



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

December 5, 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 2:01 p.m., on December 5, 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: 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; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; 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; Oscar Victoria, Staff Counsel; Basem Mosaad, Deputy Financial Officer; Cara Meyer, Deputy Executive Officer; Sarah Rascon, Urban River Projects Officer, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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 November 14, 2018 were submitted for approval.

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

V. 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 Deputy Financial Officer.

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of October 19, 2018 to November 15, 2018.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation to provide public safety dispatch services.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution approving fiscal year 2017-18 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 1 (Open Space Protection and Fire Prevention).**
- (d) Consideration of resolution approving fiscal year 2017-18 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 2 (Open Space Protection and Fire Prevention).**
- (e) Consideration of resolution approving fiscal year 2017-18 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection).**
- (f) Consideration of resolution approving fiscal year 2017-18 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 2016-2 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection).**
- (g) Accept and file the fiscal year 2017-18 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 2015-1 (Sterling West Hills).**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing renewal of contract with Cyber Specialists, Inc., for IT services.**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 18-196 through 18-203 were unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 4434-007-018 and 019 (approximately 15 acres) in the Santa Maria Canyon watershed using Proposition A funds and other grant funds, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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. 18-204 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) a deposit payment on the acquisition of APNs 4436-001-035, 036 and 037; (b) the acquisition of said parcels with Proposition A funds, and (c) entering into an option agreement with an option payment to acquire APN 4436-001-034, upper Old Topanga Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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. 18-205 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 1 funds for Temescal Gateway Park safety and restoration improvements, City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer and Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-206 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding and agreements with the County of Los Angeles for information sharing for the Los Angeles River Master Plan.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Urban River Projects Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Urban River Projects Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-207 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a floating conservation easement over approximately 25 acres, APN 4453-013-063; and -064 in Corral Canyon, unincorporated Malibu.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 18-205 was unanimously adopted.

XII. 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.

No closed session was held.

XIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on January 9, 2019.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson