



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

**October 7, 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 October 7, 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 A. 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; Tim Miller, Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Basem Mosaad, Deputy Financial Officer; Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Brian Baldauf, Chief of Watershed Planning; James Latham, Chief of Operations; Sarah Rascon, Urban River Projects Officer; Elena Eger, Counsel, Coastal Projects; Angelica Ochoa, Staff Counsel; Maribelle Franco, Deputy Chief of Developed Resources; Melissa Vega, Project Analyst; Chris Trumpy, Project Analyst; Barbara Collins, Executive Secretary, 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:

Ms. Alana Yañez, on matters not on the agenda.

Mr. Ruben (last name not provided), on matters not on the agenda.

**IV. Approval of minutes.**

The minutes of September 2, 2020 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 2, 2020 were approved as submitted.

**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 Deputy Financial Officer..

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of August 21, 2020 to September 17, 2020.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution augmenting the contract with Hardy and Harper, Inc. for Franklin Canyon Park asphalt paving.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution assigning operations and funding of William O. Douglass Outdoor Classroom programs to Community Nature Connection per the reciprocal services agreement.**

A roll-call vote was administered.

On of motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 20-108 through 20-110 were unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Letter of Support to the California Department of Parks and Recreation to allocate SB 115 Proposition 68 funds for Rio de Los Angeles State Park, City of Los Angeles.**

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

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by Ms. Muñoz; Mr. Hasenauer; Mr. Paranick, the Chairperson, the Executive Officer and the Chief of Watershed Planning.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-111 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing 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.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution 20-112 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: 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.

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on November 4, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange  
Chairperson