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

January 6, 2021

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 10:04 a.m., on January 6, 2021 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. Election of Officers.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded and upon roll-call vote, the Authority unanimously reelected George Lange as Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Paranick, duly seconded and upon roll-call vote, the Authority unanimously reelected Jim Hasenauer as Vice Chairperson.

IV. Public Testimony on all agenda items, public comment on matters not on the agenda.

The following members of the public addressed the Authority:

Lisa Karlan, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda
Lisa Levinson, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda
Jane Velez Mitchell, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda
Simone Reyes, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda
Marcia Hanscom, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda
Don Schmitz, representing Schmitz & Associates, on item VIII.
Christina Ko, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda
Robert Van de Hoek , member of the public, on matters not on the agenda
Susanne Cumming, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda
Marybeth Trotwine, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda

V. Approval of minutes.

The regular and special minutes of December 2, 2020 were submitted for approval.

The regular and special minutes of December 2, 2020 were approved as submitted.

VI. 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.

VII. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of November 20, 2020 to December 17, 2020.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Environment License Plate funds for the Community Nature Connection Youth Leadership Series.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to the contract with Hardy and Harper, Inc for asphalt paving at Franklin Canyon Park.**

- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of fee title dedication of APNs 4457-017-008 & 009 pursuant to Coastal Development Permit No. 4-06-001-A3 (Atlas Surrey LLC), 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. 5-89-878 (Cariker & Kinzer [Gvirtzman]), Instrument No. 00-1062505, (APN: 4461-020-012 & 023) incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (f) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements and/or open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit No. 5-89-878 (Cariker & Kinzer [Nethercot]), Instrument No. 00-1062508, (APN: 4447-005-018 & 021) incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (g) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements and/or open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit No. 4-99-263 (Groisman, Guillermo), Instrument No. 00-1019424, (APN: 4461-019-021, 022, 023 & 038) incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (h) **Consideration of resolution authorizing staff to register/vest and purchase properties through www.bid4assets.com for the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector 2020A online public auction.**

Item VII(c) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 21-01; 21-02; 21-04; 21-05; 21-06; 21-07, and 21-08 were unanimously adopted.

VII(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to the contract with Hardy and Harper, Inc for asphalt paving at Franklin Canyon Park.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 21-03 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 19-38 to include the acceptance of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 4379-032-006 to enhance wildlife corridor along Mulholland Drive, City of Los Angeles.

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

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning and Mr. Don Schmitz, representing Schmitz & Associates.

This item was postponed to a later date.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of Resolution No. 18-134 to adjust financial compensation and other terms in agreements related to Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 69976, former Verdugo Hills golf course, City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Paranick.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Paranick, duly seconded, Resolution No. 21-10 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution declaring results of special tax election and directing recording of notice of special tax lien within Community Facilities District No. 2020-1 (Fire Prevention, Water Quality and Open Space Measure).

The staff report for this item was presented by the Director of Public Affairs.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Gerard Van Steyn and Ms. Jeanette Hynson, representing SCI Consulting Group.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 21-11 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of ordinance levying special taxes within Community Facilities District No. 2020-1 (Local Fire Prevention, Water Quality and Open Space Measure).

The staff report for this item was presented by the Director of Public Affairs.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Paranick, duly seconded, the item was unanimously adopted.

XII. 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.

XIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on February 3, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson