



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

**May 3, 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 May 3, 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; Walt Young, Chief of Operations; Cara Meyer, Deputy Executive Officer; Tim Miller, Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Melissa Smith, Assistant Government Program Analyst; Sheryl Lewanda, Assistant Financial Officer, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

**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 April 5, 2017 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of April 5, 2017 were adopted as submitted.

**V. Reports from staff.**

The Authority received oral reports from the Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Chief of Operations; Chief Staff Counsel; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Deputy Executive Officer; Assistant Financial Officer, and Mr. Joe Caves (via teleconference).

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of March 17, 2017 to April 13, 2017.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Sonsray Machinery, LLC for purchase of a 4WD skip loader.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Diamond A Equipment of Oxnard for purchase of a 4WD farm-style tractor.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with JCB of Southern California, a division of Yale/Chase Equipment and Services, Inc. for purchase of a mini-excavator.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Eberhard Equipment for purchase of a mid-sized excavator.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Danny Letner Inc. DBA/ Letner Roofing Co. for King Gillette Ranch roofing.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract amendment with Salix Development, Inc. for construction of the Lopez Canyon Park Improvement project.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant augmentation request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, SMM-84-1531, for the Wilacre Park Improvements.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of APN 2386-030-033, approximately 0.18 acres, adjacent to Dixie Canyon Park in Dixie Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of legal services contract with Joseph Caves and Associates.**

Items VI(h) and VI(i) were removed from the consent calendar.  
On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 17-66; 17-67; 17-68; 17-69; 17-70; 17-71; 17-72, and 17-75 were unanimously adopted.

**VI(h). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant augmentation request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, SMM-84-1531, for the Wilacre Park Improvements.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer and the Deputy Executive Officer of Constructions.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-73 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(i). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of APN 2386-030-033, approximately 0.18 acres, adjacent to Dixie Canyon Park in Dixie 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. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-74 was unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Community Facilities District No.1 funds, Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation funds, Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, and restricted donation funds, to acquire properties in the Hollywood Hills, Malibu Coastal Zone, and Santa Clarita Valley, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2017C sealed bid auction.**

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

Comments were made by the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-76 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing payment of fee to Ventura County Public Works in the amount of \$35,000 for processing transfer of a Carlisle Road paper street alignment for trail purposes.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of a multipurpose easement for habitat restoration, environmental remediation, public access, recreation, and open space purposes from the City of Los Angeles over an approximately 12.5 acre portion of APN 5442-002-823, owned by the City of Los Angeles, located adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park.**

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

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Cahir.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-77 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a grant agreement with the California Wildlife Conservation Board to provide funding for the acquisition of a multipurpose easement over an approximately 12.5 acre portion of APN 5442-002-823, owned by the City of Los Angeles, located adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park.**

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

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

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-78 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. 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.***

No closed session was held.

**XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on June 7, 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

George Lange  
Chairperson