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

January 4, 2017

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 January 4, 2017, 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; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Tim Miller, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Amy Lethbridge, Chief Executive Officer; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Ana Straabe, Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division; Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs; Sheryl Lewanda, Assistant Financial Officer, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

III. Elections of Officers.

On nomination by Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Mr. Lange was unanimously re-elected Chairperson of the Authority.

On nomination of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Mr. Daniel was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairperson of the Authority.

IV. Public Testimony on all agenda items, public comment on matters not on the agenda.

No members of the public addressed the Authority.

V. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of December 7, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of December 7, 2016 were adopted as submitted.

VI. Reports from staff.

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

VII. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of November 18, 2016 to December 22, 2016.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of grant funds from the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority for the implementation of Park to Playa Regional Trail Wayfinding Signage project.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution awarding a contract to Bard Catering for food services related to Outdoor Education Camp at King Gillette Ranch.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution supporting proposed Neighborhood Integrity Initiative Measure S, City of Los Angeles.**

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 17-01; 17-03; 17-04, and 17-05 were unanimously adopted.

- VII(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of grant funds from the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority for the implementation of Park to Playa Regional Trail Wayfinding Signage project.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson and Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution 17-02 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funds for (a) construction of two beach access stairways, (b) further modifications to the public access plan, and (c) ongoing operation, maintenance, and other costs associated with the public access stairways project pursuant to Consent Cease and Desist Order CCC-16-CD-04 and Consent Administrative Civil Penalty CCC-16-AP-02, 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, Mr. Daniel, and the Chairperson.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-06 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing an agreement with and acceptance of funds from the Department of Fish and Wildlife for Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve signage and fencing maintenance.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division and the Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-07 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Access Pacific for construction of the Compton Creek Natural Park at Washington Elementary Phase 2 project.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-08 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with TELACU Construction Management for construction management services for the Compton Creek Natural Park at Washington Elementary Phase 2 project.

The staff report for this item was presented by Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-09 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Knowland Construction Services for DSA inspection services during construction of the Compton Creek Natural Park at Washington Elementary Phase 2 project.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-10 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution amending contract 030/02 with SCI Consulting Group for administration of the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment Districts No. 1 and 2 for Fiscal Years 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and the Assistant Financial Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No.17-11 was unanimously adopted.

- XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to professional services contract #2017-00000006 with SCI Consulting Group for analysis, research, planning and proceedings to formulate two Community Facilities Districts and for annual administration of CFD 2016-1 and CFD 2016-2 for Fiscal Years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22.**

(This item was heard subsequent to item XVIII.)

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-12.

- XV. Consideration of resolution declaring results of special tax election and directing recording of notice of special tax lien within Community Facilities District No. 2016-2 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection).**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-13 was unanimously adopted.

- XVI. Consideration of ordinance levying special taxes within Community Facilities District No. 2016-2 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection).**

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

The item was amended to wave the first reading of the Ordinance.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, this item was unanimously adopted.

- XVII. Consideration of resolution declaring results of special tax election and directing recording of notice of special tax lien within Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection).**

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-15 was unanimously adopted.

- XVIII. Consideration of ordinance levying special taxes within Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection).**

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

The item was amended to wave the first reading of the Ordinance.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, this item was unanimously adopted.

XIX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funding from the California Coastal Commission for coastal access improvements at Malibu Beach Inn, Malibu.

This item was removed from the agenda.

XX. Consideration of resolution entering into an agreement regarding the construction and maintenance of trails and open space at the La Vina development in Altadena.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-18 was unanimously adopted.

XXI. 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) *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; (8) Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and (9) Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al. v. Southern California Edison.*

No closed session was held.

XXII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson