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

March 6, 2019

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 March 6, 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: 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; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Oscar Victoria, Staff Counsel; Cara Meyer, Deputy Executive Officer; Tim Miller, Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Basem Mosaad, Deputy Financial Officer; James Latham, Ranger; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Maribelle Franco, Deputy Chief of Developed Resources, and Chris Trumpy, Acting 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 February 20, 2018 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of February 20, 2018 were adopted as submitted.

V. Reports from staff.

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief of Fire Division; Chief Ranger; Staff Counsel; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Deputy Executive Officer; Deputy Chief of Developed Resources; 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 January 18, 2019 to February 14, 2019.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the construction, operation, and maintenance of two beach access stairways at Malibu Pier, City of Malibu.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution amending the contract with Tetra Tech, Inc. for the development of an Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract extension and augmentation of a professional consulting services contract with Environmental & Energy Consulting (EEC).**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors on the amendments to the General Plan and Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance to establish a Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Overlay Zone, a Critical Wildlife Passage Areas Overlay Zone, and related regulations (PL16-0127).**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing vehicle leases.**

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 19-26; 19-28; 19-29, and 19-30 were unanimously adopted.

- VI(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the construction, operation, and maintenance of two beach access stairways at Malibu Pier, City of Malibu.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Paranick, Mr. Daniel, and the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Paranick, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-27 was unanimously adopted.

VI(f). Consideration of resolution authorizing vehicle leases.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Paranick and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Construction and the Chief of Fire Division.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-31 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution adopting the Negative Declaration and approving the Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project, Lechuza Beach, City of Malibu.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

This item was removed from the agenda.

VIII. Report from staff on emergency actions taken pursuant to Resolution No. 19-09 and consideration of resolution confirming the need for continuing emergency contracting procedures in response to the Woolsey Fire, subsequent rainstorms, and related incidents.

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Mr. Paranick.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-33 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the San Gabriel and the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for Los Angeles River Environmental Flows Study, project planning and design, City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Paranick and Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-34 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for vegetation management, fire prevention and resilience activities.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Mr. Hasenauer; the Executive Officer, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-35 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for grant funds for capital improvements to the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, City of Los Angeles.

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

Comments were made by the Chair; the Chief Deputy Executive Director; the Executive Officer, and the Deputy Executive Officer of Construction.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-36 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) submission of a grant application to, and authorizing entering into a grant agreement with, the California Coastal Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds to acquire lands in Los Alisos Canyon and Lachusa Canyon, and (b) authorizing the acquisition of said lands in the coastal Santa Monica Mountains, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Questions were propounded Mr. Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-37 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the sale of up to 500 square feet of a portion of APN 4379-032-900 and retaining a conservation easement over up to 200 square feet of said portion to resolve encroachment and retaining wall issues with adjacent property owner of 14220 Mulholland Dr., APN 4379-032-006, in the City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer and Paranick.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-38 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing support of Senate Bill 45 (Allen), an act to add Division 46 (commencing with Section 80200) to the Public Resources Code, relating to public resources.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-39 was unanimously adopted.

XV. 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 54956.9(d)(2): Conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Khachatur Khudikyan

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

No closed session was held.

XVI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on April 3, 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson