



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

May 5, 2004

I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Michael Berger, at 3:04 p.m. on May 5, 2004 at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Hayduk, Jerome C. Daniel, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Michael Berger, Chair. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation, and Urban Programs, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

III. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

The following member of the public addressed the Authority:

Ms. Betsey Landis, representing the California Native Plant Society, on item VIII.

IV. Reports from Staff.

The Authority received a verbal report from the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations.

Questions were propounded by Ed Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations and Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

The Authority received a verbal report from the Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation, and Urban Programs.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation, and Urban Programs and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation, and Urban Programs.

The Authority received a verbal report from the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Chief of Construction and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

The Authority received a verbal report from the Chief of Construction.

V. Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for March 2004.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-55 was unanimously adopted.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Board Secretary.

VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Bryan Hutchison Grading and Excavation for excavation work at Summit Valley-Ed Edelman Park, Topanga Canyon.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-56 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation from the Mountains Education Program for continuation of Education and Interpretation program delivery and funding for remainder of the Friends of the Conservancy grant.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-57 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution certifying Final Environmental Impact Report for the Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park improvements project, Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Ms. Landis, and Mr. Hayduk.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-58 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution accepting the following offers to dedicate trail easements: (a) Jones / P-5-83-476 located on Cold Canyon Road, south of Mulholland Highway, unincorporated Los Angeles County; (b) Evans / P-5-82-743 located on Topanga School Road, west of Topanga Canyon Boulevard, unincorporated Los Angeles County; (c) Daniel / P-5-82-337 located on Costa Del Sol Way, south of Piuma Road, unincorporated Los Angeles County; (d) Abronson / P-5-82-827 located on Cold Canyon Road, south of Mulholland Highway, unincorporated Los Angeles County; (e) Owen, / P-5-82-867 located east of Costa Del Sol Way, south of Piuma Road, unincorporated Los Angeles County; (f) Hutton & Weston / P-5-82-020 located on Winding Way, Malibu, and (g) Reynolds / P-5-81-184 located on Anacapa View Drive, north of Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-59 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to enter into agreements with the Resources Law Group and/or other private sources or public agencies for the continued funding of Authority employees working for the California Legacy Project.

The Chief Deputy Executive Officer presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-60 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: 1. (1) *City of Malibu v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.*

No closed session was held.

XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Authority received a verbal report from the Chief Staff Counsel regarding the appointment of an at-large member.

The Chair was noted as recusing himself from the discussion.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on May 5, 2004.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP
Executive Officer

Michael Berger
Chair