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

**February 2, 2005**

**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 3:01 p.m. on February 5, 2005 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, Deputy Executive Officer; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Paul Edelman, Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Jeff Jones, Chief of Finance, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

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

**IV. Reports from Staff:**

- (a) Legal;
- (b) Operations;
- (c) Natural Resources and Planning;
- (d) Education and Interpretation;
- (e) Developed Parks;
- (f) Construction.

The Authority received verbal reports from the Chief of Operations; the Director of Natural Resources and Planning; the Deputy Executive Officer, the Chief of Construction, the Chief of Facilities and Maintenance, and the Chief of Interpretation.

**V. Consent Calender:**

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant augmentation of Proposition 50 funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMM-0465) for project planning and design services for the Soka University acquisition project, unincorporated Calabasas area.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant augmentation of Proposition 50 watershed acquisition Project Planning and Design grant funds (SMM-0464) from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to enter into a project agreement for the Soka University project area, unincorporated Calabasas area.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Los Angeles on Administrative Draft Environmental Impact Report for Vista Verde Ranch, Tentative Tract No. 47499, near City of San Dimas, Walnut Creek watershed.**

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 05-08, 05-09, 05-10, and 05-11 were unanimously adopted.

**VI. Presentation of results of survey of unmet public safety and maintenance needs by the Park Rangers Association of California.**

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

The Authority received a verbal report by the Park Rangers Association of California.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of contract with Joseph Caves and Associates, Inc.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-12 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of a 40-acre parcel in Lobo Canyon (APN 2058-012-024), unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-13 was unanimously adopted.

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

No comments were made.

**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: 4. (1) *City of Malibu v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; (2); *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al*; (3) *Andrew Sabol v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al CIV 226281 (Ventura County)*, and (4) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Laminar RR Acquisition, L.L.C. et al*.

No closed session was held.

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

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on February 16, 2005.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP  
Executive Officer

Michael Berger  
Chair