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

April 4, 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 April 4, 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, Jim Hasenauer, 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; Oscar Victoria, Staff Counsel; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; James Latham, Ranger; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Tim Miller, Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Cara Meyer, Deputy Executive Officer of Urban Parks; Sheryl Lewanda, Chief Deputy Financial Officer, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

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

The following member addressed the Authority:

Jess Thomas, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

IV. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of March 16, 2018 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of March 16, 2018 were adopted as submitted.

V. Reports from staff.

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief of the Fire Division; Ranger Latham; Staff Counsel; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Deputy Executive Officer of Urban Parks; Deputy Executive Director of Construction; Chief Deputy Executive Officer, and the Chief Deputy Financial Officer.

Mr. Peterson introduced Paul Friedeborn, as his replacement as designee of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of February 16, 2018 to March 15, 2018.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) acceptance of a conservation easement over approximately 78 acres of APNs 3210-014-024, -026, -033, and 3210-017-063, and (b) acceptance of associated monitoring funds, Bee Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution rejecting all bids for the Ramirez Canyon Park Facility Roof Replacement project.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution adopting an Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) policy.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded Resolution Nos. 18-51; 18-52; 18-53, and 18-54 were unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) acceptance of a conservation easement over approximately 324 acres within the approximately 1500 acres of Runkle Canyon Open Space proposed to be held by the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, and (b) acceptance of associated monitoring funds, Runkle Canyon, Simi Valley.

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

Questions were propounded the Chairperson and Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Mr. Peterson and Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-55 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. 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.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): Conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Janet An.

The Chair convened the closed session at 3:13 p.m and announced the following items would be discussed: *Denman, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; and Conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Janet An.*

The Chair reconvened the open session at 3:29 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to counsel.

IX. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on May 2, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson