No. BC448511; (3) *Everett v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC466880;**

**(4) *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, (5) *Friends of the Hastain Trail, et al. v. Coldwater Investments, et al.*, Case No. BC469573; (6) *Prop "A" Protective Association, LLC v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BS 145771 and related cases; (7) *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; (8) *Denman, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; (9) *Perez v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, and (10) *Smaldino and Simak v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.**

No closed session was held.

**XIV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on May 6, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

George Lange  
Chairperson