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

**SPECIAL MEETING ONE
April 16, 2015**

I. Call to order.

The special telephonic 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 April 16, 2015, at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California, and King Gillette Ranch, Conference Room, 26800 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, California.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Jim Hasenauer (at King Gillette Ranch); Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson (at King Gillette Ranch), and George Lange, Chairperson (at Conejo Recreation and Park District). A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Larry Peterson.

Staff Present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, FAICP, Hon, ASLA; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Amy Lethrbridge, Deputy Executive Officer of Interpretation; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Sheryl Lewanda, Acting Assistant Financial Officer, 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. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 84 funds for interpretive program development and delivery of ranger led public programs and ranger led interpretive programs specifically designed for disadvantaged youth.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-50 was unanimously adopted.

V. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 40 funds for interpretation of land, air and water resources.

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-51 was unanimously adopted.

VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a donation to the California Trails Conference Foundation for the 2015 Trails and Greenways Conference.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-52 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for North East Los Angeles Hilltops and Connectors project planning and design funding.

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-53 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Malibu Canyon Tributaries and Adjacent Watersheds project planning and design funding.

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.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-54 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Eastern Santa Susana Mountains – Western San Gabriel Mountains Watersheds project planning and design funding, Los Angeles River watershed.

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 and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-55 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 40 funds for capital improvements at Towsley Canyon Park.

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-56 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 40 funds for capital improvements at Mentryville.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer and Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief of Urban Projects.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-57 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing requesting a budget augmentation for grant SMM-50-1108 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, for Project Planning and Design services for the Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project, City of Malibu.

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 and the Executive Officer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-56 was unanimously adopted.

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: ten (10). (1) *Malibu-Encinal Homeowners Association v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC431798; (2) *Morris v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, Case No. BC448511; (3) *Everett v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC466880; (4) *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, (5) *Friends of the Hastain Trail, et al. v. Coldwater Investments, et al.*, Case No. BC469573; (6) *Prop “A” Protective Association, LLC v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BS 145771 and related cases; (7) *Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, The Trust for Public Land, et al. v. City of Whittier, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BS146670 and related cases; (8) *Denman, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; (9) *Perez v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, and (10) *Smaldino and Simak v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.

No closed session was held.

XIV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on May 6, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston
Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange
Chairperson