



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

**January 3, 2018**

**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 January 3, 2018 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: Jim Hasenauer, Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Larry Peterson.

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 Chris Trumpy, Acting Board Secretary.

**III. Election of Officers.**

On nominated by Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, George Lange was unanimously reelected Chairperson.

On nominated by Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Jim Hasenauer was unanimously elected Vice Chairperson.

**IV. Public Testimony on all agenda items, public comment on matters not on the agenda.**

No members of the public addressed the Authority.

**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 November 17, 2017 to December 21, 2017.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offer to dedicate trail easement associated with Coastal Development Permit No. 4-06-171-A1 (Connolly), Santa Monica Mountains.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution approving fiscal year 2016-17 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 1 (Open Space Protection and Fire Prevention).**
- (d) Consideration of resolution approving fiscal year 2016-17 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 2 (Open Space Protection and Fire Prevention).**
- (e) Consideration of resolution affirming and appointing new member of oversight committee for Community Facilities District No. 1.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution affirming and appointing new member of oversight committee for Community Facilities District No. 2.**

Item VI(f) was removed from the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 18-01; 18-02; 18-03; 18-04, and 18-05 were unanimously adopted.

- VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing 1) entering into a grant agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board; 2) entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District; 3) acceptance of funds from State of California and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; and 4) the approved use of mitigation funds to acquire approximately 111 acres (APNs 2552-001-003, 004, 005, 010 and 011; 2552-002-**

**003, 004, 009, 010, 012, 013, and 014) in Big Tujunga 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. 18-07 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution amending resolution No. 17-187 to authorize additional Community Facilities District funding for ten Bulwer Drive parcels, Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

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

On motion of MR. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-08 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution adopting a Updated Policy on the Use of Wheelchairs and Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices that Allow Access to Individuals with Mobility Disabilities on Trails Owned or Managed by Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-09 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Discussion and possible action relating to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority role regarding a portion of the Plans, Specification, and Engineering for the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Project, Agoura Hills.**

The Authority received an oral report by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

**XI. 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) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Berggruen Institute et al.*; (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.

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on January 3, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. in memory of Sarkis L. Yeramian.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

George Lange  
Chairperson