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

June 3, 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 10:00 a.m., on June 3, 2020 via zoom call.

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, Cara Meyer, Deputy Executive Officer of Urban Projects; Basem Mosaad, Deputy Financial Officer; Melissa Smith, Chief Deputy Financial Officer, 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:

Steve Appleton, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda,
Bella Heffernan, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

IV. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of May 6, 2020 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of May 6, 2020 were approved 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.

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of April 17, 2020 to May 14, 2020.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Hardy & Harper, Inc. for asphalt and concrete paving.**
- (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 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.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2020-2021 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (f) 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.**

- (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. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2020-2021 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing hazardous duty pay and portal to portal pay for employees assigned to an emergency incident.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment to contract with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., for traffic control services.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution approving the Preliminary Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.**

Items VI(j) and VI(k) were removed from the consent call calendar.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 20-51 through 20-58 were unanimously adopted.

VI(j). Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment to contract with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., for traffic control services.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel, the Deputy Financial Officer, and the Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-59 was unanimously adopted.

VI(k). Consideration of resolution approving the Preliminary Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Comments were made by Mr. Hasenauer and the Deputy Financial Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-60 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution entering into a grant agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy to fund the construction of new public beach access improvements at Big Rock Beach, Malibu.

The staff report for this item was presented by Special Counsel.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-61 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 68 funds for Franklin Canyon Sooky Goldman Nature Center Improvements.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Muñoz, Mr. Hasenauer, and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-62 was unanimously adopted.

IX. 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.

X. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on June 24, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson