



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

**August 5, 2015**

**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 2:07 p.m., on August 5, 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, and Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: George Lange, Chairperson.

Staff Present: Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Basem Mosaa, Deputy Division Chief of Finance; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Cara Meyer, Chief of Special Projects, 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 July 8, 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of July 8, 2015 were adopted as submitted.

**V. Reports from staff.**

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief Deputy Director; Chief Ranger; Chief Staff Counsel; Chief of Special Projects.

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of June 23, 2015 to July 23, 2015.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of 0.25-acre parcel (APN 2526-001-072) in Kagel Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of an approximately one-acre Los Angeles Flood Control District surplus property (APN 2840-009-900) using non-USACE associated in-lieu mitigation funds, Oak Springs Canyon, City of Santa Clarita.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded Resolution Nos. 15-115, 15-116, and 15-117 were unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Interim Final Budget, Fiscal Year 2015-2016.**

The staff report for this item was presented by Ms. Sheryl Lewanda.

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

Comments were made by the Deputy Division Chief of Finance.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-118 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 4465-004-084 (47.68 acres) in Ramirez Canyon and entering into necessary agreements to assume maintenance responsibilities for the property, unincorporated Malibu area.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-119 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with AHBE Landscape Architects for the Mission Canyon Trailhead project.**

The staff report on this item was presented by the Chief of Special Projects.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Special Projects.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-120 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to prepare a traffic engineering study for select parkland operated by the MRCA.**

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.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-121 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement for the exchange of interests in real property and a pledge of donation relating to APNs 5666-003-001, 002, 003 and 5666-004-038, Glendale. (*This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. Under consideration: Price and terms. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Thomas McCutchan.*)**

This item was heard in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-122 was unanimously adopted.

**XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing 1) application to the California River Parkways Grant Program for the acquisition of Conejo Creek and Calleguas Creek confluence adjacent property, western Santa Monica Mountains; 2)**

**entering into a grant agreement; 3) entering into agreements with funding partners; 4) authorizing the use of in lieu fees for said acquisition; and 5) acquisition of the subject property.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Chief Deputy Director.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-123 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*.**

The Acting Chairperson convened the closed session at 3:27 p.m. and announced that item XI would be discussed.

The Acting Chairperson reconvened the open session at 3:33 p.m. and announced that directions were given to staff.

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

The Acting Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on September 2, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Rorie Skei  
Chief Deputy Director

Jerome C. Daniel  
Acting Chairperson