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

May 4, 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 May 4, 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.

No members of the public addressed the Authority.

IV. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of April 6, 2016 was submitted for approval.

The minutes of April 6, 2016 was 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; the Acting Assistant Financial Officer, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of March 25,2016 to April 21, 2016.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of APNs 4472-005-011 and 012, each approximately 10 acres, in the Arroyo Sequit watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements associated with Coastal Development Permit No. 5-91-755 (Preferred Financial), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of an approximately 0.21-acre property (APN 2072-026-009), Old Topanga Canyon Road, City of Calabasas.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of mitigation funds to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for the acquisition of APNs 646-0- 170-040 and 649-0-010-415, Simi Hills, unincorporated Ventura County.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 1 grant to acquire a Laurel Canyon spring parcel, City of Los Angeles.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 1 grant to acquire a Liberty Canyon tributary parcel, City of Agoura Hills.**

- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 1 grant to acquire Carbon Canyon Creek parcels, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing contract with Vision y Compromiso for outreach and training for the Resource Legacy Fund State Parks Resiliency Project.**

Items VI(f), VI(h), and VI(l) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 16-47; 16-48; 16-49; 16-50; 16-51, and 16-53 were unanimously adopted.

VI(f). Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 1 grant to acquire a Laurel Canyon spring parcel, 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. 16-52 was unanimously adopted.

VI(h). Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 1 grant to acquire Carbon Canyon Creek parcels, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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. 16-54 was unanimously adopted.

VI(i). Consideration of resolution authorizing contract with Vision y Compromiso for outreach and training for the Resource Legacy Fund State Parks Resiliency Project.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief of Interpretation.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-55 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Presentation and discussion of MRCA Basic Financial Statements and related Federal Single Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30,2015.

The Authority received an oral report from the Acting Assistant Financial Officer, Mr. Craig Hartzheim and Mr. Bin Zeng.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and Mr. Peterson.

Comments were made by Mr. Hr. Hartzheim and Mr. Zing.

VIII. Consideration of amendments to 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.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. for engineering services for the Puerco Canyon project.

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Special Projects.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-56 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Mia Lehrer + Associates for design services for the Puerco Canyon project.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-57 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the State Coastal Conservancy for an “Explore the Coast” grant for the Coastal Camping at PuercoCanyon program.

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.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-58 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution adopting FY 16/17 Workprogram.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-59 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the exchange of up to a total one-acre combination of APNs 2428-028-900 and 5549-001-900 and additional road easement for APN 5549-001-001 (4.53-acres) for habitat linkage purposes, Cahuenga Pass, City of Los Angeles.

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. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-60 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of approximately 500 acres (APNs 3209-006-018 and 3209-007-020), Soledad Canyon, 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. 16-61 was unanimously adopted.

XV. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy from the Conservancy fund for transition and mobilization costs necessary for the continuance of education and interpretation programs and services via the Mountains Education Program, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Interpretation, Mr. Daniel, and the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-62 was unanimously adopted.

XVI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant request from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for interpretive materials and non-personal interpretive services.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-63 was unanimously adopted.

XVII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a reciprocal services agreement between the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and the Mountains Education Program for materials and services to support the continuation of education and interpretation programming.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-64 was unanimously adopted.

XVIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing assignment of MRCA funding received for education and interpretation programs and services to the Mountains Education Program, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-65 was unanimously adopted.

XIX. 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) 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, (4) Friends of the Hastain Trail, et al. v. Coldwater Investments, et al., Case No. BC469573; (5) Prop “A” Protective Association, LLC v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al., Case No. BS 145771 and related cases; (6) 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; (7) Denman, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; (8) LADWP v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al., Case No. BC582732, and (9) Geffen v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

No closed session was held.

XX. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on June 1, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson