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

December 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 December 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; 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 November 1, 2017 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of November 1, 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 October 13, 2017 through November 16, 2017.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing vehicle purchase.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of APNs 4371-016-010; 4371-019-013; 4371-032-007; 4380-030-005, Beverly Glen, City of Los Angeles.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of public access easements associated with the existing Escondido Beach Accessway from the State Coastal Conservancy at 27420 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Bionic for engineering and design services for public beach access improvements at 20802 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance from the County of Los Angeles a) a public access easement at 20330 Pacific Coast Highway, b) a public access and viewing easement at 6800 Westward Beach Road, and c) fee transfer of a portion of a new proposed beach access stairway at Malibu Pier, all in the City of Malibu.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offer to dedicate trail easement associated with Coastal Development Permit No. 4-40-110 (Foy), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements and/or open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. 5-83-559 (Burton), 4-93-206 (Stevens), 4-96-167 (Simon T.), 4-94-111 (Laden), 4-97-113 (Eisenstein) and 4-97-073 (Keenan), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**

- (i) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of APNs 4491-004-005 and 4491-005-019, approximately 3-acres, adjacent Westridge Canyonback Wilderness Park in Mandeville Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**
- (j) **Consideration of resolution authorizing:(a) the acquisition of APNs 2381-006-012 and 013 (approximately 3.3 acres) along the San Fernando Valley side of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and (b) acceptance of private funds for option payments and to complete said acquisition, City of Los Angeles.**

Item VI(g) was removed from the agenda.

Items VI(b); VI(c) VI(d); VI(e); VI(f), and VI(j) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 17-189, 17-196, and 17-197 were unanimously adopted.

VI(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing vehicle purchase.

Questions were propounded the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Chief of Construction.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-190 was unanimously adopted.

VI(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of APNs 4371-016-010; 4371-019-013; 4371-032-007; 4380-030-005, Beverly Glen, City of Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-191 was unanimously adopted.

VI(d). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of public access easements associated with the existing Escondido Beach Accessway

from the State Coastal Conservancy at 27420 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.

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. 17-192 was unanimously adopted.

VI(e). Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Bionic for engineering and design services for public beach access improvements at 20802 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.

Questions were propounded the Chairperson.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-193 was unanimously adopted.

VI(f). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance from the County of Los Angeles a) a public access easement at 20330 Pacific Coast Highway, b) a public access and viewing easement at 6800 Westward Beach Road, and c) fee transfer of a portion of a new proposed beach access stairway at Malibu Pier, all in the City of Malibu.

Questions were propounded the Chairperson.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-194 was unanimously adopted

VI(j) Consideration of resolution authorizing:(a) the acquisition of APNs 2381-006-012 and 013 (approximately 3.3 acres) along the San Fernando Valley side of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and (b) acceptance of private funds for option payments and to complete said acquisition, City of Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded the Chairperson.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-198 was unanimously adopted

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 40 funds for Temescal Gateway Park improvements, City of Los Angeles.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-200 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the San Gabriel and the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for River Rangers project planning and design, City of Los Angeles.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-201 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 and Proposition 1 funds for Upper Los Angeles River project planning and design, City of Los Angeles.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-202 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a temporary augmentation of legal services contract with Joseph Caves and Associates.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 17-203 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of approximately 200 acres, APNs 4472-001-016 and 4472-001-013, south of Westlake Village.

This item was removed from the agenda.

XII. 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.*

The Chairperson announced the closed session at 3:05 p.m. and announced that Authority would received a report on all closed session items.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 3:38 p.m. and announced that Authority was given a report on all closed session items.

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 3:38 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson