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

**April 6, 2005**

**I. Call to Order.**

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Michael Berger, at 3:00 p.m. on April 6, 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) Interpretation;**
- (e) Developed Parks;**
- (f) Construction.**

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

**V. Consent Calender:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for January, February, and March 2005.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution accepting offers to dedicate scenic easements: Freeman/P5-82-653 located on Escondido Drive, City of Malibu; Dunne/P5-83-589, located on Encinal Canyon Road, unincorporated Los Angeles County; DeAngelis/P5-82-401, located on Parten Drive and Latigo Canyon Road, unincorporated Los Angeles County; and Radenbaugh/P5-84-319, located on Stunt Road, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing adding the following projects in Los Angeles and Ventura County to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Acquisition and Improvement Project Workprogram: Arroyo Conejo-Rockwell; Conejo Creek-North Fork-Wildflower Park De-channelization; Las Llajas Creek Channel Daylighting and Restoration; Arroyo Simi-Industrial Park Restoration; Moorpark-Hidden Creek-Lower; 118 Freeway-Los Angeles Avenue Connector; Browns Canyon-118 Freeway-South; Plummer-Variel Restoration; Plummer-Topanga (SR-27) Restoration; Dry Canyon Creek-101 Freeway Restoration; Aliso Wash-Los Angeles River Confluence Restoration; Calabasas Creek-Fallbrook Restoration; Canoga Avenue-MTA right of way; Aliso Wash-Limekiln Creek Restoration Bell Creek-Lederer Ranch; Fryman Canyon-8701-8715 Mulholland; Elysian Valley-Marsh Street Park: Vista Hermosa Park Restroration, and Pacoima Wash Greenway.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of trail, access, and conservation easements along Chaparral Road, Chatsworth/ Box Canyon area, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into agreements with the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and other parties to participate in an integrated regional water management group for the Los Angeles River, Santa Monica Bay, Ballona Creek, and Dominguez Channel watersheds.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Grant of Conservation Access and Fuel Modification Easement agreement with**

**Riopharm U.S.A., Inc. to cover the interface between Tract Map No. 48312 and APN 2063-008-907 (Abrams property) in the Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor, Agoura Hills.**

- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a dedication of fee simple or conservation easement open space within Tract Map No. 48312 from Riopharm U.S.A., Inc., Liberty Canyon, Agoura Hills.**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded Resolution Nos. 05-21, 05-22, 05-23, 05-24, 05-25, 05-26, and 05-27 were unanimously adopted.

**VI. Presentation by The Nature of Wildworks.**

The Authority received a verbal report from Mollie Hogan, President of The Nature of Wildworks.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Ms. Hogan and the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Lange and Hayduk.

Comments were made by Ms. Hogan.

**VII. Status report on ParkLink Shuttle project (Heart of the Park grant) for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

**VIII. Consideration of adoption of Ordinance No. 01-2005 regarding park rules and regulations, waive first reading and adopt Ordinance No. 01-2005, "An Ordinance of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority amending the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Ordinance establishing park rules and regulations, and prescribing the punishment for violations thereof." Ordinance No. 01-2005 modifies existing Ordinance No. 01-2004.**

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded Ordinance No 01-2005 was adopted unanimously.

**IX. Consideration of resolution approving the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Public Safety implementation program.**

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-29 was adopted unanimously.

**X. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a grant agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy and acceptance of the grant funds for the acquisition of approximately 400 acres of the Soka property, unincorporated Los Angeles County, APNs 4455-015-002, 4455-016-032, 4455-016-033, 4455-035-001, 4455-033-006, 4455-033-005, 4455-028-043, 4455-033-021 and a portion of 4455-033-003 and 4455-033-026.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hayduk and Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-30 was adopted unanimously.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with the owners of 2100 Stratford Circle, in the Bel Air Crest tract, to allow the engineered placement of local fill material into over excavated portions of the East Sepulveda Fire Road, Sepulveda Pass Open Space, and authorizing acceptance of funds, Los Angeles.**

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

Questions were propounded by the Chief Staff Counsel.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-31 was unanimously adopted.

**XII. Consideration of resolution (a) adding APN 2274-020-030 in Acquisition Area A (Camino de la Cumbre), APNs 4371-040-009, 4379-021-033, and 4379-024-038 in Acquisition Area B (Stone Canyon-Beverly Glen), and APN 5567-018-026 in Acquisition Area D (Laurel Canyon) to the District No. 1 the Final Engineers Report for Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1; (b) authorizing the use of said assessment district funds to acquire said parcels; (c) authorizing the acceptance of private donations to acquire said parcels, and (d) authorizing entering into agreements with adjacent property owners to be responsible for fuel modification on said parcels, Los Angeles.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-32 was unanimously adopted.

**XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) the use funds from Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1 to acquire APN 4355-009-016 in Acquisition Area B (Summitridge-Franklin Canyon), APN 2381-029-010 in Acquisition Area C (Laurel Canyon), APNs 5565-027-014, 5565-027-015, 5565-027-016, 5565-027-020, and 5567-007-010 in Acquisition Area D (Laurel Canyon), and APNs 5580-017-031, 5580-018-006, and 5580-018-025 in Acquisition Area E (Griffith Park area); (b) the acceptance of private donations to acquire said parcels, and 3) entering into agreements with adjacent property owners to be responsible for fuel modification on said parcels, Los Angeles.**

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-33 was unanimously adopted.

**XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing use of funds from Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 2 to acquire APNs 4422-033-011 and 4431-022-003 in Acquisition Area H, Pacific Palisades.**

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Lange.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-34 was unanimously adopted.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

**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: 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.

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

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on May 11, 2005.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP  
Executive Officer

Michael Berger  
Chair