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

November 1, 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 2:01 p.m., on November 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; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Tim Miller, Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Sheryl Lewanda, Chief Deputy Financial Officer; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Cara Meyer, Chief of Urban Parks, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

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 October 4, 2017 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of October 4, 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 September 15, 2017 through October 12, 2017.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) the acceptance of funds from the National Wildlife Federation for the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing; (b) entering into agreements with, and accepting funds from, other public agencies and non-profit organizations, and (c) entering into agreements with the California Department of Transportation and other entities for dispersal of funds to the project.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of public access easements from the State Coastal Conservancy at 20802 Pacific Coast Highway, and 27348 and 27400 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing task agreement with National Park Service for Youth Training and Work Experience through Habitat Restoration at Peter Strauss Ranch Project.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing Community Nature Connection as the Project Manager for the Youth Training and Work Experience through Habitat Restoration at Peter Strauss Ranch Project.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing Community Nature Connection as the Project Manager for the Community Liaison Pilot Project Contract with California State Parks.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds to acquire approximately 98 acres (APN 2061-015-005), and (b) acquisition of said parcel, City of Agoura Hills.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of Proposition A funds to acquire APN 2581-003-001 (approximately 20 acres), Wilson Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston**

and Howard Bannister. Under consideration: price and terms. (This matter may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.)

- (i) Consideration of resolution approving contract with Sage Communications for improved internet access at Franklin Canyon Park.**

Items VI(b), VI(g), and VI(h) were removed from the consent calendar.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 17-171; 17-173; 17-174; 17-175, and 17-178 were unanimously adopted.

- VI(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) the acceptance of funds from the National Wildlife Federation for the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing; (b) entering into agreements with, and accepting funds from, other public agencies and non-profit organizations, and (c) entering into agreements with the California Department of Transportation and other entities for dispersal of funds to the project.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Urban Parks.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-172 was unanimously adopted.

- VI(g). Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds to acquire approximately 98 acres (APN 2061-015-005), and (b) acquisition of said parcel, City of Agoura Hills.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-176 was unanimously adopted.

- VI(h). Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of Proposition A funds to acquire APN 2581-003-001 (approximately 20 acres), Wilson Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Howard Bannister. Under consideration: price and terms. (This matter may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.)**

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. 17-177 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funds for Corral Parking Lot improvements.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Urban Parks.

Questions were propounded by the Director of Urban Parks and the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-180 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for pond improvements at King Gillette Ranch and Franklin Canyon Park.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Urban Parks.

Comments were made by Mr. Peterson.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Construction.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-181 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant augmentation request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for SMM-12-1561, Ramirez Canyon Improvements.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Urban Parks.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-182 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Los Angeles for the planning, improvement, and operation of the G2 Property 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 Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-183 was unanimously adopted.

- XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) entering into an option purchase agreement for the acquisition of the Triangle Ranch property, APNs 2061-031-019; 2063-005-013; 2063-006-022 & 023; 2063-036-001; (b) entering into a grant agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for acquisition of a portion of the property, and (c) acceptance of a grant from the City of Agoura Hills for the acquisition of a portion of the property, located in the Medea Creek area of unincorporated Los Angeles County.(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to the Government Code § 54956.8. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Sage Live Oak, LLC. . Under consideration: price and terms.)**

This item was heard in closed session.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-184 was unanimously adopted.

- XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds to acquire a portion of the Triangle Ranch property, Medea Creek, 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. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-185 was unanimously adopted.

- XIII. Discussion of potential Community Facilities District for Deerlake Ranch subdivision, Browns and Devil Canyons, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

The Authority received an oral report from the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chief Financial Officer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Peterson, and the Chief of Construction.

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with the City of Los Angeles to provide reimbursement with Community Facilities District (CFD) funds for the City's funding the acquisition of ten Bulwer Drive parcels and the making of payments with CFD No. 1 or CFD 2016-1 funding , Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

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. 17-186 was unanimously adopted.

XV. Consideration of resolution approving contract with SCI Consulting Group for feasibility studies for continued and improved open space acquisition and operations in the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Zone.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Lange, and Mr. Peterson.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-187 was unanimously adopted.

XVI. 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.

The Chairperson announced the closed session at 3:13 p.m. and announced that item XI would be discussed.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 3:22 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to staff.

XVII. 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 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson