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

August 7, 2013

I. Call to order.

The 478th 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 August 7, 2013, at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, Community Room, 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: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, FAICP, Hon, ASLA; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Jeff Maloney (via teleconference), Chief Staff Counsel; Laura Ratcliffe, Staff Counsel; Walt Young, Chief of Operations; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Jamie Cabral, Chief Deputy of Interpretation; Dave Updike, Chief of Fire Division; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, 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.

IV. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of July 3, 2013 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of July 3, 2013 was approved as submitted.

V. Reports.

The Authority received oral reports from the following members of staff: Chief Ranger; Chief of Fire Division; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Chief of Special Projects; Chief Deputy Executive Officer, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

VI. Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of June 24, 2013 to July 25, 2013.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-102 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution approving the application for competitive tree-planting grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Third Supervisorial District excess funding for Pacoima Wash – Eighth Street Park project.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Special Projects.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Special Projects.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-103 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing adopting a Youth Employment Plan for the Pacoima Wash – Eighth Street Park project funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Tree Planting Grant.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Special Projects.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Special Projects.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-104 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution adopting a Youth Employment Plan for Los Angeles River Center and Gardens Tree Planting funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Special Projects.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-105 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing extension of contract No. 151/10 with Jenny Price for development and writing for Symbiosis.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief of Interpretation.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief of Interpretation.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 13-106 was unanimously adopted.

XI. 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, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, et al., Case No. BS136211, and related cases, and (11) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Coldwater Investments.

The Chair convened the closed session at 2:49 p.m. and announced that the following item would be discussed: *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Whittier, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, et al., Case No. BS136211, and related cases.*

The Chair reconvened the open session at 3:26 p.m. and announced that direction was given to Counsel and staff regarding *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Whittier, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, et al., Case No. BS136211, and related cases.*

XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on September 4, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson