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

October 4, 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 October 4, 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; Spencer Aldred, Staff Counsel; Melissa Smith, Chief Administrative Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Tim Miller, Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Sheryl Lewanda, Chief Deputy Financial Officer; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer; Basem Mosaad, Deputy Financial Officer, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

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.
Elizabeth Stephens, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

IV. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of September 6, 2017 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 6, 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 Staff Counsel; the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; the Chief Administrative Officer; the Deputy Executive Officer of Construction, and the Chief Deputy Financial Officer.

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of August 18, 2017 through September 14, 2017.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of APNs 3209-008-012, 013 and 016 (approximately 33-acres) and maintenance funding from the Trust for Public Land, Soledad Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing the ability to register/vest and purchase properties at the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector 2017A public auction.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing the creation of an Auction Trust Account with the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collectors office to purchase parcels at the 2017A public auction.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of mitigation funds, private donation funds, and other agency funds, to acquire properties in the Los Angeles River, coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Mountains, Antelope Valley, and Santa Clara River watersheds, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2017A public auction.**
- (f) 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 2017A public auction.**

- (g) **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 2017A public auction.**
- (h) **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 2017A public auction.**
- (i) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund fees to acquire properties in the Santa Monica Mountains coastal zone, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2017A public auction.**
- (j) **Consideration of a resolution approving and adopting the updated MRCA Salary Schedule.**
- (k) **Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a professional services contract with the Las Virgenes Unified School District for outdoor education camp at King Gillette Ranch, Calabasas.**

Item VI(b) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 17-158; 17-160; 17-161; 17-162; 17-163; 17-164; 17-165; 17-166; 17-167, and 17-168 was unanimously adopted.

VI(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of APNs 3209-008-012, 013 and 016 (approximately 33-acres) and maintenance funding from the Trust for Public Land, Soledad Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-159 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Presentation of Annual Audit Report.

The Authority received an oral report from Mr. Bin Zeng, representing Moss, Levy, & Hartzheim.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by Mr. Zeng and the Chief Deputy Financial Officer.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of quitclaim deed for property located off of Pacific Coast Highway, in the City of Santa Monica and in Los Angeles County from Access for All.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-169 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution supporting AB 1558.

This item was removed from the agenda.

X. 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 (10). (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; (9) Fishback v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and (10) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. GSV Sustainability Partners, Inc.

No closed session was held.

XI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on November 1, 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson