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

October 3, 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 October 3, 2018, at the at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.

II. Administration of Oath of Office.

The Executive Officer administered the Oath of Office to Dan Paranick, representing Ranch Simi Recreation and Park District.

III. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Dan Paranick; 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; Sheryl Lewanda, Chief Deputy Financial Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer of Outreach and Engagement; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer of Operations; Tim Miller, Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Oscar Victoria, Staff Counsel; Elena Eger, Special Counsel; Maribelle Franco, Deputy Chief of Developed Resources; Jessica Nguyen, Project Analyst of Coastal Projects; Brian Baldauf, Project Analyst of the Park Development Division, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

No member of the public addressed the Authority.

V. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of September 14, 2018 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 14, 2018 were adopted as submitted.

VI. Reports from staff.

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief of Fire Division; Chief Ranger; Chief Staff Counsel; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Project Analyst of the Park Development Division; Deputy Executive Officer of Outreach and Engagement; Deputy Chief of Developed Resources; the Executive Officer; Deputy Executive Officer of Construction, and the Chief Deputy Financial Officer.

VII. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of August 17, 2018 to September 13, 2018.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of mitigation funds, private donation funds, and other agency funds, to acquire properties in the Los Angeles River watershed, coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Mountains, Antelope Valley, and Santa Clara River watershed, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2018A public auction.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Community Facilities District Numbers 1 , 2016-1, and private funds to acquire properties in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains/Hollywood Hills area, City of Los Angeles, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2018A public auction.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Community Facilities District Numbers 2, 2016-2, and private funds to acquire properties in Woodland Hills, Encino, and Tarzana areas, City of Los Angeles at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2018A public auction.**

- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from SMM-84-1528 and SMM-84-1648 to acquire properties in the Northeast Los Angeles Hilltops areas, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2018A public auction.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund fees to acquire properties in the Santa Monica Mountains coastal zone, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2018A public auction.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A funding for the Calabasas View Acquisition project and adopting a youth employment plan.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements and/or open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. 4-95-173 (MHAB Trust), 5-89-878 (Cariker and Kinzer), 4-98-281(Cariker), 5-90-1136 (Ricciardone), 4-97-138 (Ricciardone) and 4-92-121 (Sahafi/Nikkho), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funds for Pacoima Wash Greenway – El Dorado Park improvements, City of Los Angeles.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 68 funds for Elephant Hill Open Space project, City of Los Angeles.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an Agreement for Services with NorthEast Trees for consultant services for the River Center Water Capture and Other Improvements Project, City of Los Angeles.**
- (l) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of approximately 7.12 acres (APNs 2552-010-020 and 2552-006-014) in Big Tujunga Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

- (m) **Consideration of resolution authorizing granting a conservation easement to Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife over APN 2386-030-900 in Dixie Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**
- (n) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of transfer of APN 5567-018-017 from the Laurel Canyon Land Trust, City of Los Angeles.**
- (o) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of donation of APNs 4461-010-014 and 028 in Latigo Canyon, unincorporated Malibu area.**
- (p) **Consideration of resolution authorizing sale of an approximately 770-square-foot portion of 2826-025-905 and a 5,600-square-foot temporary construction easement to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for I-5 HOV and Truck Lane Project, Gavin Canyon, unincorporated Santa Clarita area.**
- (q) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of donation of fee simple or a conservation easement over APN 5464-011-020 in Elyria Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

Item VII(j) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 18-153; 18-154; 18-155; 18-156; 18-157; 18-158; 18-159; 18-160; 18-161; 18-163; 18-164; 18-165; 18-166; 18-167; 18-168, and 18-169 were unanimously adopted.

VI(j). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 68 funds for Elephant Hill Open Space project, City of Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, the Chairperson, the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, and the Project Analyst of the Park Development Division.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-162 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing joining a National Wildlife Federation coalition regarding the Federal Land Water Conservation Fund.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Hasenauer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-170 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.”

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Staff Counsel; the Chief Staff Counsel, and the Chief Ranger.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, the Ordinance was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 68 grant request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for coastal access camping program in Ramirez Canyon Park, Malibu.

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

Comments were made by the Chief of Interpretation.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson and Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Interpretation.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-172 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant augmentation to Community Nature Connection for expanded outreach and advocacy.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Executive Officer of Outreach and Engagement.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-173 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to Friends of the Los Angeles River for outreach and advocacy.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Executive Officer of Outreach and Engagement.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Outreach and Engagement.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-174 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the Santa Clara River Watershed Proposition 68 Project Planning and Development Grants.

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer and the Chairperson.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-175 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 68 funds for the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing project.

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

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

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-176 was unanimously adopted.

XV. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of fee title of APNs 4456-037-010 and 4456-037-037, totaling approximately 22 acres, pursuant to Consent Cease and Desist Order No. CCC-18-CD-03 and Consent Restoration Order No. CCC-18-RO-02, in the Malibu Creek watershed at 25575 Pioma Road, 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 the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst of Coastal Projects.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-177 was unanimously adopted.

XVI. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 18-148 regarding the acquisition of Lyon's Canyon property, unincorporated Santa Clarita area.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution 18-178 was unanimously adopted.

XVII. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 18-128 regarding APNs 2274-025-033 and 034 in Sherman Oaks, City of Los Angeles. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Atlassi Fariborz. Under consideration: price and terms. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code.)*

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Paranick.

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

On motion of Mr. Paranick, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-179 was unanimously adopted.

XVIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment to memorandum of understanding for reciprocal services with Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

This item was removed from the agenda.

XIX. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering agreement with Malibu Encinal Homeowners Association for improvements to and usage of properties at Lechuza Beach, Malibu.

The Authority received an oral report from Special Counsel and from the Project Analyst for Coastal Projects.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Special Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Special Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-181 was unanimously adopted.

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: six (6). (1) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Berggruen Institute et al.,; (2) Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; (3) Fishback v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; (4) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. GSV Sustainability Partners, Inc.; (5) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Sycamore Park Beach and Tennis Club, et al., and (6) 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: Julianne Grace Weiss.

The Chairperson convened the Closed Session at 4:19 p.m. to discuss the following item: Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95: conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Julianne Grace Weiss.

The Chairperson reconvened the Open Session at 4:25 and announced that instructions were given to staff regarding the following item: Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95: conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Julianne Grace Weiss.

XXI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson