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

March 2, 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 March 2, 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; Amy Lethrbridge, Deputy Executive Officer; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer; Sheryl Lewanda, Acting Assistant Financial Officer; Jonathan Robles, Naturalist, and Stephanie Sharpe, Acting Board 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:

Glen Bailey, Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains, on item IX.

IV. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of February 3, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of February 3, 2016 were adopted as submitted.

VI Reports from staff.

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief of Fire Division; Chief Ranger; Chief Staff Counsel; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Chief of Interpretation; Chief of Special Projects; Assistant Deputy Executive Officer or Construction; 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 January 22, 2016 to February 17, 2016.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of the design services contract with Mia Lehrer + Associates for the Franklin/Ivar Park project.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Compton Creek Natural Park at Washington Elementary project, Phase 2.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of an approximately 0.08 acre property, APN 5607-026-009, in the Mountain Oaks area, City of Glendale.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution ratifying acceptance of trail easement at 27865 Winding Way (APN 4467-005-007), City of Malibu.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment to agreement with SCI Consulting Group for the administration of MRCA Community Facilities Districts No. 1 and 2.**

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 16-09 and 16-11 were unanimously adopted.

VI(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of the design services contract with Mia Lehrer + Associates for the Franklin/Ivar Park project.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Special Projects.

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

VI(d). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of an approximately 0.08 acre property, APN 5607-026-009, in the Mountain Oaks area, City of Glendale.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

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

VI(e). Consideration of resolution ratifying acceptance of trail easement at 27865 Winding Way (APN 4467-005-007), City of Malibu.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and the Acting Assistant Financial Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-13 was unanimously adopted.

VI(f). Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment to agreement with SCI Consulting Group for the administration of MRCA Community Facilities Districts No. 1 and 2.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and the Acting Assistant Financial Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-14 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Lopez Canyon Park Improvement project.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made the Chief of Special Projects.

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

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a professional services contract with the Las Virgenes Unified School District for outdoor education camp at King Gillette Ranch.

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

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

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of APN 2723-001-001 (4.47 acres) in the Santa Susana Pass using mitigation funding and acceptance of private and public funding for said acquisition, Chatsworth area. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston; David Seror; Jessica L. Bagdanov, and Nancy Zamora. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

This item was heard in closed session.

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. 16-17 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution renaming the Barbara A. Fine Overlook at the Summit to the Barbara A. Fine and Alan Fine Overlook at the Summit.

This item was presented by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger; the Chief Deputy Executive Officer; the Chair, and Mr. Hasenauer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and Mr. Peterson.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Mr. Hasenauer; the Chief Ranger; Mr. Daniel; the Chief Deputy Executive Officer, and the Executive Officer.

Mr. Daniel made a motion to amend the resolution to keep the sign as it is currently configured, and to add a plaque to honor Mr. Fine. The motion was duly seconded and adopted by the Authority. Mr. Peterson was noted as voting no..

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*.

The Chairperson convened the closed session at 3:30 p.m. and announced that item IX was would be discusses.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 3:40 p.m. and announced that item IX was discussed in closed session.

XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on April 6, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson