



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

**June 7, 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 2:10 p.m., on June 7, 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: Jim Hasenauer, Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Larry Peterson.

Staff Present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, FAICP, Hon, ASLA; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel (via teleconference); Oscar Victoria, Staff Counsel; Spencer Aldred, Staff Counsel; Ken Nelson, Chief of the Fire Division; Cara Meyer, Deputy Director of Park Development; Melissa Smith, Associate Government Program Analyst; Walt Young, Chief of Operations; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Chad Christensen, Project Analyst; Chris Trumpy, Project Analyst; Garrett Weinstein, Project Analyst, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

The following members of the public addressed the Authority:

Rick Denman, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

**IV. Approval of minutes.**

The minutes of May 3, 2017 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of May 3, 2017 were adopted as submitted.

**V. Reports from staff.**

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief of the Fire Division; the Chief of Operations; Staff Counsel, Deputy Director of Urban Planning; Chris Trumpy, Project Analyst; the Associate Government Program Analyst, 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 April 14, 2017 to May 18, 2017.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for administrative services through fiscal year 2017-2018.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for upgrades and administration of the LAMountains.com website.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a contract with the California State Department of Parks and Recreation for fuel modification services.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution amending the contract with Romtec, Inc. for pre-engineered restroom and storage structures for Wilacre Park Improvements.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with IEC Group, Inc. for environmental services for the Mission Canyon Trailhead.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement(s), approximately 2 acres total, on portions of APN 2274-021-028 (3460 and 3490 Beverly Glen Boulevard), in Beverly Glen Canyon and Mulholland Scenic Corridor, City of Los Angeles.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Senna Tree Company for tree planting at King Gillette Ranch.**

- (i) Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments under Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways Code for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments under Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways Code for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2017-2018 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (l) Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2017-2018 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (m) Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (n) Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (o) Consideration of resolution authorizing contract for legal services with Joe Caves and Associates.**
- (p) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of offers to dedicate fee title and public access easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. A-4-OXN-00-172 (SunCal) and A-4-OXN-0-249 (Baruck), city of Oxnard, Ventura County.**
- (q) Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds to acquire fee simple interest in, or conservation easement over, approximately 60 acres of land, APNs**

**4461-005-009 and 4461-006-019, in Solstice Canyon, unincorporated Malibu area.**

- (r) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of an undivided 50 percent interest, or full interest, in approximately 5 acres of land, APN 2017-010-008, in Dayton Canyon, Simi Hills, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (s) Consideration of resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Audubon Society for adoption of portions of the Los Angeles River Greenway, Los Angeles.**

Items VI(d); VI(e); VI(f); VI(h); VI(m); VI(o); VI(p), and VI(s) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 17-80; 17-81; 17-82; 17-86; 17-88; 17-89; 17-90; 17-91; 17-93; 17-96, and 17-97 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(d). Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a contract with the California State Department of Parks and Recreation for fuel modification services.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Associate Government Program Analyst.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-83 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(e). Consideration of resolution amending the contract with Romtec, Inc. for pre-engineered restroom and storage structures for Wilacre Park Improvements.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Urban Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-84 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(f). Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with IEC Group, Inc. for environmental services for the Mission Canyon Trailhead.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel and the Deputy Director of Urban Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-85 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(h). Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Senna Tree Company for tree planting at King Gillette Ranch.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Urban Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-97 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(m). Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-92 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(o). Consideration of resolution authorizing contract for legal services with Joe Caves and Associates.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-94 was unanimously adopted.

- VI(p). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of offers to dedicate fee title and public access easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. A-4-OXN-00-172 (SunCal) and A-4-OXN-0-249 (Baruck), city of Oxnard, Ventura County.**

This item was postponed to a later date.

- VI(s). Consideration of resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Audubon Society for adoption of portions of the Los Angeles River Greenway, Los Angeles.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Urban Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-98 was unanimously adopted.

- VII. Consideration of resolution approving the Preliminary Budget for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.**

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-99 was unanimously adopted.

- VIII. Consideration of resolution (a) authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over APNs 2826-020-025, 026 and 029, approximately 45-acres, and (b) acceptance of easement monitoring funding, Pico Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-100 was unanimously adopted.

- IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 for the acquisition of APNs**

**4460-014-008, 010, and 011 totaling approximately 2.83 acres and authorizing the acquisition of said parcels in Escondido Canyon, City of Malibu.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-101 was unanimously adopted.

- X. Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) opposition to eliminating, shrinking, or removing protections for San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, (b) support for San Gabriel Mountains Forever, and (c) support to advocate and seek legislation that protects the existing San Gabriel Mountains National Monument from being eliminated.**

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

Comments were made by Mr. Hasenauer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-102 was unanimously adopted.

- XI. Consideration of resolution approving the use of an investment value appraisal for the acquisition of APN 2052-013-040 in the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-103 was unanimously adopted.

- XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 84 grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Mulholland Scenic Corridor project planning and design services, City of Los Angeles.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Project Analyst.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-104 was unanimously adopted.

**XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of offers to dedicate trail easements and open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. 5-89-1227 (Cavalleri), 5-89-025 (Andrews), 5-90-327 (Javid), 5-90-685 (Pascotto), 5-88-273 (Kanan Properties), P-81-7701 (Western Estates), 5-81-011 (Jack Martin, Co.), 5-90-846 (Askew/Dix), 5-91-095 (Raphael, Gabriel), 5-89-216 (Zumirez Malibu Partnership), 5-90-058 (Williams), and 5-91-755 (Preferred Financial), city of Malibu, county of Los Angeles.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-105 was unanimously adopted.

**XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing option payments for the acquisition of Stickleback Ranch, APNs 3210-009-013 and 014, Soledad Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-106 was unanimously adopted.

**XV. 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) *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; (3) Prop “A” Protective Association, LLC v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al., Case No. BS 145771 and related cases; (4) 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; (5) Denman, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; (6) Geffen v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; (7) Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy;(8) Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al. v. Southern California Edison, and (9) Fishback v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.***

**Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95: Conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Debra Olson.**

**Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): Number of Cases - 1.**

The Chairperson convened the closed session at 3:55 p.m. and announced the following item would be discussed: Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95: Conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Debra Olson.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 4:04 p.m. and announced that directions had been given to staff.

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

George Lange  
Chairperson