



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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

**August 3, 2005**

### **I. Call to Order.**

The regular teleconference meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Michael Berger, at 3:04 p.m. on August 3, 2005 at the following locations:

- (1). Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.
- (2). Franklin Canyon Park, William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

### **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; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

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

No public comment was made.

### **IV. Reports from Staff:**

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

The Authority received a verbal report from the Executive Officer, the Deputy Executive Officer, and the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations.

**V. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for April, May, and June 2005.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant of Proposition 12, Proposition 40, and Proposition 50 funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for construction of the West Mulholland Watershed Demonstration Facility, Woodland Hills.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of grant of Proposition 50 funds by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for park improvements to the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park Pacoima Wash Greenway, City of San Fernando.**

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 05-77, 05-78, and 05-79 were unanimously adopted.

**VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the purpose of planning and implementing recommendations defined in the Draft Arroyo Seco Parkway National Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-80 was unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with WET Labs Inc. for fountain equipment fabrication for Confluence Park, Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by the Chair, Mr. Hayduk, and Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-81 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a temporary above-ground sewer pipeline construction easement to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Baldwin Open Space, Calabasas.**

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-82 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a construction and maintenance easement to Los Angeles County Department of Public Works for road stabilization, slope erosion, repair, and control of runoff at West Winding Way, Malibu.**

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-83 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution authorizing transfer of an approximately 20-acre portion of Rancho Portrero Open Space (former Huck property/Broome Ranch) to the Conejo Open Space Conservation Authority, Thousand Oaks, consistent with Resolution No. 93-52.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-84 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of approximately 1.07 acres, identified as portions of parcels 4386-020-904, 905 and 4386-021-900 through 904 and 906, City of Los Angeles, from the National Park Service, and transfer of same to Ico Investment Group, Inc, pursuant to an agreement between the National Park Service, Ico Investment Group, Inc., and the Authority.**

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-85 was unanimously adopted.

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

No comment was made.

**XIII. 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*, and (3) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Laminar RR Acquisition, L.L.C. et al*.**

No closed session was held.

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

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on August 22, 2005.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP  
Executive Officer

Michael Berger  
Chair