

MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Government Code § 54954 that the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will hold a regular meeting on December 7, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. at the Conejo Recreation & Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.

AGENDA

- I. Call to order.
- II. Roll call.
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.
- V. 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.
- VI. Consent Calendar:
 - (a) Consideration of resolution extending contract with Joseph Caves and Associates for legal services.
 - (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing Executive Officer to procure extraterritorial cellular, telephone, and other communication devices and/or services.
 - (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing MRCA warrant disbursement for September, October and November 2005.
 - (d) Consideration of resolution accepting offer to dedicate an open space easement: Whittaker/P5-83-633A, located near Fines Road and Cross Creek in the City of Malibu, Los Angeles County.

- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Area G, to acquire an approximately 2-acre conservation easement over a portion of APN 2285-012-019, 15999 High Knoll Road, Encino.
 - (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of either a fee simple or conservation/trail easement donation on all or a part of APN 5571-032-018 (2.12 acres) in the Nichols Canyon watershed, and acceptance of a maintenance endowment, City of Los Angeles.
 - (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of either a fee simple or conservation easement donation on all or a part of APN 2562-008-004 (3.5 acres) in the Verdugo Mountains, City of Los Angeles.
 - (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing a) entering into an agreement with Caltrans and the California Department of Fish and Game to complete Valley Circle/State Route 101 Mitigation Planting Project pursuant to Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 5-386-92, and b) acceptance of funding, Calabasas Creek, City of Los Angeles.
 - (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the City of Los Angeles with a partner City agency for Proposition O project funds.
- VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of properties within Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement Nos. 2273, 2361, and 2412 using funds from the Pardee-Fair Oaks mitigation fund and Deerlake Highlands Improvement Fund, and authorizing acceptance of funds from other public agencies to complete said transaction, unincorporated portions of Chatsworth, the upper Santa Clara River watershed, and the north slope of the San Gabriel Mountains.
- VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority for use of mitigation funding to acquire properties within Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement Nos. 2361 and 2412 in the Santa Clara River watershed.
- IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 40 funds for Project Planning and Design services.
- X. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donations of either fee simple or conservation easement interests in APNs 5565-024-022, 023, 024, 036, 045, 044, and 048 and 5565-029-017 through -021 for habitat linkage purposes in Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

- XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment and revision of the MRCA's personnel policy to provide domestic partners the same benefits as spouses in compliance with the California Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2003, Family Code Section 297 *et seq.*
- XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the County of Los Angeles to use Proposition A Big Five Excess Funds to improve Vista Hermosa Park, Los Angeles.
- XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of a sole-source contract with Shilts Consultants, Inc. for data analysis and watershed management planning, Los Angeles County.
- XIV. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.
- XV. 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: 2. (1) *City of Malibu v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority* and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; and (2) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*

- XVI. 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.

Note: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please call Board Secretary at 310-589-3230, extension 118, at least 10 hours prior to the meeting.