

MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Government Code § 54956 that the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will hold a special meeting on Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.

AGENDA

- I. Call to order.
- II. Roll call.
- III. Public Testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.
- IV. Reports from Staff:
 - (a) Legal;
 - (b) Ranger Services;
 - (c) Natural Resources and Planning;
 - (d) Interpretation;
 - (e) Developed Resources;
 - (f) Construction;
 - (g) Facilities and Maintenance;
 - (h) Finance.
- V. Consent Calendar:
 - (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the month of June 2007.
 - (b) Consideration of resolution accepting a grant of Proposition 84 funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the protection of the Upper Los Angeles River and the Santa Monica Bay watersheds, including those actions necessary to prevent harm or damage to persons, property or natural resources and those actions necessary to allow continued use and enjoyment of property and natural resources.
 - (c) Consideration of resolution accepting a grant of Proposition 84 funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the purchase of capital assets to be used in the protection and restoration of natural resources, including projects for the control of erosion, control and elimination of exotic species, prescribed burning, and fuel hazard reduction.

- (d) Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for exercising additive alternates to the base bid for the Vista Hermosa Park and funding additions and upgrades to the landscaping, Los Angeles.
- (e) Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for interpretation of the Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds, including visitor serving amenities and naturalist led interpretive programs for the public as well as programs specifically designed for disadvantaged youth.
- (f) Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Project Planning and Design services in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay.
- (g) Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the protection and restoration of natural and developed resources by removal of invasive plant species, reduction of hazardous fire-fuel loads, and erosion protection.
- (h) Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for preservation, protection and restoration to promote the continued safe use and enjoyment of parks along the Los Angeles River.
- (i) Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a program of preservation, protection and restoration to ensure the continued use and enjoyment of natural and developed resources in the Upper Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds.
- (j) Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the preservation, protection and restoration of Temescal Gateway Park, Pacific Palisades.
- (k) Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the preservation, protection and restoration of King Gillette Ranch, Calabasas.
- (l) Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to acquire fee simple or easement interests on APNS 4465-004-070 and 071, 4467-002-041, 4467-003-031, 4467-003-021, 4460-

015-001, and 4460-014-006 and 008 to implement the Coastal Slope Trail between Ramirez Canyon Park and Latigo Canyon Road, incorporated and unincorporated Malibu area.

- (m) Consideration of resolution confirming amended assessments and directing related actions relating to the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.
- (n) Consideration of resolution confirming amended assessments and directing related actions relating to the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.
- (o) Consideration of resolution adopting Engineer's Report, confirming the annual levy of maintenance assessment for fiscal year 2007-2008 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.
- (p) Consideration of resolution adopting Engineer's Report, confirming the annual levy of maintenance assessment for fiscal year 2007-2008 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.
- (q) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the following offer to dedicate a trail easement: Ohanian/5-85-459, Malibu.
- (r) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the following offers to dedicate open space easements: Bridgeman/6-84-694; Ryley/5-86-012; Schifman/5-87-114; Whitman/5-87-857, Malibu.
- (s) Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Conejo Crest Landcaping for a three-month term to provide landscaping at King Gillette Ranch, Calabasas.
- (t) Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to incur international telecommunications charges.
- (u) Consideration of resolution authorizing support of World Ranger Day and the premier of the documentary "The Thin Green Line".
- (v) Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of in lieu mitigation funds to acquire APN 649-0-320-120 in the Black Canyon watershed, Simi Hills, unincorporated Ventura County.

- VI. Consideration of resolution adopting the City of Los Angeles Code of Conduct effective January 1, 2007, with respect to all agreements MRCA might enter into with the City of Los Angeles.
- VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the transfer of approximately two acres of parkland, APN 649-0-070-050, unincorporated Ventura County, to Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.
- VIII. Consideration of a resolution authorizing a one year extension of the term for Resources Law Group, LLP contract.
- IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a contract for professional services with Joe Caves and Associates.
- X. Consideration of resolution authorizing assignment of Los Angeles County Proposition A Fourth District Excess Funds to the City of Long Beach for Los Angeles River projects, including (a) DeForest Wetlands Development; (b) Drake/Chavez Greenbelt Acquisition; (c) Wrigley Greenbelt Development, and (d) Baker Mini-Park Development.
- XI. Consideration of resolution approving entering into a Task Agreement with the National Park Service for Historic Trees and Landscapes Management and Maintenance.
- XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District using Proposition A Excess Funds to acquire APN's 4465-004-070 and 071, 4467-002-041, 4467-003-031, 4467-003-021, 4460-015-001, and 4460-014-006 and 008 to implement the Coastal Slope Trail and acquisition of the subject parcels, incorporated and unincorporated Malibu area.
- XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District using Proposition A Excess Funds to acquire APN's 2572-028-028; 2572-026-024 and 006; and 027-031 and 019 in the Verdugo Mountains and acquisition of the subject parcels, Los Angeles.
- XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interests on APNs 4465-004-070 and 071, 4467-002-041, 4467-003-031, 4467-003-021, 4460-015-001, and 4460-014-006 and 008 to implement the Coastal Slope Trail between Ramirez Canyon Park and Latigo Canyon Road, and the acceptance of private funds for said acquisitions, Malibu.

XV. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

XVI. 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: 5. (1) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; (2) *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; (3) *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu, and related litigation*; (4) *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; and (5) *Douglas v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.

XVII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

Public comment is welcome on any agenda item and matters not on the agenda. During the meeting the Governing Board may hold a closed session on any item pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9. Unless otherwise ordered, individuals will be allowed three minutes to speak and representatives of organizations/agencies will be given five minutes. For further information on any agenda item please contact Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer, at (310) 589-3230, extension 112.

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