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

July 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 2:06 p.m., on July 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; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Fernando Gomez, 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 June 1, 2016 and June 29, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of June 1, 2016 and June 29, 2016 were 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 May 20, 2016 to June 16, 2016.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of less than acre, APN 4434-028-038, Topanga Canyon.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing contract with UCLA for evaluation of the State Parks Resiliency Project.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution amending resolution 16-72 authorizing a grant application for Project Planning and Design of the Los Angeles River Greenway Ecosystem Restoration area.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Tetra Tech, Inc. for engineering services for Wilacre Park.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with TELACU Construction Management for construction management services for completion of the Milton Street Park and Green Street project.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution confirming amended assessments and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution confirming amended assessments and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution adopting Engineer's Report, confirming the annual levy of maintenance assessment for fiscal year 2016-2017 and**

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

- (j) Consideration of resolution adopting Engineer's Report, confirming the annual levy of maintenance assessment for fiscal year 2016-2017 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for open space protection and fire prevention within Community Facilities District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (l) Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for open space protection and fire prevention within Community Facilities District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (m) Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 within Community Facilities District No. 2015-1 (Sterling West Hills), Dayton Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

Items VI(d), VI(e), and VI(m) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 16-119; 16-120; 16-121; 16-124; 16-125; 16-126; 16-127; 16-128; 16-129, and 16-130 were unanimously adopted.

VI(d). Consideration of resolution amending resolution 16-72 authorizing a grant application for Project Planning and Design of the Los Angeles River Greenway Ecosystem Restoration area.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Special Projects.

On motion of Mr. Hasenaeur, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-122 was unanimously adopted.

VI(e). Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Tetra Tech, Inc. for engineering services for Wilacre Park.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Special Projects.

On motion of Mr. Hasenaer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-123 was unanimously adopted.

(m) Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 within Community Facilities District No. 2015-1 (Sterling West Hills), Dayton Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-131 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Interim Final Budget, Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

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

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

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

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-132 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of transfer of the Friedman lateral access way located at 19016 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu from Access for All.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair and the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-133 was unanimously adopted.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-134 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Hardy and Harper, Inc. for asphalt paving.

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

Comments were made by the Chief of Special Projects.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-135 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution approving a sole source contract with Romtec, Inc. for pre-engineered restroom and storage structures for Wilacre Park.

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Special Projects.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-136 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Salix Development, Inc., for construction of the Lopez Canyon Park Improvement project.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-137 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with TELACU Construction Management for construction management services for the Lopez Canyon Park Improvement project.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-138 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement for the monitoring and enforcement of protected open space pursuant to a

conservation easement or restrictive covenant over approximately 29 acres of real property along with a possible future addition of 13 acres within the proposed Cielo Vista subdivision in proximity to Chino Hills State Park.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-139 was unanimously adopted.

XV. 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) *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*; (10) *Michael F. Ashley, Trustee of Ashley Construction, Inc. Money Purchase Pension Plan v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BC614622, and (11) *Brentwood Hills Homeowners Association, the Hillside Federation, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCRA) v. Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (LA-RICS Authority)*.

The Chairperson announced the closed session at 3:43 p.m. to discuss the following items: (10) *Michael F. Ashley, Trustee of Ashley Construction, Inc. Money Purchase Pension Plan v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BC614622, and (11)

Brentwood Hills Homeowners Association, the Hillside Federation, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MCRA) v. Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (LA-RICS Authority).

The Chair reconvened the open session at 3:56 p.m. and announced that the following items were discussed: items: (10) *Michael F. Ashley, Trustee of Ashley Construction, Inc. Money Purchase Pension Plan v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BC614622, and (11) *Brentwood Hills Homeowners Association, the Hillside Federation, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MCRA) v. Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (LA-RICS Authority).*

XVI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next two meetings would be held on August 3, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson