



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Los Angeles River Center & Gardens
570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Suite 100
Los Angeles, California 90065
Phone (323) 221-9944 Fax (323) 221-9934

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

April 3, 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 2:07 p.m., on April 3, 2019 at the at the MRCA Fire Division Headquarters, 1670 Las Virgenes Canyon Road, Calabasas, CA, 91302

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, Amy Lethrbridge, Deputy Executive Officer of Outreach and Engagement, 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 March 6, 2019 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of March 6, 2019 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 February 15, 2019 to March 14, 2019.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Fehr and Peers, Inc. for the Mission Canyon Park project, Los Angeles.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of the professional services contract with AHBE Landscape Architects for the Mission Canyon Park project, Los Angeles.**

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-40 was unanimously adopted.

VI(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Fehr and Peers, Inc. for the Mission Canyon Park project, Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-41 was unanimously adopted.

VII(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of the professional services contract with AHBE Landscape Architects for the Mission Canyon Park project, Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-42 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Presentation by MRCA Chief of Fire Division.

This item was heard during the Fire Division's Reports from Staff [Item V(a)].

The Authority receiving an oral report by the Chief of the Fire Division.

VIII. Report on enforcement problems at Elephant Hill, El Sereno.

The Authority received a report by Ranger James Latham.

Comments were made by the Chairperson, Mr. Hasenauer, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

IX. 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.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-42 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 68 funds for news exhibits in the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, Franklin Canyon, Los Angeles.

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

Comments were made by the Chairperson and Mr. Paranick.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-43 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding with the City of Los Angeles for the cooperative planning, remediation, and future development of Taylor Yard G2 property owned by the City of Los Angeles and a multipurpose easement over an approximately 12.5

acre portion of APN 5442-002-823, to be acquired by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, located adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-44 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 5580-018-022 and 023 and accepting private funds for said acquisition near Griffith Park, City of Los Angeles.

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

Comments were made by the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-45 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. 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: seven (7). (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.; (6) City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al., and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Southern California Edison.

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

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

The Chairperson convened the closed session at 4:06 p.m. and announced that the following items would be discussed: 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, and Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): Conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Natalie Benson

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 4:25 and announced that instructions were given to staff.

XIV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on May 1, 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson