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

July 5, 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 July 5, 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: Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; 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:

Elizabeth Stephens, member of the public, on item XII.

IV. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of June 7, 2017 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of June 7, 2017 were adopted as submitted.

V. Reports from staff.

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief of the Fire Division; the Chief Ranger; the Chief of Operations; Chief Staff Counsel; 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 May 19, 2017 through June 15, 2017.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of the professional services contract with BlueGreen Consulting for the Caballero Creek Park project.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a project agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the acquisition of APNs 3243-013-009, 012, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017, 065, and 3243-018-007 totaling approximately 406 acres, located in the Lake Hughes area.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution confirming amended assessments and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution confirming amended assessments and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution adopting Engineer's Report, confirming the annual levy of maintenance assessment for fiscal year 2017-2018 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution adopting Engineer's Report, confirming the annual levy of maintenance assessment for fiscal year 2017-2018 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**

- (h) **Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 for open space protection and fire prevention within Community Facilities District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (i) **Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 for open space protection and fire prevention within Community Facilities District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (j) **Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 within Community Facilities District No. 2015-1 (Sterling West Hills), Dayton Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**
- (k) **Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 for wildlife corridor & open space protection and fire prevention within Community Facilities District No. 2016-1, Los Angeles.**
- (l) **Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 for wildlife corridor & open space protection and fire prevention within Community Facilities District No. 2016-2, Los Angeles.**

Items V(b) and V(c) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 17-107; 17-110; 17-111; 17-112; 17-113; 17-114; 17-115; 17-116; 17-117, and 17-118 were unanimously adopted.

VI(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of the professional services contract with BlueGreen Consulting for the Caballero Creek Park project.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Urban Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-108 was unanimously adopted.

VI(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a project agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space

District for the acquisition of APNs 3243-013-009, 012, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017, 065, and 3243-018-007 totaling approximately 406 acres, located in the Lake Hughes area.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-109 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution adopting FY 17/18 MRCA Workprogram.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-119 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 50 and Proposition 84 funds for updates to the Malibu Beaches Mobile Application.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-120 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Environmental License Plate Funds for the Naturalist Explorer Program.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-121 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2 funds to acquire all or part of APNs 2176-026-902 and 2176-026-904 from the City of Los Angeles as the assignee of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Tarzana area.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-122 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a dedication of approximately 6- acres in Little Las Flores Canyon, APNs 4448-007-058 and 4448-007-060, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-123 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 17-101 to authorize entering into an option agreement for the acquisition of APNs 4460-014-008, 010, and 011, Malibu.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-124 was unanimously adopted.

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: 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.

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (1 case) against GSV Sustainability Partners, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“GSVSP”), and SP Holdco LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

The Chairperson convened the closed session at 3:55 p.m. and announced the following item would be discussed: *Denman, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Fishback v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): Number of Cases - 1.*

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

XIV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on a date to be determined at a later time.

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