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

October 27, 2016

I. Call to order.

The special telephonic meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson George Lange, at 10:30 a.m., on October 27, 2016, at the following locations:

- (1) Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California, and
- (2) King Gillette Ranch, Conference Room, 26800 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, California.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Larry Peterson (at Conejo Recreation and Park District); Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, (at King Gillette Ranch), and George Lange, Chairperson (at Conejo Recreation and Park District). A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Jim Hasenauer.

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; 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. Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of October 7, 2016 to October 20, 2016.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-176 was unanimously adopted.

V. Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for ten parcels totaling approximately 95 acres (APNs 2072-024-005, -019, -020, 2072-025-014, -015, -016, 2072-027-004, -005, -006, 2072-030-010), (b) authorizing entering into agreements with and accepting funds from other agencies and private parties for the acquisition, and (c) authorizing the acquisition of said parcels, Dry Creek Canyon, City of Calabasas.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-177 was unanimously adopted.

VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of fee simple open space from Vesting Tentative Tract Map Nos. VTT-73714-SL (APNs 2026-001-017, 019) and VTT-73814-SL (APN 2026-001-135) alongside Bell Creek, and entering into agreements as necessary, West Hills, City of Los Angeles.

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

This item was removed from the agenda.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into agreements with (a) Los Angeles County and (b) the California Wildlife Conservation Board to provide funding for the acquisition of APNs 2052-009-270 and 2055-010-270, totaling approximately 71 acres adjacent to the City of Agoura Hills.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-179 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an option agreement, an assignment agreement, and a purchase agreement for the acquisition of APNs 2052-009-270 and 2055-010-270, totaling approximately 71 acres adjacent to the City of Agoura Hills.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer and Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and the Chairperson.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-180 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution entering into an agreement with the Gas Company for use of portions of Upper Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve for repair work on underground lines and restoration work related thereto.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

This item was removed from the agenda.

X. 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: eight (8). (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) *Prop "A" Protective Association, LLC v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BS 145771 and related cases; (5) *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; (6) *Denman, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; (7) *Geffen v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, and (8) *Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.

No closed session was held.

XI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on December 7, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson