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

March 22, 2017

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 the following locations:

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

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Larry Peterson (at CRPD); Jim Hasenauer (at KGR); Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson (at KGR), and George Lange, Chairperson (at CRPD). A quorum was present.

Staff Present: Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Tim Miller, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Ana Straabe, Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division; Melissa Smith, Associate Government Program Analyst; Leigh Adams, Administrative Assistant to the Fire Division, 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 authorizing a contract amendment with Hardy & Harper, Inc. for asphalt paving for the Joughin Ranch Improvements.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division and the Assistant Deputy Executive Office of Construction.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-44 was unanimously adopted.

V. Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter of support to the City of Los Angeles for the Los Angeles River North Atwater Multimodal Bridge project.

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-45 was unanimously adopted.

VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant augmentation request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, SMM-50-1525, for the Joughin Ranch Improvements.

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

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenaur, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-46 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funds from California State Parks for the Community Liaison Pilot Project.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Administrative Assistant to the Fire Division.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Administrative Assistant to the Fire Division.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-47 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Pan American for fuel modification on MRCA land at Beverly Glen Surplus/ Totten property in the amount of \$59,000.00 for the protection and restoration of natural and developed resources by removal of invasive plant species, reduction of hazardous fire- fuelloads, and erosion protection.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Administrative Assistant to the Fire Division.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Administrative Assistant to the Fire Division.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-48 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Aztecs Rising for fuel modification on MRCA land at Benedict Canyon, Parma Property, Thrasher property and York Durand property in the amount totaling \$19,700.00 for the protection and restoration of natural and developed resources by removal of invasive plant species, reduction of hazardous fire- fuelloads, and erosion protection.

This item was removed from the agenda.

- X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Outlook Zone INC. for fuel modification on MRCA land at Trebeck Open Space in the amount of \$21,990.00 for the protection and restoration of natural and developed resources by removal of invasive plant species, reduction of hazardous fire-fuelloads, and erosion protection.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Pepo Weed Abatement INC. for fuel modification on MRCA land at Westridge Canyon/ Mandeville Canyon in the amount of \$48,500.00 for the protection and restoration of natural and developed resources by removal of invasive plant species, reduction of hazardous fire- fuelloads, and erosion protection.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Administrative Assistant to the Fire Division.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-51 was unanimously adopted.

- XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Aztecs Rising, for fuel modification on MRCA land at Hilton Open Space in the amount of \$4,500.00 for the protection and restoration of natural and developed resources by removal of invasive plant species, reduction of hazardous fire- fuelloads, and erosion protection.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- XIII. 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) *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.*

No closed session was held.

XIV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on April 5, 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson