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

January 6, 2016

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 2:05 p.m., on January 6, 2016, 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; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Walt Young, Chief of Operations; Sheryl Lewanda, Acting Assistant Financial Officer; Cara Meyer, Chief of Urban Projects, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

III. Election of Officers.

On nomination by Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, George Lange was unanimously re-elected Chairperson.

On nomination by Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Jerome C. Daniel was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairperson.

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

No members of the public addressed the Authority.

V. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of December 2, 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of December 2, 2015 were adopted as submitted.

VI. Reports from staff.

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

VII. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of November 11, 2015 to December 18, 2015.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an additional easement over a portion of the property located at 22548 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a trail easement at 3093 Sweetwater Mesa Road on portions of APNs 4452-025-025 and 4453-005-089, City of Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (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 comment letter to Los Angeles County on the revised Notice of Preparation (SCH No. 2004031072) for the Centennial Project, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (f) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over an approximately 63-acre portion of APN 3209-011-006, Soledad Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (g) **Consideration of resolution authorizing vehicle leases.**

Item VII(b) was removed from the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 16-01; 16-03; 16-04; 16-05; 16-06, and 16-07 were unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with Forestar Chatsworth LLC (Deerlake Ranch project) to: (a) provide various temporary and permanent easements on adjacent Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) Deerlake Highlands parcels; (b) conduct oak tree mitigation on adjacent MRCA property; (c) accept funding for various purposes, and (d) accept the dedication of the following eighteen parcels totaling over one acre (APNs 2819-003-001; 2819-003-005; 2819-003-006; 2819-003-007; 2819-004-030; 2818-009-032; 2818-004-053; 2818-004-054; 2818-005-003; 2818-005-014; 2818-006-007; 2818-006-021; 2818-007-025; 2818-007-026; 2818-008-009; 2818-008-024; 2818-009-031, and 2818-009-033), unincorporated Chatsworth area.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel, the Chairperson, and the Executive Officer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-08 was unanimously adopted as amended.

IX. 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) LADWP v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al., Case No. BC582732, and (10) Colindres v. Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, et al., Case No. BC 603434.

The Chairperson commenced the closed session at 3:00 p.m. and announced that the following item would be discussed: *Colindres v. Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, et al.*, Case No. BC 603434.

The Chairperson commenced the open session at 3:10 p.m. and announced that the following item was discussed: *Colindres v. Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, et al.*, Case No. BC 603434.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

X. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on February 3, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson