



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

**November 4, 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 November 4, 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 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; Sarah Kevorkian, 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 October 7, 2020 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of October 7, 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 September 18, 2020 to October 15, 2020.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement, approximately 0.5 acres, over portions of APN 2279-022-022 (3485 Vista Haven Road), in the Sepulveda Pass and Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor, City of Los Angeles.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing the sale of a public road easement to the County of Los Angeles over of APNs 2055-010-901 and 2052-009-900 in Chesebro Canyon in Agoura Hills.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to SBS Corporation for restroom renovations at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, City of Los Angeles.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract for the Robin's Nest Park Phase 2 Restoration Grading and Excavation Project.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 20-09 authorizing investment of monies in the Ventura County Treasury.**

Items VI(c) and VI(f) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 20-113; 20-114; 20-116, and 20-117 were unanimously adopted.

**VI(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing the sale of a public road easement to the County of Los Angeles over of APNs 2055-010-901 and 2052-009-900 in Chesebro Canyon in Agoura Hills.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-115 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(f). Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 20-09 authorizing investment of monies in the Ventura County Treasury.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Paranick.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-118 was unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of agricultural easement, approximately 16 acres, over portions of APN 4455-028-044 in unincorporated 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. Paranick.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.  
A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Paranick, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-119 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Dudek for the planning and development of a Regional Forest and Fire Priority Plan for lands managed by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Project Analyst.

Comments were made by Mr. Scott Eckardt, representing Dudek.

Comments were made by Mr. Paranick.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Project Analyst.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-120 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with Groundwork USA to provide community engagement technical assistance for the Taylor Yard Paseo del Río Project, City of Los Angeles.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Watershed Planning.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-121 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution adopting retired annuitant employment policy.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Paranick, the Executive Officer, and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Paranick, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-122 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. 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: six (6). (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. Southern California Edison*, and (6) *Limbocker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.**

No closed session was held.

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

George Lange  
Chairperson