



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

**December 2, 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 2:02 p.m., on December 2, 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; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Carolyn Eberhart, Naturalist; Walt Young, Chief of Operations; Sheryl Lewanda, Acting Assistant Financial Officer; Cara Meyer, Chief of Urban Projects, 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:

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

**IV. Approval of minutes.**

The minutes of November 4, 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of November 4, 2015 were adopted as submitted.

**V. Reports from staff.**

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief of Construction; the Acting Chief Ranger; the Chief Staff Counsel; the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; the Naturalist; the Chief of Urban Projects, and the Acting Assistant Financial Officer.

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of October 23, 2015 to November 10, 2015.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate trail easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. 4-00-203 (Lieu), 4-00-013 (Isbell), 4-00-221 (Clemens), 4-00-192 (Trey Trust), 4-00-055 (Stark), 4-99-029 (Cornfield), 4-MAL-05-110 (Nassimi), 4-02-110 (Khalsa) and 4-02-019 (Bren-Haley, Inc), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate trail easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. 4-00-036 (Barney), 4-05-018 (Montoya & Kessler), 4-05-201 (Malibu Ocean Ranches, LLC), 4-MAL-06-104 & 4-MAL-06-103 (Evan's Children's Trust), 4-MAL-07-163 (Wfs Seastar), 5-88-639 (Capello), 4-MAL-07-354 (Tauber) and 07-098 (Lower Rambla Pacifico Road), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperative Agreement with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for a term extension.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution affirming entering into a license agreement with the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation for the Don Wallace Trail Mitigation Project (APNs 2052-012-906 and 2052-012-907), City of Calabasas.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with TELACU Construction Management for construction management services for the Joughin Ranch Road Rehabilitation Project.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 15-176 relating to entering into a project agreement with the Los Angeles County**

**Regional Park and Open Space District using Proposition A 5th Supervisorial District Excess Funds to acquire open space properties in said District.**

- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement(s) over APNs 5570-025-038, 045, and 060, approximately 4 acres, on 2715 Jalmia Drive, Nichols Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant from the Resources Legacy Fund for consulting services on the Parks Resiliency Project.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution approving and adopting the updated MRCA Salary Schedule.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 3210-002-901 in the Agua Dulce area from the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority.**
- (l) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 3210-002-902 in the Agua Dulce area to the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

Items VI(e); VI(f); VI(g), and VI(h) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

**VI(e). Consideration of resolution affirming entering into a license agreement with the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation for the Don Wallace Trail Mitigation Project (APNs 2052-012-906 and 2052-012-907), City of Calabasas.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-187 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(f). Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with TELACU Construction Management for construction management services for the Joughin Ranch Road Rehabilitation Project.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-188 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(g). Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 15-176 relating to entering into a project agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District using Proposition A 5th Supervisorial District Excess Funds to acquire open space properties in said District.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-189 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(h). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement(s) over APNs 5570-025-038, 045, and 060, approximately 4 acres, on 2715 Jalmia Drive, Nichols Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-190 was unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the State Coastal Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for the Caballero Creek Park project.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-195 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Green Building Corporation for construction of the Malibu Road Public Beach Access Stairway project.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Chief of Urban Projects.

Questions were propounded by Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Urban Projects.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-196 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) applying for and entering into an acquisition grant agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and (b) acquisition of approximately 5.1 acre property located at 2215 Loveland Drive, Mount Washington, APN 5462-026-026.**

The staff report was presented by the Chief Staff Counsel.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-197 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: nine (9). (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*, and (9) *LADWP v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BC582732.

No closed session was held.

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. in memory of former staff member Dan Tholund.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

George Lange  
Chairperson