



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

**January 9, 2019**

**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 2:01 p.m., on January 9, 2019 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: Jerome C. Daniel; Jim Hasenauer, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. The following member was absent: Dan Paranick. A quorum was present.

Staff Present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, FAICP, Hon, ASLA (via teleconference); Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer of Outreach and Engagement; Tim Miller, Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Basem Mosaad, Deputy Financial Officer; Cara Meyer, Deputy Executive Officer; Maribelle Franco, Deputy Chief of Developed Resources; Chad Christensen, Project Analyst, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

**III. Election of Officers.**

By nomination of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, George Lange was unanimously re-elected Chairperson of the Authority.

By nomination of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Jim Hasenauer was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairperson.

**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 December 5, 2018 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of December 5, 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; Deputy Executive Officer of Outreach and Engagement; Deputy Chief of Developed Resources; Deputy Executive Officer of Construction, and the Deputy Financial Officer.

**VII. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) **Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of November 16, 2018 to December 13, 2018.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with NUVIS Landscape Architecture for design services for the Confluence Park Phase 2 project, City of Los Angeles.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution confirming the acceptance of donation of approximately 30 acres (APNs 694-0-210-120, 370 and 510), pursuant to Resolution No. 96-52, in Carlisle Canyon of the Santa Monica Mountains in unincorporated Ventura County.**

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 19-01 and 19-02 were unanimously adopted.

**VII(c). Consideration of resolution confirming the acceptance of donation of approximately 30 acres (APNs 694-0-210-120, 370 and 510), pursuant to Resolution No. 96-52, in Carlisle Canyon of the Santa Monica Mountains in unincorporated Ventura County.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and the Project Analyst.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-03 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 68 funds for non-personal interpretation including digital media.**

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-04 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing accepting the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Proposition 1 grant award and entering into an agreement with CDFW to implement the Robin's Nest Fire Recovery and Habitat Restoration Project in Soledad Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Project Analyst.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-05 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution confirming the acceptance of donation of approximately 250 acres (APNs 3244-014-051, 052; 3247-017-025, 029, 055, 058, 060, 078, 090, 092, 093, 094 and 3247-018-034), pursuant to Resolution No. 96-52, in the Marple Canyon tributary of the Santa Clara River, Unincorporated Castaic area, Los Angeles County.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-06 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing sale of an approximately 967-square-foot portion of 2826-025-905 to Southern California Edison in coordination with METRO related to the I-5 HOV and Truck Lane Project, Gavin Canyon, unincorporated Santa Clarita area.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Project Analyst.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-07 was unanimously adopted.

**XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of general funds to Community Partners for the VerdeXchange Conference.**

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

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-08 was unanimously adopted.

**XIII. Consideration of resolution confirming declaration of a local state of emergency and authorizing related emergency procedures in response to the Woolsey Fire, subsequent rainstorms, and related incidents.**

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-09 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: 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.***

**Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9:  
Number of cases – 1**

The Chairperson commenced the Closed Session at 3:30 p.m and announced that the following item would be discussed: Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: Number of cases – 1

The Chairperson reconvened the Open Session at 3:38 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to staff.

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on February 6, 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

George Lange  
Chairperson