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

**February 17, 2006**

**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 10:04 a.m. on February 17, 2006 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: Jerome C. Daniel, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Michael Berger, Chair. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Ed Hayduk. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Deputy Executive Officer; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Paul Edelman, Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Lisa Soghor, Director of Premier Parks; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

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

No public comment was made.

**IV. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a contract with Community Conservancy International for purposes of providing technical advice and assistance to the MRCA in conducting a comprehensive feasibility evaluation of L.A. County water and environmental quality infrastructure funding.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Director of Public Affairs.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange and the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Board Secretary, the Executive Officer, and Messrs. Lange and Daniel.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Esther Feldman, President of Community Conservancy International, the Director of Public Affairs, and the Executive Officer.

This item was postponed to a later date.

**V. Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 50 grant for project planning and design, Escondido and Ramirez Canyons and Ramirez Creek restoration, Cities of Malibu and Unincorporated County of Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by the Director of Premier Parks and the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel, the Director of Premier Parks and Messrs. Daniel and Hayduk.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

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.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-31 was unanimously adopted.

**VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for augmentation to Proposition 50 grant SMM-0464 for project planning and design services, and acceptance of said augmentation.**

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

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-32 was unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing expenditure of funds from the Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund to acquire the following surplus properties totaling approximately 19 acres (APNs 4462-032-903; 4465-003-900 and 901; 4467-002-901; 4471-014-901,902,904, and 4471-016-901) owned by Los Angeles County, unincorporated Malibu Area.**

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-33 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a sole source contract with Chester King for post-fire archaeological survey work in the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-34 was unanimously adopted.

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

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

**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: 1. *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.***

No closed session was held.

**XI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on February 23, 2006.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP  
Executive Officer

Approved:

Michael Berger  
Chair