



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

**September 6, 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 September 6, 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; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Oscar Victoria, Staff Counsel; Spencer Aldred, Staff Counsel; Melissa Smith, Chief Administrative Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Cara Meyer, Deputy Executive Officer; Tim Miller, Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Sheryl Lewanda, Chief Deputy Financial Officer; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer; Luke McJimpson, Acting Chief Ranger; Stephanie Sharpe, Executive Secretary, 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:

- Eric Edmunds, member of the public.
- Patricia Bell Hearst, member of the public.
- John Binder, representing Upper Mandeville Canyon Homeowners Association.
- Teri Redman Kahn, representing Mandevill Canyon Homeowners Association.
- Wendy-Sue Rosen, representing Canyon Back Alliance.

Tom Freeman, representing Canyon Back Alliance.  
Michael Leslie, representing Brentwood Hills Homeowners Association.  
Lois Becker, member of the public.

Comments were made by the Chairperson, the Executive Officer, and Mr. Hasenauer.

#### **IV. Approval of minutes.**

The minutes of September 26, 2017 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 26, 2017 were adopted as submitted.

#### **V. Reports from staff.**

The Authority received oral reports from the Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; the Acting Chief Ranger; the Chief Staff Counsel; the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Deputy Executive Officer of Park Development; the Deputy Executive Officer of Outreach and Engagement; the Chief Administrative Officer, and the Chief Deputy Financial Officer.

Comments were made by the Chairperson.

#### **VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of July 14, 2017 through August 17, 2017.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a coastal access easement over a portion of the property located at 22548 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract augmentation with Hardy & Harper, Inc. for asphalt paving at Wilacre Park.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of APN 5763-002-013 from the Sierra Madre Mountain Conservancy, a less than one acre parcel near Mt. Wilson Trail, Sierra Madre.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 17-143 through 17-146 were unanimously adopted.

**VII. Report on the participation rate of disadvantaged businesses in contracts during fiscal year 2016-2017.**

The Authority received an oral report from the Deputy Executive Officer of Park Development.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer, Daniel, and Peterson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Park Development.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing contracts for on-call professional services to Ninyo and Moore, Guida Surveying, VCA Engineering, and SCST, Inc.**

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer, Daniel, and Peterson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Park Development.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-147 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funds for Franklin/Ivar Park improvements.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-148 was unanimously adopted.

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

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

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Park Development.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-149 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funds for Escondido Canyon Parking Lot and Trail Improvements Project Planning and Design.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-150 was unanimously adopted.

**XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for Los Angeles River Community Access planning.**

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Peterson.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-151 was unanimously adopted.

**XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Friends of the Los Angeles River for Community Outreach and Engagement.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Executive Officer of Outreach and Engagement.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Outreach and Engagement.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-152 was unanimously adopted.

**XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of the judgement lien held by the California Coastal Commission against the real property of approximately 46 acres at 2100 McReynolds Road in the Santa Monica Mountains, unincorporated Los Angeles County, APNs 4464-024-020; 4464-024-022; 4464-024-023; 4464-024-024; and 4465-006-054.**

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson and Mr. Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-153 was unanimously adopted.

**XV. Consideration of resolution supporting AB 250.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-154 was unanimously adopted.

**XVI. Consideration of resolution authorizing: (1) entering into an agreement with the City of Los Angeles regarding acceptance of approximately 1.80 acres composed of APNs 5565-030-005, 5565-030-008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 5565-030-022, 023, and 032, and (2) acceptance of those APNs from the private landowners, Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-155 was unanimously adopted.

**XVII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of APNs 4464-025-006, 007, 008, 009; and 4464-026-007, totaling approximately 57 acres, in upper Zuma Canyon watershed, Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.**

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer and Mr. Daniel.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-156 was unanimously adopted.

**XVIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APN 5571-032-020 in the Nichols Canyon watershed, City of Los Angeles.**

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

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-157 was unanimously adopted.

**XIX. 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.***

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) related to proposed development on portions of APNs 4490-024-014, 4493-014-016, 4493-014-024, 4493-014-029, and 4493-035-001 in the Mandeville, Bundy, and Sepulveda Canyon areas of Los Angeles over which MRCA holds open space and trail easements: Case name: ***Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Monteverde, LLC, Berggruen Institute, et al.***

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95: Conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimants: Kenneth Brian Rosentreter and Lesa Rosentreter individually and as trustees of the Kenneth Brian Rosentreter and Lesa Rosentreter Revocable Trust.

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

The Chairperson convened a closed session at 4:13 p.m.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 5:09 p.m. and announced that directions were given to staff.

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on October 4, 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange  
Chairperson