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

June 1, 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 2:00 p.m., on June 1, 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; James Latham, Acting Chief Range; Tim Miller, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Amy Lethrbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Walt Young, Chief of Operations; Cara Meyer, Chief of Special Projects; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs; Oscar Victoria, Staff Counsel; Spencer Eldred, Staff Counsel; Sheryl Lewanda, Assistant Financial Officer, 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 May 4, 2016 was submitted for approval.

The minutes of May 4, 2016 was adopted as submitted.

VI. Reports from staff.

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

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of April 22, 2016 to May 19, 2016.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of the contract with Los Angeles Engineering, Inc. for construction of the Park to Playa-Stocker Corridor Trailhead Project.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for the Milton Green Street project.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funding for Project Planning and Design of the Los Angeles River Greenway Ecosystem Restoration area.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funding for Project Planning and Design of the Reseda Park Improvement project.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments under Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways Code for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments under Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways Code for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2016-2017 and**

directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.

- (i) Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2016-2017 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**

Item VI(b) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 16-69; 16-71; 16-72; 16-73; 16-74; 16-75; 16-76; 16-77; 16-78, and 16-79 were unanimously adopted.

VI(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of the contract with Los Angeles Engineering, Inc. for construction of the Park to Playa-Stocker Corridor Trailhead Project.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Paterson.

Comments were made by the Chief of Special Projects and the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-70 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of approximately 41 acres, APN 3210-006-002, Soledad Canyon area, Santa Clarita.

This item was removed from the agenda.

VIII. Consideration of resolution approving the Preliminary Budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Assistant Financial Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer, Mr. Jeff Jones, and the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-80 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$50,000 augmentation to the State Parks Resiliency Project from California State Parks Foundation.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-81 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a fee simple dedication of an approximately 66.91-acre parcel (APN 3244-031-079) and of annual payment from related homeowner's association for parcel monitoring, Haskell Canyon, Santa Clara River watershed.

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

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-82 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an offer to dedicate a trail easement, or acceptance of grant of a trail easement, associated with Coastal Development Permit No. 05-143 and CDP amendment No. 14-004, 34305 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-83 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) acceptance of fee simple or conservation easement dedication interests over APNs 500-0-090-300, 500-0-100-045, 500-0-100-125 and 500-0-100-055 totaling approximately 75 acres; (b) entering into an agreement with the owner of Wayne J Sand and Gravel to receive set up costs and long-term maintenance funding, and (c) acceptance of said funding, unincorporated Ventura County.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel, Mr. Hasenauer, and the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-84 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of amendments to ordinance regarding park rules and regulations, waiver of second reading, and adoption of “An ordinance of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority establishing park rules and regulations, and prescribing the punishment for violations thereof.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, the ordinance was adopted.

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing application for grant funds for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-85 was unanimously adopted.

XV. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of all or portion of the 6,006-acre Temescal Ranch in the Piru Creek watershed (APNs 3247-022-001 through 007, 3247-023-001 through 007), unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Questions were propounded by the Chair, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Daniel.

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-86 was unanimously adopted.

XVI. Consideration of resolution affirming and appointing new members of oversight committee for Community Facilities District No. 1.

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer and Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Director of Public Affairs and the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-87 was unanimously adopted.

XVII. Consideration of resolution affirming and appointing new members of oversight committee for Community Facilities District No. 2.

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

Questions were propounded by the Director of Public Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-88 was unanimously adopted.

XVIII. 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) *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; (9) Geffen v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and (10) Michael F. Ashley, Trustee of Ashley Construction, Inc. Money Purchase Pension Plan v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al., Case No. BC614622.

No closed session was held.

XIX. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on July 6, 2016 with a possible special meeting to occur beforehand.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson