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

September 2, 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 10:02 a.m., on September 2, 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.

No members of the public addressed the Authority.

IV. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of August 5, 2020 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of August 5, 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 July 17, 2020 to August 20, 2020.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a Cooperative Agreement with the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the USDA Forest Service Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Hardy and Harper Inc. for asphalt paving at Franklin Canyon Park, Beverly Hills.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant augmentation request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for SMM-84-1625, Non-Personal Interpretation.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of conservation easements to the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority over all or a portion of APNs 3209-008-908, 909, 910, 911, 912; 3210-009-907, and 908 in Soledad Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Item VI(d) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 20-101; 20-101; 20-102; 20-103, and 20-105 were unanimously adopted.

VI(d). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant augmentation request to the

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for SMM-84-1625, Non-Personal Interpretation.

Comments were made by the Chairperson, Ms. Muñoz, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-104 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution approving the Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and Mr. Paranick.

Comments were made by the Deputy Financial Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Paranick, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-106 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing amending an existing conservation easement in exchange for new conservation easement area of equal or greater size on APN 4467-003-021, and acceptance of processing fee, Ramirez Canyon, City of Malibu.

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-107 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.

The Chair convenes the closed session at 11:47 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 11:57 and announced that instructions had been given to staff.

X. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on October 7, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson