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

February 3, 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 2:01 p.m., on February 3, 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; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer of Operations; Tim Miller, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Cara Meyer, Chief of Special Projects; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Oscar Victoria, Staff Counsel, and James Yeramian, Executive Secretary.

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, on matters not on the agenda.

IV. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of January 6, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of January 6, 2016 were adopted as submitted.

VI Reports from staff.

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

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of December 19, 2015 to January 21, 2016.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A funding for the Bosque del Rio Hondo Rehabilitation project and adopting a youth employment plan.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 50 funding for the King Gillette Ranch trail project.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funding for the Arroyo Sequit Creek project.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funding for the Milton Green Street project.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funding for the Puerco Canyon project.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funding for the Woolsey Canyon – Simi Hills acquisition project.**

Items VI(b); VI(c); VI(d), and VI(g) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 16-09, 16-13, and 16-14 were unanimously adopted.

VI(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A funding for the Bosque del Rio Hondo Rehabilitation project and adopting a youth employment plan.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-10 was unanimously adopted.

VI(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 50 funding for the King Gillette Ranch trail project.

Comments were made by the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-11 was unanimously adopted.

VI(d). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funding for the Arroyo Sequit Creek project.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-12 was unanimously adopted.

VI(g). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funding for the Woolsey Canyon – Simi Hills acquisition project.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson and Mr. Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-15 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with T2 Systems Canada, Inc. for Temescal Gateway Park parking pay stations.

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

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

Comments were made by the Chief of Special Projects.

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

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Terra Pave, Inc. for Temescal Gateway Park paving.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief of Special Projects and the Assistant Deputy Executive Officer of Construction.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-17 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing the recognition of grant revenue collected within one year of fiscal year-end to be measureable and available for financial statement purposes.

The Acting Assistant Financial Officer presented the staff report on this item.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-18 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing requesting a budget augmentation for grant SMM-84-1537 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, for the Escondido Canyon Public Access project planning and design work, City of Malibu.

This item was removed from the agenda.

XI. 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: eleven (11). (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; (10) *Colindres v. Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, et al.*, Case No. BC 603434, and (11) *Geffen v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95: conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Billy Khoury.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95: conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Pamela Cruz.

XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson commenced the closed session at 3:28 p.m. and announced that the following items would be discussed: *Denman, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Geffen v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Billy Khoury, and conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Pamela Cruz.

The Chairperson commenced the open session at 4:05 p.m. and announced that the following item were discusses: *Denman, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Geffen v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Billy Khoury, and conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Pamela Cruz.

XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on March 2, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson