



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

**June 6, 2018**

**I. Call to order.**

The special 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 June 6, 2018, at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, 4201 Guardian Street, Simi Valley, CA 93063.

**II. Roll Call.**

The roll was called and the following members were present: Paul Friedeborn, 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.**

The following member of the public addressed the Authority:

Mr. Walter Lamb, member of the public, on item VI(g).

**IV. Approval of minutes.**

The minutes of May 2, 2018 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of May 2, 2018 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 April 13, 2018 to May 17, 2018.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution assigning operations and funding of William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom programs to Community Nature Connection per the reciprocal services agreement.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to Community Nature Connection for programs in support of the reciprocal services agreement.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a professional services contract with the Las Virgenes Unified School District for outdoor education camp at King Gillette Ranch, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (e) 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.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for vegetation management.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Ballona Creek Regional Gateway project, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offer to dedicate trail easement associated with Coastal Development Permit No. 05-143 (Bugbee), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**

- (i) **Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments under Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways Code for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (j) **Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments under Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways Code for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (k) **Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2018-2019 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (l) **Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2018-2019 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (m) **Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (n) **Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**

Items VI(b) and VI(g) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 18-78; 18-80; 18-81; 18-82; 18-83; 18-85; 18-86; 18-87; 18-88; 18-89; 18-90, and 18-91 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(b). Consideration of resolution assigning operations and funding of William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom programs to Community Nature Connection per the reciprocal services agreement.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by Ms. Lethbridge.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-79 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(g). Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Ballona Creek Regional Gateway project, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Straabe.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-84 was unanimously adopted.

**VII. Presentation by Ryan Regalado of Serv Design and Technology of new MRCA.ca.gov website.**

The Authority received an oral presentation by Mr. Regalado.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Mr. Regalado.

**VIII. Consideration resolution authorizing adoption of ordinance levying special taxes within Community Facilities District 2018-1 (Santa Susana Mountains).**

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. 18-92 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution approving the Preliminary Budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Financial Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-93 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for Project Planning and Design for the Sepulveda Basin River Recreation Zone project, City of Los Angeles.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Park Development.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Park Development.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-94 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for project planning and design and improvements to the La Viña open space dedication and public trails adjacent to Millard Canyon, Altadena.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-95 was unanimously adopted.

**XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for funding under Propositions 1, 40, 50, 84, and 68 to acquire portions of the Triangle Ranch property (APNs 2061-031-019; 2063-005-013; 2063-006-022 & 023; 2063-036-001) and to pay the balance of a promissory note utilized to acquire Phase 1 of said acquisition project, Medea Creek, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chairperson.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-96 was unanimously adopted.

**XIII. 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: eleven (11). (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*; (9) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. GSV Sustainability Partners, Inc.*; (10) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Sycamore Park Beach and Tennis Club, et al.*, and (11) *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al.*

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c): Number of cases - 2.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95: conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Jared William Anderson

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

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

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 Chairperson commenced the closed session at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened the open session at 4:12 p.m. Instructions were given to staff on the following items: *Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; *Fishback v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*

*and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Sycamore Park Beach and Tennis Club, et al.; City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al;* Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95: conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Jared William Anderson Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): Conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Marco A. Diaz Gonzalez; Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): Conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Manna Dabholkar; 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.

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on July 11, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

George Lange  
Chairperson