

Motion carried.

V. SCHEDULED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- (A) Presentation of Donation fro Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise from Proceeds Raised at the 2007 Cajun Music Festival (Oral)

Marshall Shrago, Past-President of Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, and Maggie Kesle, President Elect, thanked the District for use of its facilities for the Cajun Music Festival. They said the event is one of the largest in the country and that the money it raises drives their program for the community throughout the year. They mentioned some of the various recipients/projects for which the money is used, and then presented the Park District with a donation in the amount of \$14,000.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

- (A) Approval of Check Registers: 9/14/07 (payroll); 9/7/07 (payables)
(B) Receive and File Report on Schedule of Events for October 2007 39-07-j

ACTION: Vice Chair Meredith moved to Approve Consent Agenda Items A and B; Director Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) Approval of Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08 131-07-b

Paul Edelman gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting MRCA's projects over the last year. He mentioned projects extending from Simi Valley to Los Angeles and beyond, i.e., the Arroyo Trail, Santa Susana Mountains State Historic Park, Rocky Peak, Lost Canyons area in Agoura Hills, Soledad Canyon Wildlife Corridor, Coastal Slope Trail, Malibu Bluff Park, Soka University (Gillette Ranch) in Calabasas, Tujunga Wash. Vice Chair Meredith thanked MRCA for preserving land for Californians and for being a partner with the District. He also asked about status of the Los Feliz trail area hooking up with District's system and about the Blind Canyon parcels. Assistant General Manager stated that there will be a dedication of the 42-acre Long Canyon open space and that an important component of that project was \$295,000 in mitigation money that Paul Edelman brought in and his help with getting the grant. Jeff Jones from MRCA offered to answer any questions on the budget. He also mentioned that MRCA has 49 fully qualified firefighters and a world-class interpretive program. Chair O'Brien asked if MRCA is in any danger of divergence of funds to the State in case of a State emergency.

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to Approve Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08; Vice Chair Meredith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Closed Session Items were moved up on the Agenda.

The Chair called a Closed Session at 7:00 p.m.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

(A) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Negotiating Parties: General Manager and Assistant General Manager

Re: Land Acquisition Portion of APN 620-0-320-075 (located on Eastern side of Tapo Canyon Road, north of City limits)

Owner – Marr Ranch I, LLC

(B) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Negotiating Parties: General Manager and Assistant General Manager

Re: Land Acquisition Securement of Access and Utility Easements Across APN 615-0-210-085 (located on Eastern side of Tapo Canyon Road, south of Lost Canyons Road)

Owner – Lost Canyons, LLC

Chair O'Brien reconvened the meeting at 7:12 p.m., after receiving an update on sale terms from staff. No action was taken.

VIII. (B) Approval of a Resolution Accepting a Grant Deed from Marr Ranch I, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, for a 57.50-Acre Portion of Ventura County Assessor's Parcel No. 620-0-320-115 Known as the Lost Canyons Park Property, Located North of Simi Valley, California, in Unincorporated Ventura County 189-07-a

ACTION: Vice Chair Meredith moved to Approve Resolution No. 1737, as amended, Accepting a Grant Deed from Marr Ranch I, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, for a 57.50-Acre Portion of Ventura County Assessor's Parcel No. 620-0-320-115 Known as the Lost Canyons Park Property, Located North of Simi Valley, California, in Unincorporated Ventura County, with the Necessary Adjustments Modified to the Easement Deed to Accommodate a 40-Foot Easement in Favor of Marr Ranch I, LLC, and Authorize Staff to Execute a Purchase Agreement Contract Amendment to Delete

Paragraph 3.44 and to Change the Purchase Price in 2.1 from \$700,000 to \$725,000;
Director Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following roll-call vote:

Ayes: Directors Johnson, Freeman, Meredith, O'Brien
Noes: None
Absent: Director Hostetler
Abstain: None

IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

X. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Director Johnson attended the Neighborhood Council #4 meeting.

Director Freeman attended a Tree Advisory Committee meeting and said that Arbor Day is set for April 5, 2008.

Director Freeman attended the Calleguas Creek Steering Committee meeting today. She will provide copies of the list of projects submitted for funding. The top 5 projects are ones that will increase water supply, and the District's project is right up there. She stated that the Assistant General Manager and Administrative Analyst did a good job on the Arroyo Simi Greenway project submission, and that she gave a presentation on it at the meeting.

Director Freeman attended the Police Foundation luncheon today. She said that Gene Hostetler's picture was displayed as a retiree of the Police Department and everyone clapped.

Director Freeman thanked Marketing and Community Outreach Specialist Janssen for all her work on the Simi Valley Days Parade.

Director Freeman thanked staff for the nicely written letter to the County regarding Capri and the Ramirez matter.

Vice Chair Meredith attended a Golf Committee meeting and met the District's new superintendent at Simi Hills Golf Course. He reported that they approved a new scorecard, which is being paid for; this will save the District \$2,700 per year. They discussed the high schools' use of the golf courses, including the matter of fees, amount of time it is used, scheduling, and rules.

Chair O'Brien attended the S.V. Historical Society meeting on September 10th, of which the Minutes were already distributed to the Board.

Chair O'Brien attended the 911 event at the Reagan Library. She said it was a very well done, there was a good turnout, and it was a great event.

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Chair O'Brien mentioned that there are people up in arms about the Colton Lee property matter. The Chair and Director Freeman asked for copies of the District's letter sent regarding Colton Lee Communities. Assistant General Manager provided additional information on the subject and said it may be necessary to have a public hearing. Director Freeman asked when the Planning Commission is speaking on this issue, and was informed this evening.

Vice Chair Meredith said he thought the postcard being sent out by the District's consultant on the Sinaloa Golf Course project asking for the public's feedback is excellent. Staff noted that the consultants are almost finished with the first round of meetings; some meetings with HOAs will be taking place this week. Recommendations and marketing reports will be brought back to the Board for an interim review.

XI. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER:

General Manager attended the opening day for the Community Games at the Senior Center. The event followed a health fair and was well attended. He commented that the Board can be proud of the fine efforts of the three part-time Recreation Coordinators – Karen Kalsman, Stan Kalsman and Sue McElvogue.

General Manager toured the Joncich property in Santa Susana area with the Assistant General Manager and Robert Mionske. Director Freeman asked if staff had input from SMMC on the matter. It was noted that the Conservancy did an appraisal on it four years ago.

General Manager reported that the Supervisor Training on Harassment Prevention was held for District employees at the Rancho Santa Susana Community Center today. The mandatory training was provided to full- and part-time supervisory staff.

General Manager said the Simi Valley Days Music Festival occurred at Rancho Simi Community Park over the weekend and he has since met with the Police. It was determined that the event was not suited for that location and was incompatible with neighbors around the Park, and staff will be memorializing this conclusion and the various observations at an upcoming Board of Directors meeting.

General Manager recommended the Board call a Special Meeting for October 19, 2007 for dedication of the Long Canyon property, which was acquired from the Simi Valley Unified School District.

Director Freeman stated that she and Chair O'Brien will be unable to attend the VCSDA meeting on October 9, 2007. Due to the CSDA Conference taking place October 1st to 4th, the VCSDA meeting was moved from the first Tuesday in October to October 9th. There is a dinner scheduled for Judy Mikels on October 9th, which they will be attending. General Manager stated that he will attend the VCSDA meeting.

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ACTION: Director Johnson called a Special Meeting of the Board to attend the Long Canyon Dedication on October 19, 2007 around 4 p.m.; Director Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Director Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m. in memory of Frank Finch and Travis Hansen who both passed away recently; Vice Chair Meredith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Peterson, District Clerk