



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

**August 5, 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 August 5, 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; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Staff; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer of Operations; Cara Meyer, Deputy Executive Officer; Melissa Smith, Chief Financial Officer; Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Brian Baldauf, Chief of Watershed Planning; Sarah Rascon, Urban River Projects Officer; Elena Eger, Counsel, Coastal Projects; Angelica Ochoa, Staff Counsel; Maribelle Franco, Deputy Chief of Developed Resources; Chris Trump, Project Analyst; Jessica Nguyen, Project Analyst, 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 special minutes July 1, 2020, the regular minutes of July 1, 2020, and the special meeting of July 29, 2020 were submitted for approval.

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**V. Reports from Staff.**

The Authority received oral reports from the Deputy Executive Officer of Operations; 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 and the Chief Financial Officer..

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of June 2, 2020 to July 16, 2020.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements and/or open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit No. 5-85-214-A3 (Ghosn, Michael), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements and/or open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit No. 5-91-436 (BMIF/BSLF Rancho Malibu), APN's: 4444-013-018; combined w -019; now -020, incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements and/or open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit No. 5-91-436 (BMIF/BSLF Rancho Malibu), APN: 4455-021-902, incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements and/or open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit No. 4-01-046 (PCH-Tyler Associates), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement Nos. 2844 and 2845, and acquisition of parcels in Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement Nos. 2844 and 2845 using Proposition A Funds, Latigo Canyon, unincorporated Los**

**Angeles County.**

**(g) 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.**

Items VI(b); VI(d); VI(e), and VI(g) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 20-87, 20-89, and 92 were unanimously adopted.

Items VI(b), VI(d), and VI(e) were considered contemporaneously.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 20-88, 20-90, and 20-91 were unanimously adopted.

Item VI(g) was considered next.

Comments were made by Mr. Hasenauer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-93 was unanimously adopted.

**VII. Report on the participation rate of disadvantaged businesses in contracts during fiscal year 2019-2020.**

The Authority received an oral report by Deputy Executive Officer Meyer.

Comments were made by Mr. Hasenauer, Paranick, and the Chairperson.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution expressing appreciation to Supervisor Sheila Kuehl for support of the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority during the COVID-19 crisis.**

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

Comments were made by Mr. Paranick and the Chairperson.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-94 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution awarding a contract to Metro Builders & Engineering Group for construction of two public beach access stairways at Malibu Pier, City of Malibu.**

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

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by Project Analyst Nguyen.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Paranick, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-95 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution (a) authorizing an application to the Wildlife Conservation Board's (WCB) Wildlife Corridor and Fish Passage Program, (b) accepting the WCB grant award, and (c) entering into a grant agreement with WCB to implement the Agua Dulce Creek State Route 14 Wildlife Undercrossing Enhancement Project in unincorporated Agua Dulce area, Los Angeles County.**

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. 20-96 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of resolution (a) authorizing an application to the Wildlife Conservation Board's (WCB) Public Access Program, (b) accepting the WCB grant award, and (c) entering into a grant agreement with WCB to implement the Hidden Creeks Park Public Access Improvement Project near unincorporated Chatsworth area, Los Angeles County.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

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. 20-97 was unanimously adopted.

**XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing extension of legal services contract with Joseph Caves and Associates.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-98 was unanimously adopted.

**XIII. 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.

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on September 2, 2020.

There being no further business, at the suggestion of Mr. Paranick, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m. in honor of Authority Chairperson Lange's recognition as Board Member of the Year by the California Special Districts Association.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

George Lange  
Chairperson