



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

**June 5, 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 June 5, 2019 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; Dan Paranick; 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; 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 Construction; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; James Latham, Ranger; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Angelica Ochoa, 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:

Mr. Lloyd Ahern, member of the public, on item VI(i).

**IV. Approval of minutes.**

The minutes of May 1, 2019 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of May 1, 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 April 12, 2019 to May 16, 2019.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments under Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways Code for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments under Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways Code for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2019-2020 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2019-2020 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (f) **Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**

- (g) Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution confirming the need for continuing emergency contracting procedures pursuant to Resolution No. 19-09 in response to the Woolsey Fire, subsequent rainstorms, and related incidents.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Environmental Science Associates for environmental review and analysis services pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan, City of Malibu.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement over portions of APN 5577-014-009 (3020 Lakeridge Drive), approximately 1.8 acres, in the Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor and adjacent to the Lake Hollywood Reservoir, City of Los Angeles.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services' Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for hazardous fuels reduction at Red Rock Canyon Park, Unincorporated Topanga Canyon.**
- (l) Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services' Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for hazardous fuels reduction at Temescal Gateway Park, City of Los Angeles.**
- (m) Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services' Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for development of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.**
- (n) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of approximately 0.17 acres, APN 5306-006-007, El Sereno, City of Los Angeles.**
- (o) Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Third Supervisorial District Excess Funding for the**

**Mission Canyon Park project, and (b) Adoption of a Youth Employment Plan, City of Los Angeles.**

Items VI(a) and VI(h) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 19-65; 19-66; 19-67; 19-68; 19-69; 19-70; 19-72; 19-73; 19-74; 19-75; 19-76; 19-77, and 19-78 were unanimously adopted.

**VI(a). Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of April 12, 2019 to May 16, 2019.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson and Mr. Paranick.

Comments were made by the Deputy Financial Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-64 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(h). Consideration of resolution confirming the need for continuing emergency contracting procedures pursuant to Resolution No. 19-09 in response to the Woolsey Fire, subsequent rainstorms, and related incidents.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson and the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Urban Projects and the Deputy Executive Officer of Construction.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-71 was unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 84 funds for the development and implementation of the Community Training Institute for the protection and Interpretation of our parks and watersheds.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Paranick, the Chairperson, and Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-79 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of a resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 68 funds for updates and improvements to the Our Malibu Beaches mobile phone application.**

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

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Outreach and Engagement.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-80 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Environment License Plate funds for the Naturalist Explorer Youth Leadership Series.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Paranick.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-81 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of: (a) APNs 1033-151-27 and 1033-171-14 totaling approximately 300 acres; (b) stewardship funding, and (c) future transfer to State Parks, adjacent to Chino Hills State Park, City of Chino Hills.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and Mr. Paranick.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-82 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of donation of approximately 50 acres in the Santa Clarita Woodlands (2826-029-012 through 018 and 020), 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. 19-83 was unanimously adopted.

**XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of an approximately 19-acre conservation easement on APN 4455-027-039, Stokes Canyon, 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. 19-84 was unanimously adopted.

**XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) the acquisition of APNs 4436-023-009, 4436-021-039 and 040 (approximately 42 acres) using mitigation funding, and (b) acceptance of private funds for said acquisition, Topanga Skyline area, unincorporated Los Angeles County. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Tyrone Sisson. Under consideration: price and terms. (This matter may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.)**

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

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-85 was unanimously adopted.

- XIV. Consideration of resolution (a) authorizing acceptance of State Coastal Conservancy's (SCC) Santa Monica Bay Restoration Grant as recommended by the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, (b) entering into a grant agreement with SCC, (c) authorizing acceptance of Los Angeles County's Calabasas Landfill Economic Recovery Account funds, (d) entering into a grant agreement with Los Angeles County Sanitation District, and (e) authorizing acceptance of a private donation to acquire approximately 91 acres (APNs 4453-005-081, -082, -083, -084, -085, -086 and -087) in Carbon Canyon, 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. 19-86 was unanimously adopted.

- XV. Consideration of resolution: (a) authorizing an application to the Wildlife Conservation Board's (WCB) Wildlife Corridor and Fish Passage Program, (b) accepting the WCB grant award, and (c) entering into a grant agreement with WCB to implement the Marple Canyon Wildlife Crossing Enhancement Project in unincorporated Castaic, 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. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-87 was unanimously adopted.

- XVI. Consideration of resolution opposing AB 516 (Chiu).**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Paranick, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-88 was unanimously adopted.

**XVII. Consideration of resolution supporting ACA-1(Aguiar-Curry).**

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-89 was adopted.

Mr. Paranick was noted as abstaining.

**XVIII. 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: five (5). (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., and (5) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Sycamore Park Beach and Tennis Club, 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: Natalie Benson**

No closed session was held.

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

George Lange  
Chairperson