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

April 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 2:01 p.m., on April 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; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Tim Miller, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs; Oscar Victoria, Staff Counsel, and James Yeramian, 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:

Allen Weisbrock, member of the public, on item VIII.

IV. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of March 2, 2016 and March 27, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of March 2, 2016 and March 27, 2016 were adopted as submitted.

VI Reports from staff.

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

All off the items on the Consent Calendar were heard individually.

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of February 18, 2016 to March 24, 2016.**

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-29 was unanimously adopted.

- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Facility Modification Agreement with the County of Los Angeles Flood Control District for the Ballona Creek Milton Street Park project.**

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. 16-30 was unanimously adopted.

- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement(s) over portions of APN 5572-002-005 (2745 and 2755 Outpost Drive), approximately 0.33 acres total, Mulholland Scenic Corridor, City of Los Angeles.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-31 was unanimously adopted.

- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation in fee of APN 5549-003-010, approximately 0.44 acres, Cahuenga Pass, City of Los Angeles.**

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. 16-32 was unanimously adopted.

- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into contracts with the Santa Monica Mountains Resource Conservation District for habitat restoration both on and off Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority property in the 101 freeway corridor, Liberty Canyon, City of Agoura Hills.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-33 was unanimously adopted.

- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the City of Malibu for a Coastal Development Permit for a beach access project at 20516 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.**

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. 16-34 was unanimously adopted.

- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing renewal of professional services contract with Cota Cole.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-35 was unanimously adopted.

- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing renewal of professional services contract with Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard and Smith, LLP.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-36 was unanimously adopted.

- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing renewal of professional services contract with Rand E. Pinsky.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-37 was unanimously adopted.

- (j) **Consideration of resolution amending Resolutions Nos. 13-99 and 13-101 authorizing funding for the acquisition of approximately 6.28-acre parcel APN 4448-018-018 (1809 Tuna Canyon Road), adjacent Rocky Ledge, in the Topanga Canyon Watershed, unincorporated County of Los Angeles. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Will Wild. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)**

This item was considered subsequent to the closed session.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Petterson and Hasenauer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-38 was unanimously adopted.

- VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional service contract with SCI Consulting Group for planning and survey work for potential funding mechanisms.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Director of Public Affairs.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Director of Public Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-39 was unanimously adopted.

- VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for the operation and maintenance of a new open space area at the Girard Reservoir in Woodland Hills.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chair.

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

On motion of MR. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-40 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the acquisition of APN 2063-048-011, a 40-acre property in Liberty Canyon, Agoura Hills.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-41 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for project planning and design work on Malibu coastal trail and access projects, City of Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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. 16-42 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for project planning and design work on upper Santa Clara River watershed projects in the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, City of Santa Clarita and unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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. 16-43 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the acquisition of APN 2064-006-001 (approximately 0.27 acres), Liberty Canyon, City of Agoura Hills.

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 the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-44 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of up to 37.05 acres comprised of all or portions of APNs 4434-008-007 and 4434-001-004 including conservation easement interests, and entering into necessary agreements with the owner to cover various pre-acquisition costs, Topanga Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Tom Steers. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8).

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-45 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. Consideration of adoption of ordinance regarding park rules and regulations, waiver of first reading, and introduction of "An ordinance of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority establishing park rules and regulations, and prescribing the punishment for violations thereof.

This item was postponed to a later date.

XV. Consideration of resolution authorizing the sale of an approximately 0.15 acre portion of APN 2385-018-904 and retaining a conservation and trail easement over all of said portion; 12899 W. Mulholland Drive, City of Los Angeles. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Moe Hayat. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

This item was considered subsequent to the 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. 16-46 was unanimously adopted.

XVI. 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: Christine Whitney

The Chairperson convened the closed session at 3:44 p.m. and announced that the following items would be discussed: VI(j); XV; conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Christine Whitney, and *LADWP v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BC582732

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 4:08 p.m. and announced that the following items were discussed and that instructions were given to counsel: VI(j); XV;

conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Christine Whitney, and *LADWP v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BC582732

XVII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on May 4, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson