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

**February 7, 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 2:02 p.m., on February 7, 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: Larry Peterson, Jerome C. Daniel, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Jim Hasenauer, Vice Chairperson.

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; Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs; 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.**

The following member of the public addressed the Authority:

Elizabeth Stephens, member of the public, on item VIII.

**IV. Approval of Minutes.**

No minutes were submitted for approval.

*The agenda was taken out of order and Item XVI was considered next.*

**XVI. 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.

Comments were made by Mr. Caves, representing Joseph Caves and Associates.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, Mr. Caves, and Mr. Peterson.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-41 was unanimously adopted.

**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.

*The agenda was taken out of order and item XIII was considered next.*

**XIII. Consideration of resolution amending contract 030/02 with SCI Consulting Group for administration of the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment Districts No. 1 and 2 for Fiscal Years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Director of Public Affairs.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson.

Comments were made by the Director of Public Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-38 was unanimously adopted.

*The agenda was taken out of order and item IX was considered next.*

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of approximately 20 acres of land, APN 3056-016-030, Acton area, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-34 was unanimously adopted.

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of December 22, 2017 through January 18, 2018.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement over portions of APN 2425-011-001 (3585 Multiview Drive), an approximately 0.8-acre area, in the Mulholland Scenic Corridor to Cahuenga Pass area, City of Los Angeles.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement on APN 2429-004-046, approximately 0.1-acres, in the Mulholland Scenic Corridor, City of Los Angeles.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of a conservation easement to a non-profit entity over APN 5562-006-020 in Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offer to dedicate scenic easement and/or open space easement associated with Coastal Development Permit No. 4-93-206 (Stevens), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Oakridge Landscape, Inc. for tree management at Ramirez Canyon Park.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contact with TELACU Construction Management for Pacoima Wash Greenway-El Dorado Park.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa**

**Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for the Caballero Creek Park project.**

- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) entering into grant agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy; (b) accepting terms and conditions of the subject grant agreement, and (c) designating an authorized representative to negotiate and sign the agreement for Caballero Creek Park project.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract amendment with California Landscape & Design, Inc. for construction of the Milton Green Street project.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract amendment with TELACU Construction Management for construction management services for the Milton Green Street project.**
- (l) Consideration of resolution affirming and appointing new member of oversight committee for Community Facilities District No. 2.**
- (m) Receive and file annual report on findings of the Citizen's Oversight Committee of Community Facility District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2015-16.**
- (n) Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire APN 2061-015-005, approximately 98 acres, in the Liberty Canyon watershed; (b) adopting a youth employment plan, and (c) authorizing the use of mitigation funds for partial acquisition, City of Agoura Hills.**
- (o) Consideration of resolution awarding a contract to Bard Catering for food services related to Outdoor Education Camp at King Gillette Ranch.**
- (p) Consideration of resolution assigning operations and funding of the outdoor education camp at King Gillette Ranch to Community Nature Connection per the reciprocal services agreement.**
- (q) Consideration of resolution assigning operations and funding of William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom programs to Community Nature Connection per the reciprocal services agreement.**

- (r) **Consideration of resolution assigning operations and funding of the National Park Service Youth Training and Work Experience Restoration program at Peter Strauss Ranch to Community Nature Connection per the reciprocal services agreement.**
- (s) **Consideration of resolution assigning operations and funding of the Pilot camping program at Puerco Canyon to Community Nature Connection per the reciprocal services agreement.**
- (t) **Consideration of resolution assigning donation for updating of interpretive exhibits at the William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom Nature Center to Community Nature Connection.**
- (u) **Consideration of resolution authorizing purchase of replacement vehicle.**
- (v) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of portions of APNs 2384-013-023 and 024 (3619 and 3623 Goodland Drive), approximately 0.4 acres, in the Mulholland Scenic Corridor and Coldwater Canyon watershed, City of Los Angeles.**

Items VI(l); VI(j); VI(s), and VI(t) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 18-10; 18-11; 18-12; 18-13; 18-14; 18-15; 18-16; 18-19; 18-20; 18-21; 18-22; 18-23; 18-24; 18-25; 18-26; 18-29, and 18-30 were unanimously adopted.

**VI(l). Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) entering into grant agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy; (b) accepting terms and conditions of the subject grant agreement, and (c) designating an authorized representative to negotiate and sign the agreement for Caballero Creek Park project.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made the Deputy Executive Officer of Urban Parks.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-17 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(j). Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract amendment with**

**California Landscape & Design, Inc. for construction of the Milton Green Street project.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

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

**VI(s). Consideration of resolution assigning operations and funding of the Pilot camping program at Puerco Canyon to Community Nature Connection per the reciprocal services agreement.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Interpretation.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-27 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(t). Consideration of resolution assigning donation for updating of interpretive exhibits at the William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom Nature Center to Community Nature Connection.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Interpretation.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-28 was unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for Planning for Los Angeles River and Regional Community Engagement.**

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-32 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funds for the Via Escondido Public Access Improvements.**

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-33 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Request for Proposals for potential uses, including community benefits, of the approximately 27,000-square foot industrial building located at 2960 Marsh Street, City of Los Angeles.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-35 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of adoption of a Resolution of Necessity for the Acquisition in Eminent Domain of Certain Real Property for Public Purposes, namely the property identified as Los Angeles County Assessor's Parcel No. 2064-006-001.**

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-36 was unanimously adopted.

**XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a grant agreement with the California Wildlife Conservation Board to provide funding for the acquisition of a multipurpose easement over an approximately 3.22 acre portion of APN 5442-002-823, owned by the City of Los Angeles, located adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park.**

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

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-39 was unanimously adopted.

**XVII. 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) 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) Fishback v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and (9) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. GSV Sustainability Partners, Inc.**

**Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c): Number of cases - 1.**

The Chairperson commenced the closed session at 3:31 p.m. and announced that the following item would be discussed: Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c): Number of cases - 1.

The Chairperson commenced the open session at 3:53 p.m. and announced that the following item was discussed: Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c): Number of cases - 1.

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on March 7, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston

George Lange

Executive Officer

Chairperson