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

**May 2, 2007**

**I. Call to Order.**

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Vice Chairperson George Lange, at 2:03 p.m. on May 2, 2007 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, and George Lange, Vice Chairperson. Quorum present. The following member was absent: Michael Berger, Chairperson.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; 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.**

The following members of the public addressed the Authority:

Robert Mionske, member of the public, on item V(k).  
Arnold Newman, member of the public, on item V(k)  
Andrea Silberman, member of the public, on item V(k).  
Katherine Warwick, member of the public, on item V(k).  
Anita Sokolsky, member of the public, on item V(e) and XI.  
Ethlie Ann Vare, member of the public, on item XI.  
Prateek Goel, representing I Will Buy This House, LLC., on item V(k)  
Bill Keifer, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.  
Raiford L. Langford, member of the public, on item V(k).  
Virginia Hedfield Hawks, member of the public, on item V(k).  
David Hawks, member of the public, on item V(k).

#### **IV. Reports.**

The Authority received verbal reports from the Chief Ranger, Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, and the Chief of Interpretation.

#### **V. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 03-51 to authorize entering into an agreement regarding the realignment and future grant of hiking and equestrian trails over a 27 acre open space dedication lot in La Tuna Canyon, Verdugo Hills, Los Angeles.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 06-37 to authorize entering into a license agreement to allow Pardee Homes to conduct a mitigation and monitoring plan on a 230 acre open space dedication lot in Violin Canyon, County of Los Angeles.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution accepting a grant of Proposition 50 funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the protection and restoration of land and water resources at King Gillette Ranch, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution accepting a grant of Proposition 40 funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the development of land and water resources at King Gillette Ranch, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1 funds to acquire properties in Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement 2573, and the addition of said parcels in Sunset Plaza, Oak Forest Canyon, Beverly Glen, and Laurel Canyon areas to the Final Engineer's Report, Los Angeles.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2 funds to acquire one Rivas Canyon property in Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement 2573, and the addition of said parcel to the Final Engineer's Report, Pacific Palisades.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of an approximately 18-acre donation (APN 700-0-190-075) located east of**

**Yerba Buena Road and north of Yellow Hill Road, Little Sycamore Canyon Watershed, Ventura County.**

- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperative Agreement with City of Compton for the purpose of developing, designing, constructing and maintaining recreation and open spaces along Compton Creek.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of an approximately 275-acre open space dedication of lots 34 and 20 of Tract Nos. 44327 and 44327-01 and conservation easements within said tracts, Indian Springs project, Devil Canyon, Chatsworth.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 280-acre open space dedication, conservation easements, trail easements and maintenance funding in the Big Tujunga Wash, Sunland-Tujunga.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 3.5-acre conservation easement over APN 2274-020-019 west of Oak Forest Canyon and Camino de la Cumbre, Sherman Oaks.**
- (l) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of Proposition 50 grant funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for acquisition of APN 2821-009-021 in Devils Canyon, Santa Susana Mountains, Upper Los Angeles River Watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 07-33, 07-34, 07-35, 07-36, 07-37, 07-38, 07-39, 07-40, 07-41, 07-42, 07-43, and 07-44 were unanimously adopted.

- VI. Consideration of resolution adding APNs 5571-026-007 and 5571-025-042, adjacent to Runyon Canyon Park, to the Final Engineer's Report and authorizing the use of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1 funds to acquire said parcels, Hollywood. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and City of Los Angeles. Under consideration: terms and price. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 and Section 54956.9 of the Government Code.)***

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-45 was unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an Assistance Agreement with California Department of Parks and Recreation for King Gillette Ranch planning services, funding through a National Park Service Task Agreement.**

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-46 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District to grade on a portion of Rocky Peak Park near the terminus of Flanagan Drive, for the development of Chumash Park and to provide trailhead parking for Rocky Peak Park, pursuant to CUP-S-653, Simi Valley.**

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-47 was unanimously adopted as amended.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the City Project for collaboration and community outreach on an MRCA pilot interpretive program for the communities of North East Los Angeles.**

This item was postponed to a later date.

**X. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over approximately 117 acres located near Yerba Buena Road (APNs 701-0-030-100 and 701-0-140-040), County of Ventura.**

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-49 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1 funds to acquire an**

option on APNs 5565-003-036, 037, 038, 039, 040, and 041 located at the southwest corner of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Mulholland Drive, Laurel Canyon, Los Angeles Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Lawrence Lazar. Under consideration: terms and price. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 and Section 54956.9 of the Government Code.)*.

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-50 was unanimously adopted.

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

No comments were 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: 5. (1) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; (2) *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; (3) *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu, and related litigation*; (4) *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; and (5) *Douglas v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.

The Chair announced the Closed Session at 3:11 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to discuss agenda item XI.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 3:24 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators regarding agenda item XI.

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

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on June 6, 2007.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Acting Chair at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP  
Executive Officer

Michael Berger  
Chair