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

July 26, 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); Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson (at KGR), and George Lange, Chairperson (at CRPD). A quorum was present. The following members was absent: Jim Hasenauer.

Staff Present: Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Cara Meyer, Deputy Executive Officer; Melissa Smith, Chief Administrative Officer; Basem Mossaad, Deputy Financial Officer; 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 July 5, 2017 were submitted for approval.

V. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of June 16, 2017 through July 13, 2017.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing staff to register/vest and purchase properties through www.bid4assets.com for the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector 2017B online public auction.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of mitigation funds to acquire properties in the Los Angeles River, Malibu Creek, Antelope Valley, and Santa Clara River watersheds, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2017B online public auction.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund to acquire properties in the Santa Monica Mountains coastal zone, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2017B online public auction.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Community Facilities District Numbers 1 , 2016-1, and private funds to acquire properties in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains/Hollywood Hills area, City of Los Angeles, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2017B online public auction.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Community Facilities District Numbers 2, 2016-2, and private funds to acquire properties in Woodland Hills, Encino, and Tarzana areas, City of Los Angeles at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2017B online public auction.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from SMM-84-1648 to acquire properties in the South Pasadena and Northeast Los Angeles Hilltops areas, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2017B online public auction.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution combining and ordering collection of special taxes for Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 with Community Facilities District No. 1.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution combining and ordering collection of special taxes for Community Facilities District No. 2016-2 with**

Community Facilities District No. 2.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 17-124; 17-125; 17-126; 17-127; 17-128; 17-129; 17-130; 17-131, and 17-132 were unanimously adopted.

VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing approval of MRCA FY 17/18 Final Budget.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Deputy Financial Officer, the Chief Deputy Executive Officer, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-133 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution accepting donation of approximately 217 acres in the Acton area; APN's 3323-013-002; -017, -023, -048, -049, -052; and -053; and a possible additional 17.5 acres APN's 3223-013-041 and 3223-014-020, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-134 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 2058-008-023 (Ballard Mountain parcel) totaling approximately 40 acres using Proposition A funds in Lobo Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-135 was unanimously adopted.

- IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a purchase and sale and option agreement for the 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 9.28 acre portion of APN 5442-002-823 and for an option to purchase a multipurpose easement over an additional 3.22 acres of the subject property, 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 the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-136 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 9.28 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.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-137 was unanimously adopted.

- XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to provide Proposition 1 funding for the acquisition of a multipurpose easement over a 3.22 acre portion of APN 5442-002-823, owned by the City of Los Angeles, located adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park, and for project planning and design of public access improvements on the property.**

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-138 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for Project Planning and Design for the Reseda Park project.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-139 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for vegetation management.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-140 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Propositions 12 and 50 funds for a survey

of physical and structural barriers and development of an accessibility improvement plan.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer and Mr. Daniel.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-141 was unanimously adopted.

XV. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 40 funds for capital improvements at King Gillette Ranch.

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

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-142 was unanimously adopted.

XVI. Consideration of resolution adopting a Youth Employment Plan for the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for grant agreement number 58A1-16-2558.

This item was removed from the agenda.

XVII. 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.

No closed session was held.

XVIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel, the Chairperson, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m. in memory of Christie Logan.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson