

# MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## Governing Board Meeting July 2, 2014

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Government Code § 54954 that the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.

### AGENDA

- I. Call to order.
- II. Roll call.
- III. Public Testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.
- IV. Approval of Minutes.
- V. Reports from Staff:
  - (a) Legal;
  - (b) Ranger Services;
  - (c) Fire Division;
  - (d) Natural Resources and Planning;
  - (e) Interpretation;
  - (f) Developed Resources;
  - (g) Construction;
  - (h) Finance.
- VI. Consent Calendar:
  - (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of May 27, 2014 to June 24, 2014.
  - (b) Consideration of resolution confirming amended assessments and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.
  - (c) Consideration of resolution confirming amended assessments and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.

- (d) Consideration of resolution adopting Engineer's Report, confirming the annual levy of maintenance assessment for fiscal year 2014-2015 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.
- (e) Consideration of resolution adopting Engineer's Report, confirming the annual levy of maintenance assessment for fiscal year 2014-2015 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing renewal of professional legal services contract with Joe Caves and Associates.
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 2.69-acre conservation easement and processing funds over portions of APNs 2836-003-010, 017, 018, 019, 2836-002-038, and 047 in Soledad Canyon, Santa Clarita.
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 2.29-acre conservation easement dedication and processing funds over a portion of APN 4455-011-013 in Stokes Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.
- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing a support letter to California Coastal Commission on Los Angeles County Local Implementation Plan No. LCP-4-LAC-14-0109-4 (Santa Monica Mountains Local Implementation Plan).
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a license or easement agreement for the use of APN 4457-005-911 by Earthship Productions, Inc. for ingress and egress over a portion of Puerco Canyon Motorway, unincorporated Los Angeles County.
- (k) Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 40 funds for interpretation of land, air, and water resources, including visitor serving amenities and naturalist led interpretive programs for the public as well as programs specifically designed for disadvantaged youth.
- (l) Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 84 funds for interpretation of the Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds, including visitor serving amenities and naturalist led interpretive programs for the public as well as programs specifically designed for disadvantaged youth.

- (m) Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for open space protection and fire prevention within Community Facilities District No. 1, Los Angeles.
  - (n) Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for open space protection and fire prevention within Community Facilities District No. 2, Los Angeles.
- VII. Public Hearing on the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget.
  - VIII. Public hearing on concerns raised by members of the public regarding the Franklin Ivar Park Project.
  - IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over APN's 500-0-291-455, 500-0-291-475, 637-0-070-340 and maintenance funding, Arroyo Simi, City of Simi Valley.
  - X. Consideration of resolution adopting the 2014 Updated Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.
  - XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of 1.2 acres (APNs: 4221-024-907, 4221-024-908, 4221-024-909, 4221-024-910) from the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority.
  - XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with W & N Luxor Construction, Inc. for construction of Ballona Creek-Milton Street Park.
  - XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Moorpark.
  - XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Audubon Youth Environmental Stewards, a program of the Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society for adoption of portions of the Los Angeles River Greenway, Los Angeles.
  - XV. Consideration of resolution supporting Santa Monica Mountains (Hillside Ordinance Zone) Wildlife Corridor Ordinance (CF 14-0518 Koretz), City of Los Angeles.
  - XVI. Consideration of resolution augmenting legal services agreement with Tim Yaryan, attorney at law, not to exceed an additional \$9,000.

- XVII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and to acquire APN 4434-008-007 AND 4434-001-004 comprised of 37 acres in the Santa Maria and Garapito subwatersheds of Topanga Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.
- XVIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of an approximately 8-acre parcel (APN 4448-029-022) in Las Flores Canyon using Proposition A funds, unincorporated Los Angeles County. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston; Celine Rickards; Michelle Hennesy, and Manon Hennesy Under consideration: price and terms. (*This matter may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54856.8.*)
- XIX. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Social Project Agreement with the County of Los Angeles.
- XX. 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) *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu*, Case No. SC092212 and related actions; (2) *Malibu-Encinal Homeowners Association v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC431798; (3) *Morris v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, Case No. BC448511; (4) *Everett v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC466880; (5) *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, (6) *Friends of the Hastain Trail, et al. v. Coldwater Investments, et al.*, Case No. BC469573; (7) *Prop "A" Protective Association, LLC v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BS 145771 and related cases; (8) *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; (9) *Ball v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC530090, and (10) *Friedman v. King Gillette Ranch, et al.*, Case No. BC540277.

Conference With Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: 1

XXI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

Public comment is welcome on any agenda item and matters not on the agenda. During the meeting, the Governing Board may hold a closed session on any item pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9. Unless otherwise ordered, individuals will be allowed three minutes to speak and representatives and organizations/agencies will be given five minutes. For further information on any agenda item please contact Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer, at (310) 589-3230, extension 112.

Note: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please call James Yeramian at 310-589-3230, extension 118, at least 10 hours prior to the meeting.

Note: The entire agenda package and any meeting related writings or documents provided to a majority of the Board members after distribution of an agenda package, unless exempt from disclosure pursuant to California Law, will be available at the Conejo Recreation and Park District offices, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.