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

November 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 November 6, 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: Irma R. Muñoz; Jim Hasenauer, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Dan Paranick.

Staff Present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, FAICP, Hon; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Basem Mosaad, Deputy Financial Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Cara Meyer, Deputy Executive Officer of Urban Projects; Melissa Smith, Chief, Division of Policy and Legislation; Tim Miller, Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; James Latham, Acting Chief Ranger; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

No members of the public addressed the Authority.

IV. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of October 2, 2019 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of October 2, 2019 were adopted as submitted.

V. Reports from staff.

Comments were made by Ms. Muñoz.

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; Chief Administrative 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 September 13, 2010 to October 27, 2019.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing application to National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for Emergency Coastal Resiliency Fund grant program for Simi Hills Malibu Creek Watershed Oak Woodland Fuel Break Project.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement, approximately 0.10 acres, over portions of APN 2386-001-001 (13441 Mulholland Drive) in the Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor, Dixie Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution amending the contract with Tetra Tech, Inc. for the development of an Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of approximately 2.5 acres, APN 3236-003-003, Fairmont Butte area of Antelope Valley, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (f) **Consideration of resolution approving and adopting the updated MRCA Salary Schedule**
- (g) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for the Hidden Creeks Estates acquisition project, Santa Susana Mountains, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.**

Items VI(d) and VI(e) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 19-159; 19-160; 19-161; 19-164, and 165 was unanimously adopted.

VI(d). Consideration of resolution amending the contract with Tetra Tech, Inc. for the development of an Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Muñoz.

Comments were made by Ms. Rascon.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-162 was unanimously adopted.

VI(e). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of approximately 2.5 acres, APN 3236-003-003, Fairmont Butte area of Antelope Valley, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

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

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-163 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to URJ Camp Newman for reconstruction of youth camps destroyed by the Tubbs Fire, City of Santa Rosa.

This item was postponed to a later date.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Shalom Institute for reconstruction of youth camps destroyed by the Woolsey Fire, County of Los Angeles.

This item was postponed to a later date.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to Wilshire Boulevard Temple for reconstruction of youth camps destroyed by the Woolsey Fire, County of Ventura.

This item was postponed to a later date.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of approximately 75 contiguous acres, APNs 055-0-140-071 (72.61 acres, Ventura County) and 3272-019-015 (2.14 acres, Los Angeles County), San Martinez Grande Canyon area of unincorporated Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

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. 19-169 was unanimously adopted.

XI. 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. Morrison, et al.

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Seciton 54956.9(c). Number of cases: 1

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, the Authority unanimously added Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Seciton 54956.9(c). Number of cases: 1 to the closed session.

The Chairperson convened the closed session at 3:49 p.m.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 4:06 p.m. and announced that directions were given to staff.

XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on December 4, 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson