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

December 4, 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; Elena Eger, Special Counsel; Jessica Nguyen, Project Analyst; 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 November 6, 2019 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of November 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; Chief Administrative Officer; Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; the Deputy Financial Officer, and Special Counsel with the Project Analyst for Coastal Projects.

Item VII was heard next.

VII. Review of 2019 legislative session and discussion of potential legislation for 2020.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Joe Caves.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Vice Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and Mr. Caves.

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of October 18, 2019 to November 14, 2019.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution approving fiscal year 2018-19 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 1 (Open Space Protection and Fire Prevention).**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution approving fiscal year 2018-19 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 2 (Open Space Protection and Fire Prevention).**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution approving fiscal year 2018-19 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection).**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution approving fiscal year 2018-19 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 2016-2 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection).**

- (f) **Accept and file the fiscal year 2018-19 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 2015-1 (Sterling West Hills).**
- (g) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance from the County of Los Angeles of a transfer of a trail easement surrounding Tract No. 40912 located along Meadows Court, City of Malibu.**
- (h) **Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to the professional services contract with Withers & Sandgren, Ltd. for Elysian Valley Gateway Park Improvements, Los Angeles.**
- (i) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Foster Construction for the Robin's Nest Park Restoration Grading & Excavation Project.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 19-170 through 19-178 were unanimously adopted.

VII. Review of 2019 legislative session and discussion of potential legislation for 2020.

This item was heard prior to the Consent Calendar.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with San Marino Roof Co., Inc. for roof replacement at Ramirez Canyon Park, Malibu.

The staff report for this item was present by the Chief of Construction.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Vice Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Construction and the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-179 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing purchase on the open market for skylight replacement at Ramirez Canyon Park, Malibu.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Construction.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Vice Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Construction.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-180 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a grant agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board for the acquisition of approximately 320 acres (APNs 1033-151-27 and 1033-171-14) and authorizing acquisition of said parcels, 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 the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 19-181 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a revocable open space easement, or similar instrument, from the City of Los Angeles over all or parts of APNs 4416-007-902, 903, 904, 905 in the Paseo Miramar area, Pacific Palisades.

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. 19-182 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: 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

No closed session was held.

XIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on January 8, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson