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

June 1, 2011

I. Call to Order.

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson George Lange, at 2:00 p.m. on June 1, 2011, at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Jim Hasenauer; Ed Hayduk; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present.

Staff Present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon, ASLA; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning, Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

No public testimony was given.

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;
- (f) Finance.

The Authority received oral reports from the following members of staff: Chief Ranger; Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning; Chief of Interpretation; Deputy Chief Executive Officer; Chief of Construction; Chief of Facilities and Maintenance, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

V. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of April 28, 2011 to May 25, 2011.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements and/or open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. 5-90-265 (Nesse), 5-89-743 (Segal), 5-90-106 (Niemier), 5-88-938 (Ohanian/Bennett), 5-90-327 (Javid), 5-89-960-A (McCallister), 5-90-246 (Bolton), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution granting an easement to the City of Los Angeles over a portion of Confluence Plaza (APN 5415-001-900) for street improvements.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments under Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways Code for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments under Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways Code for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2011-2012 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2011-2012 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**

- (h) Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing a revision to the Employee Handbook section covering military leave.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with AN West, Inc. for the Malibu Road Accessway.**
- (l) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Interwest Consulting Group for construction management and inspections services for the Compton Creek-Washington Elementary School Natural Park project.**

Items V(h); V(i), and V(k) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded Resolution Nos. 11-73; 11-74; 11-75; 11-76; 11-77; 11-78; 11-79; 11-82, 11-84 were unanimously adopted.

V(h). Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles.

V(i). Consideration of resolution preliminarily approving amended assessment, ordering hearing protests and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2, Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded Resolution Nos. 11-80 and 11-81 were unanimously adopted.

V(k). Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with AN West, Inc. for the Malibu Road Accessway.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-83 was unanimously adopted.

VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement for potential receipt of funds from the Richard G. and Virginia La. Martin Charitable Remainder Unitrust Account.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Hasenauer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-85 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution adopting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer, the Executive Officer, and Mr. Hasenauer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-86 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution accepting the assignment of the right to apply for 1992 per parcel funds (8.b.1) from the City of Los Angeles, and approving the filing of an application for designated Proposition A funds for the acquisition of APNs 5576-009-055, 056, 057, 058, 059, 060, 061, 062, 063, and 064, known as the La Rocha Acquisition Project, and entering into a Project

Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire said properties. Hollywood Dell area, City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-87 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with UCLA La Kretz Center for California Conservation Science.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-88 was unanimously adopted.

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: thirteen (13). (1) *Santa Monica Mountains and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu, and related litigation*; (2) *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS121650*; (3) *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS12922*; (4) *Friends of Temescal Pool v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC405252*; (5) *Malibu-Encinal Homeowners Association v. Mountains*

Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC431798; (6) Estwick v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC434783; (7) Reuben v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; (8) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS127089; (9) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Case No. BS121820; (10) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS129503; (11) Morris v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; (12) Grant v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and (13) Kaufman v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation (two cases).

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95: conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Danny Everett.

No closed session was held.

XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced the next meeting would be held on July 6, 2011.

Their being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon, ASLA
Executive Officer

George Lange
Chairperson