



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

**September 2, 2015**

**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 2:00 p.m., on September 2, 2015, 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: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, FAICP, Hon, ASLA; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer of Operations; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer of Interpretation; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Cara Meyer, Chief of Special Projects, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

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

The following members of the public addressed the Authority:

Mr. Jess Thomas, representing Old Agoura Homeowners Association, on matters not on the agenda.

Ms. Teen Takata, member of the public, on item XIII.

**IV. Approval of minutes.**

The minutes of August 5, 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of August 5, 2015 were adopted as submitted.

**V. Reports from staff.**

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief of the Fire Division; Chief Ranger; Chief Staff Counsel; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Deputy Executive Officer of Interpretation; Chief of Special Projects, and Ms. Sheryl Lewanda, Acting Assistant Financial Officer.

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of July 24, 2015 to August 23, 2015.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) entering into a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation regarding Getty View Trailhead reimbursement and Interstate 405 Sepulveda Pass project, and (b) acceptance of payments, City of Los Angeles.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a lease agreement with Sprint PCS for APN 2069-078-906 for the installation of a ground-level wireless facility, City of Calabasas.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing the ability to register/vest and purchase properties at the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector 2015A Public Auction.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing the creation of an Auction Trust Account with the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collectors office to purchase parcels at the 2015A Public Auction.**

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 15-124 through 15-128 were unanimously adopted.

**VII. Presentation regarding active recreation management options for MRCA owned and managed properties.**

The Authority received an oral report from the Deputy Executive Officer of Operations.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Interpretation.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Peterson, Mr. Hasenauer, and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer of Operations.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution approving the final FY 2015-2016 budget of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Acting Assistant Financial Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made the Acting Assistant Financial Officer.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-129 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an Open Space Acquisition and Maintenance Agreement with Centex Homes for the Sterling West Hills Project, Dayton Canyon, 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, and Mr. Peterson.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-130 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution declaring intention to establish Community Facilities District 2015-1 (Sterling West Hills) and authorize the levy of special taxes within said Community Facilities District, Dayton Canyon, 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. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-131 was unanimously adopted.

- XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funds for trail installation and development pursuant to California Coastal Commission Consent Cease and Desist Order No. CCC-15-CD-03 and Restoration Order No. CCC-15-RO-03, Las Flores Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

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. 15-132 was unanimously adopted.

- XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of approximately 16 acres (APN 4438-033-059) pursuant to California Coastal Commission Consent Cease and Desist Order No. CCC-15-CD-03 and Restoration Order No. CCC-15-RO-03, Las Flores Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

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. 15-133 was unanimously adopted.

- XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) conditional support of the proposed Andora Estates project; (b) entering into an agreement with the project applicant; (c) authorizing the acceptance of temporary and revocable conservation easements over portions of APNs 2724-007-002 and 004, up to approximately 66 acres; (d) authorizing the future acceptance of conservation easements and fee simple interests over the same land subject to the temporary easements, and (e) authorizing the future acceptance of easements over additional deed restricted portions and trails of APNs 2724-007-004 up to approximately 13.5 acres, Simi Hills, Chatsworth, City of Los Angeles.**

This item was postponed to a later date.

- XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) the exchange of an approximately 1,200-square-foot portion of a conservation easement on APN 2064-006-018 for approximately 1,200-square-feet of new conservation split between APNs 2064-006-018 and 019, and (b) acceptance of processing and restoration funding, Liberty Canyon, City of Agoura Hills.**

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. 15-135 was unanimously adopted.

**XV. Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) the addition of APNs 4380-011-012 and 4380-015-002, to the Final Engineer's Report for Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1; (b) and the use of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1 funds to acquire said parcels, approximately 0.58 acres combined, Beverly Glen Canyon, City of Los Angeles. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Steven Foonberg. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8).**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and the Chairperson.

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

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 15-136 was unanimously adopted.

**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: 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.

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on October 7, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

George Lange  
Chairperson