



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

April 20, 2006

I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Michael Berger at 3:06 p.m. on April 20, 2006, at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Hayduk, Jerome C. Daniel, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Chairperson Michael Berger. Quorum present.

Staff present: Rorie Skei, Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Amy Letbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction, Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel, Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs; Jeff Jones, Chief Financial Officer, 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. Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Topanga Anthropological Consultants for an archaeological assessment of King Gillette Ranch area pursuant to the MRCA-National Park Service Task Agreement for Gillette Ranch Planning.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-53 was unanimously adopted.

V. Consideration of resolution authorizing issuance of a Request for Proposals for a facilities condition assessment and inventory of King Gillette Ranch pursuant to the National Park Service - MRCA Task Agreement for planning studies.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution 06-54 was unanimously adopted.

VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing expenditures to develop an enhanced marketing program for filming in MRCA managed parkland.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Chief of Construction.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-55 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 50 funds to promote public access to and participation in the conservation of land, water and wildlife resources at the Ballona Wetlands.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer and the Chief of Interpretation.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Messrs. Lange and Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief of Interpretation.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-56 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 40 funds for park improvements, including overlooks and wayside exhibits, along Highway 2 and Highway 39 in the Angeles National Forest.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer, Chief of Interpretation and the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-57 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funds from the Los Angeles Unified School District for program delivery of the Temescal Field Science Program.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer and the Chief of Interpretation.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-58 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of a resolution accepting a grant from the County of Los Angeles to contribute to the research and analysis of funding for surface water quality improvements and amending the Contract with Community Conservancy International to reflect the grant.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Director of Public Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-59 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution amending the contract with Community Conservancy International to include consideration for additional engineering services.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Director of Public Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-60 was unanimously adopted.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations.

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: 1. *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.*

No closed session was held.

XVI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on May 3, 2006.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:34 p.m. in honor of Ms. Alma Meyer.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP
Executive Officer

Michael Berger
Chair