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

July 1, 2020

I. Call to order.

The regular 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 July 1, 2020 via zoom call.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Dan Paranick; Jim Hasenauer, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Irma R. Muñoz.

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:

Mary Hanna, representing Lake LA Park, on matters not on the agenda,

IV. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of June 24, 2020 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of June 24, 2020 were approved as amended to correct a typographical error.

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 May 15, 2020 to June 11, 2020.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Hardy & Harper, Inc. for asphalt and concrete paving at Jerome C. Daniel Overlook above the Hollywood Bowl.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regarding the listing status review of the evolutionarily significant unit (ESU) of mountains lions in southern and central coastal California.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement (approximately 2 acres) over APN 4355-005-001, 1471 Summit Ridge Drive, City of Los Angeles.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 within Community Facilities District No. 2015-1 (Sterling West Hills), Dayton Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 within Community Facilities District No. 2018-1 (Santa Susana Mountains).**

- (g) **Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for open space protection and fire prevention within Community Facilities District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (h) **Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for open space protection and fire prevention within Community Facilities District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (i) **Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 within Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection).**
- (j) **Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 within Community Facilities District No. 2016-2 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection).**

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 20-69 through 20-78 were unanimously adopted.

VII. Public hearing and consideration of resolution adopting Engineer's Report, confirming the annual levy of maintenance assessment for fiscal year 2020-2021 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.

The Chairperson opened the public hearing on this item.

No members of the public were present.

The Chairperson closed the public hearing on this item.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-79 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Public hearing and consideration of resolution confirming amended assessments and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.

The Chairperson opened the public hearing on this item.

No members of the public were present.

The Chairperson closed the public hearing on this item.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-80 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Public hearing and consideration of resolution confirming amended assessments and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.

The Chairperson opened the public hearing on this item.

No members of the public were present.

The Chairperson closed the public hearing on this item.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-81 was unanimously adopted.

X. Public hearing and consideration of resolution adopting Engineer's Report, confirming the annual levy of maintenance assessment for fiscal year 2020-2021 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.

The Chairperson opened the public hearing on this item.

No members of the public were present.

The Chairperson closed the public hearing on this item.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-82 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of an amendment to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Park Ordinance Establishing Park Rules and

Regulations and Prescribing the Punishment for Violation Thereof” and waiver of second reading.

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Paranick, duly seconded, the Ordinance was 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: seven(7). (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.; (6) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Southern California Edison, and (7) Limbocker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

The Chairperson announced the closed session at 11:16 a.m. and announced that the following item would be heard: *Limbocker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.*

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 11:40 a.m. and announced that instructions were given to staff.

XIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on July 29, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson