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

August 8, 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 2:06 p.m., on August 8, 2018, at the 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: Paul Friedeborn, 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; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Sheryl Lewanda, Chief Deputy Financial Officer; Tim Miller, Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Ana Straabe, Chief of Park Development; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Maribelle Franco, Chief fo Premier Parks; Basem Mosaad, Financial Officer, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

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

No member of the public addressed the Authority.

IV. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of July 11, 2018 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of July 11, 2018 were adopted as submitted.

V. Reports from staff.

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Chief Ranger; Chief Staff Counsel; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Chief of Park Development; Chief of Premier Parks; 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 June 15, 2018 to July 12, 2018.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing purchase of emergency medical equipment for assignment to agency divisions and at strategic park locations.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with TELACU Construction Management for construction management services for the Caballero Creek Park project, Los Angeles.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of approximately 2.44 acres, APNs 5307-004-016; 5307-007-008; 5307-007-012, El Sereno, City of Los Angeles.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of an approximate 1.5-acre parcel (APN 4490-019-002) using Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Benefit Assessment District No. 2, Area I, funds in Mandeville Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**
- (f) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 2581-013-005 and 2581-012-006 (approximately 7.7 acres) in Lopez and Pacoima Canyons using mitigation funds, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (g) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 4453-027-008 (approximately 2.9 acres) in Carbon Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (h) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 2274-025-033 and 034 (approximately 0.53 acres) using mitigation funds, Sherman Oaks, City of Los Angeles.**

(i) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a lease with Dell Financial Services for agency computer equipment.

Item VI(a); VI(b); VI(c), and VI(f) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 18-124; 18-125; 18-126; 18-127; 18-128, and 18-129 were unanimously adopted.

VI(a). Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of June 15, 2018 to July 12, 2018.

Question were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-124 was unanimously adopted.

VI(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing purchase of emergency medical equipment for assignment to agency divisions and at strategic park locations.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Ranger.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-125 was unanimously adopted.

VI(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with TELACU Construction Management for construction management services for the Caballero Creek Park project, Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Chief of Park Development.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-126 was unanimously adopted.

VI(f). Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 2581-013-005 and 2581-012-006 (approximately 7.7 acres) in Lopez and Pacoima Canyons using mitigation funds, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

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

On motion of Mr. Friedeborn, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-126 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Presentation on the Ballona Creek Regional Gateway project.

The Authority received an oral report from the Chief of Park Development.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Chief of Park Development and Mr. Friedeborn.

VIII. Consideration of resolution approving MRCA Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Staff Counsel, and the Financial Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-130 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of amendments to ordinance regarding park rules and regulations, waiver of first reading, and introduction of "An ordinance of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority establishing park rules and regulations, and prescribing the punishment for violations thereof.

This item was removed from the agenda.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 68 funds for Franklin Canyon Park improvements, Beverly Hills.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Developed Parks.

On motion of Mr. Friedeborn, duly seconded, Resolution No 18-132 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for the Liberty Canyon/Route 101 wildlife crossing.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Friedeborn, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-133 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) entering into an agreement with Snowball West Investments LP to acquire all or portions of APNs 2572-025-006, 2572-021-020 and 2572-021-016; (b) authorizing the acceptance of an open space dedication from Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 69976 on the former Verdugo Hills Golf Course property; and (c) authorizing entering into a Project Agreement for said acquisition with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Friedeborn and the Chairperson.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-134 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of CFD 1, CFD 2016-1, and private funds to acquire five contiguous parcels (APNs 5565-029-011, -012, -013, -014, and -015) comprising approximately 0.64 acres on Bulwer Drive in Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Doug Edgelow. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8).

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

On motion of Mr. Friedeborn, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-135 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. 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.

No closed session was held.

XV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on September 5, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson