



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

**April 1, 2020**

**I. Call to order.**

The special telephonic meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson George Lange, at 10:07 a.m., on April 1, 2020.

**II. Roll Call.**

The roll was called and the following members were present: Irma R. Muñoz; 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; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer of Outreach and Engagement; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer of Operations; Tim Miller, Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Brian Baldauf, Chief of Park Development; Sarah Rascon, Urban River Projects Officer; Elena Eger, Special Counsel; 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.**

No members of the public addressed the Authority.

**IV. Approval of minutes.**

No minutes were submitted for approval.

**V. Reports from staff.**

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of February 14, 2020 to March 19, 2020.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution approving and adopting the updated MRCA Salary Schedule.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) the acquisition of APNs 5580-020-012 and 013 (approximately 1.35 acres) 2630 and 2700 Canyon Drive, Griffith Park adjacent and (b) the acceptance of private donations and public funds, City of Los Angeles.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) acceptance of a conservation easement over APN 2552-001-008, and (b) acceptance of annual easement monitoring funds and initial project set up fee, from Natural Resources Group, Big Tujunga Wash area, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 20-29; 20-30, and 20-32 were unanimously adopted.

**VI(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) the acquisition of APNs 5580-020-012 and 013 (approximately 1.35 acres) 2630 and 2700 Canyon Drive, Griffith Park adjacent and (b) the acceptance of private donations and public funds, City of Los Angeles.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-31 was unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution adopting FY 20/21 MRCA Workprogram.**

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-33 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) acceptance of conservation easements on APNs 3247-024-001 through 009, 3247-026-041, and 3247-027-012 approximately 512 acres; (b) entering into an agreement with Preservation Strategies, Inc. (PSI) to receive proceeds from PSI's sale of mitigation credits on said parcels, Santa Clara River watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-34 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing sponsorship of Senate Bill 1372 regarding wildlife corridors.**

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-35 was unanimously adopted.

**X. 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: six (6). (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. *Morrison, et al.*; and (6) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Southern California Edison.***

No closed session was held.

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on May 6, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

George Lange  
Chairperson