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

December 5, 2012

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 2:01 p.m. on December 5, 2012, at 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: Larry Peterson; Jim Hasenauer; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present.

Staff Present: Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Michelle Renner, Acting Chief of Interpretation; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Dave Updike, Chief of Fire Management Division; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Walt Young, Chief of Operations, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

No members of the public addressed the Authority.

V. Reports.

The Authority received oral reports from the following members of staff: Chief Staff Counsel; Chief Ranger; Chief of Fire Division; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Acting Chief of Interpretation, and Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

IV. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of November 7, 2012 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of November 7, 2012 were approved as submitted.

VI. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of November 2, 2012 to November 28, 2012.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over an approximately 4-acre portion of APN 5549-003-004 (2775 North Cahuenga Boulevard), Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor, City of Los Angeles.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over an approximately 0.10-acre portion of APN 5569-002-003 (2630 Harlesden Court), Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor, Nichols Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offers to dedicate scenic easements and/or open space easements associated with Coastal Development Permit Nos. 5-91-438 (Pourrahi), 5-90-1059 (Trucks), 587-458 & 5-87-458-A (Bernstein), 5-91-834 (O'Leary), and 5-90-335 & 5-90-335-A (Ketcham), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 12-157; 12-158; 12-159, and 12-160 were unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution approving the application for grant funds for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program under the Section 164.56 of the Streets and Highways Code for the Franklin/Ivar Park Project.

The staff report for this item was presented 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. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-161 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution approving the application for competitive tree-planting grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Second Supervisorial District excess funding for Ballona Creek – Milton Street Park project.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-162 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution approving the application for competitive tree-planting grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Second Supervisorial District excess funding for Park to Playa project.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-163 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of APNs totaling approximately 259 acres from the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority and approximately 311 acres from Whitebird Holdings in La Tuna Canyon, on both sides of the 210 Freeways, City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-164 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of conservation and trail easements over APN 4467-002-002 using Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund, entering into an agreement to receive fee title to APN 4467-002-002 in the future, and acceptance of trail and conservation easements over APN 4467-003-021, Ramirez Canyon, City of Malibu. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Drew Purvis. Under consideration: price and terms. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code.)*

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-165 was unanimously adopted.

- XII. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No.12-147 regarding approval of an option agreement and payments for the Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Mulholland Drive property, City of Los Angeles. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Lawrence Lazar. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code.)**

This item was heard in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-66 was unanimously adopted.

- XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APNs 2017-014-011, 2017-014-012, 2017-014-013, 2017-014-014, 2017-014-015, 2017-014-016, 2017-014-018, and 2017-014-019 totaling 1.14 acres and paying back taxes with in-lieu mitigation fees, Dayton Canyon area of West Hills, City of Los Angeles.**

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. 12-67 was unanimously adopted.

- XIV. Consideration of resolution approving the application for grant funds for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program under the Section 164.56 of the Streets and Highways Code for the Malibu Creek Acquisition Project.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 12-68 was unanimously adopted.

- 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: eleven (11). (1) *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy 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) *Malibu-Encinal Homeowners Association v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC431798*; (5) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS127089*; (6) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Case No. BS121820*; (7) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS129503*; (8) *Morris v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; (9) *Everett v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; (10) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Whittier, Matrix Oil Co. and related entities, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors*; and (11) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Coldwater Investments*.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following item pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6. Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions.

The Chair convened the closed session at 2:54 p.m. and announced that item XII would be discussed along with the following litigation items: *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS121650* and *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS127089*.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 3:06 p.m. and announced that item XII was discussed along with the following litigation items: *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and*

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Conservation Authority, Case No. BS121650 and Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS127089.

XVI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on January 7, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Rorie A. Skei
Chief Deputy Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson