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

July 29, 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 July 29, 2020 via zoom call.

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; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Sarah Rascon, Urban River Projects Officer; Melissa Smith, Chief Deputy Financial Officer, Brian Baldauf, Chief of Watershed Planning; Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs, Chris Trumpy, Project Analyst, Barbara Collins, Executive Secretary, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

The following members of the public addressed the Authority:

Alana Yañez, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.
Ruben Arc, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.
Ivy Daulo, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, Mr. Hasenauer, and Ms. Muñoz.

IV. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the County of Los Angeles on the Notice of Preparation of Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2020 Los Angeles River Master Plan.

This item was postponed to a later date.

V. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the California High-Speed Rail Authority on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section.

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

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

Comments were made by the Chief of Watershed Planning.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-84 was unanimously adopted.

VI. Consideration of resolution modifying resolution declaring intention to establish Community Facilities District No. 2020-1 and approving amended and restated description of services and rate and method of apportionment.

<The Chairperson announced that this item would be considered subsequent to item VII.>

VII. Public hearing regarding the establishment of Community Facilities District 2020-1.

The Chairperson opened the public hearing on the establishment of Community Facilities District 2020-1 at 10:48 a.m.

The staff report for this item was presented by Ms. Jeanette Hynson, representing SCI Consulting Group. The Special Tax Report and report on modifications to the Resolution of Intention were presented.

Comments were made by Mr. Gerard Van Steyn, representing SCI Consulting Group.

The Chairperson noted that no members of the public were present and announced that the Board received the Special Tax Report and proposed recommended modifications adding a low income exemption to the Resolution of Intention.

The Chairperson closed the public hearing at 10:54 a.m. and returned to item VI for consideration.

VI. Consideration of resolution modifying resolution declaring intention to establish Community Facilities District No. 2020-1 and approving amended and restated description of services and rate and method of apportionment.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-85 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution to form Community Facilities District 2020-1.

The staff report for this item was presented by Ms. Jeanette Hynson, representing SCI Consulting Group.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-86 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution ordering an election on a special tax, establishing specifications of the election order, and requesting consolidation with other elections occurring on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

The staff report for this item was presented by Ms. Jeanette Hynson, representing SCI Consulting Group.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-87 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: 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*.

No closed session was held.

XI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on August 5, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson