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

May 1, 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 2:08 p.m., on May 1, 2019 at 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; Jim Hasenauer, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Jerome C. Daniel

Staff Present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, FAICP, Hon; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Sheryl Lewanda, Chief Deputy Financial Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Cara Meyer, Deputy Executive Officer of Urban Projects; Tim Miller, Deputy Executive Officer of Constructions; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; James Latham, Ranger; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Oscar Victoria, Staff Counsel, Jessica Nguyen, Project Analyst for Coastal Projects; Maribelle Franco, Deputy Chief of Developed Resources, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

The following members of the public addressed the Authority:

Kip Cooley, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda
Christine Kantner, representing Silver Lake Heritage Trust, on matters not on the agenda.
Ricky De La Veaga, representing Fellowship Heights, on matters not on the agenda.

IV. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of April 3, 2019 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of April 3, 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 March 15, 2019 to April 11, 2019.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to Oakridge Landscape, Inc. for fuel modification services at Trebek Open Space, City of Los Angeles.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to Outlook Zone, Inc. for fuel modification services at Temescal Gateway Park, City of Los Angeles.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to Outlook Zone, Inc. for fuel modification services at Sepulveda Pass Open Space, City of Los Angeles.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to Pepo Weed Abatement, Inc. for fuel modification services at Beverly Glen Surplus properties, City of Los Angeles.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to Pepo Weed Abatement, Inc. for fuel modification services at Westridge Canyonback Wilderness Park, City of Los Angeles.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution supporting SB 140 (Stern).**

Item VI(g) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 19-47 through 19-52 were unanimously adopted.

VI(g). Consideration of resolution supporting SB 140 (Stern).

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-53 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Annual Audit Report.

The Authority received an oral report from Mr. Bin Zeng, representing Moss Levy & Hartzheim.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Financial Officer.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a technical assistance grant to assist implementation of the Conservancy's Proposition 68 Multidisciplinary Technical Assistance Program.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-54 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of approximately 136 acres from the Trust for Public Land (APNs 4472-005-003, 4472-005-004, 4472-005-010, 4472-006-001, 4472-006-003 and 4472-006-012), Arroyo Sequit watershed, 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 Mr. Hasenauer and the Chairperson

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-55 was unanimously adopted.

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

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst for Coastal Project, Ms. Elena Eger, Special Counsel for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Chief Ranger, and the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19- 56 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) entering into an option agreement for the purchase of 23.71-acre Kanan Dume-Ramirez Canyon property (APNs 4467-002-066, 067 and 068); (b) option payments from SMM-84-0675 and mitigation funds; (c) acceptance of additional public and private funding; (d) the acquisition of said parcels using Proposition A funding, and (e) the acquisition of said parcels, unincorporated Los Angeles County. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Andrew Buss/Elizabeth Blakely for the Smith and Lauber Trusts. Under consideration: terms and price. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 and Section 54956.9 of the Government Code.)

This item was discussed in closed session.

The staff report for this item was presented by Ms. Elena Eger, Special Counsel for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-57 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: 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.

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

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 4:23 p.m. and announced that the following items would be discussed: Item XI and 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 4:44 p.m.

XIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on June 5, 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson