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

December 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 10:06 a.m., on December 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; 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.

The following members of the public addressed the Authority:

Ms. Beth Palmer, member of public, on matters not on the agenda

Mr. Cyn Yamashiro, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

IV. Approval of minutes.

The regular and special minutes of November 4, 2020 were submitted for approval.

The regular and special minutes of November 4, 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 October 16, 2020 to November 19, 2020.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution approving fiscal year 2019-20 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 1 (Open Space Protection and Fire Prevention).**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution approving fiscal year 2019-20 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 2 (Open Space Protection and Fire Prevention).**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution approving fiscal year 2019-20 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection).**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution approving fiscal year 2019-20 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 2016-2 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection).**
- (f) **Accept and file the fiscal year 2019-20 Tax Report for Community Facilities District No. 2015-1 (Sterling West Hills).**
- (g) **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), Instrument No. 00-0235507, incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.

- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of mitigation payment for settlement of California Coastal Commission enforcement action (V-5-19-0109) in Topanga State Park and vicinity.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing expenditure of Community Facilities District funding to contribute to the acquisition of APNs 5567-018-039, 5567-018-040 and 5567-018-050 in Laurel Canyon (0.29 acres) with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority receiving conservation easements over all or some of said APNs, City of Los Angeles.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of fee simple, conservation easement, or deed restriction donations or dedications of various areas within APN 2076-023-019 and entering into any agreements necessary to secure such land interests, Woodland Hills, City of Los Angeles.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on proposed amendment to the Protected Tree Ordinance.**
- (l) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with J. Kim Electric for electrical restoration to the warehouse at Marsh Park, Los Angeles.**

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 20-124 through 20-134 were unanimously adopted.

VI(l). Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with J. Kim Electric for electrical restoration to the warehouse at Marsh Park, Los Angeles.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 20-135 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conditional donation of APNs 648-0-270-325, 648-0-121-210, 648-0-121-440 and 648-0-121-540 (119.11 acres) by Chatsworth Peak, Simi Hills, unincorporated Ventura County.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Kathy Knight; Mr. Paranick; the Executive Officer, and Mr. Rex Frankel.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-136 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a public coastal access easement over Los Angeles County Assessor Parcel No. 4460-009-016 (PNRW LCC), Malibu, California. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and PNRW LCC. Under consideration: price and terms.)

This item was heard in Closed Session.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-137 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of fee title to approximately 0.57 acres (APN 4460-028-012), Escondido Beach, Los Angeles County. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Jerry Miller, Mansard Holdings Inc. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code.)

This item was heard in Closed Session.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-138 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: 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*.

The Chairperson commenced the closed session at 11:46 a.m. to discuss items VIII and IX.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 12:21 p.m. and announced that directions were given to staff.

XI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on January 6, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson