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

February 1, 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 February 1, 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; James Latham, Acting Chief Ranger; Tim Miller, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Amy Lethbridge, Chief Executive Officer; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Cara Meyer, Chief of Urban Projects; Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs; Sheryl Lewanda, Assistant Financial Officer, and Chris Trumpy, Acting 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 January 4, 2017 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of January 4, 2017 were adopted as submitted.

VI. Reports from staff.

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief of Construction; Acting Chief Ranger; Chief Staff Counsel; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Chief Executive Officer; Chief of Interpretation, 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 December 23, 2016 to January 19, 2017.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Caltech Labs, Inc. for geotechnical services for the Compton Creek Natural Park at Washington Elementary, Phase 2 project.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution amending the contract with AHBE Landscape Architects for Mission Canyon Trailhead.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing transfer of approximately 9.06 acres, APN 619-0-110-045, Simi Valley, Ventura County, California, to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 1 grant to acquire APN 2052-013-040, approximately 5 acres, Liberty Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 1 grant to acquire APN 5562-006-020, Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to Tree People to collaborate on habitat mitigation installation and maintenance.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of approximately 5 acres, APN 4464-020=055, Bulldog Motorway vicinity, Los Angeles County.**

Items VI(c), VI(e), and VI(f) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 17-18; 17-19; 17-21; 17-24, and 17-25 were unanimously adopted.

VI(c). Consideration of resolution amending the contract with AHBE Landscape Architects for Mission Canyon Trailhead.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson.

Comments were made by the Chief of Urban Planning.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-20 was unanimously adopted.

VI(e). Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 1 grant to acquire APN 2052-013-040, approximately 5 acres, Liberty Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-22 was unanimously adopted.

VI(f). Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 1 grant to acquire APN 5562-006-020, Laurel Canyon, 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. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-23 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with T2 Systems Canada, Inc. for Corral Canyon Park parking pay station.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Acting Chief Ranger, the Executive Officer, and the Chief of Construction.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-26 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with the City of Palos Verdes Estates for Ranger Patrol Services.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Acting Chief Ranger.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and the Executive Officer.

Comments were made the Acting Chief Ranger and Assistant Financial Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-27 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution adopting an Outreach and Advertising Policy for contracts and establishing a target participation rate for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Urban Planning.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-28 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Chapter 8 Agreement with Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector to acquire parcels removed from the 2016B public auction.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer and Peterson and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Acting Board Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-29 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 4472-030-005, 4472-030-006, 4472-024-017, and 4472-024-018, comprising approximately 61 acres of property in the proximity of Decker Canyon Road, Malibu.

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer, Mr. Hasenauer, and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-30 was unanimously adopted as amended.

XII. Waiver of second reading and 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.

Comments were made by Ms. Jeanette Hynson, representing SCI Consultion.

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

XIII. Waiver of second reading and consideration of ordinance levying special taxes within Community Facilities District No. 2016-2 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection).

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

XIV. 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 (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) 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; (9) Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al. v. Southern California Edison; (10) Compean v. Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conser., et al., and (11) Cruz v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*

The Chairperson convened the closed session at 3:40 p.m. and announced that the following items would be discussed: (10) *Compean v. Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conser., et al., and (11) Cruz v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 3:45 p.m. and announced that the following items were discussed: (10) *Compean v. Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conser., et al., and (11) Cruz v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*

XV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on March 1, 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson