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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 28, 1999

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chair Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:44 p.m. on October 28, 1999, at Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, Stewart Hall, 15601 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, California.

2. Roll call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Jerome Daniel, John Hisserich, Lindsey Kozberg, Mary Nichols, Michael Berger, Vice-Chairperson, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. The following members were absent: Ed Begley, Jr., Arthur Eck, Steve Horn, and Jeffrey Schwartz. Quorum present.

3. Roll call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Mark Johnson, Clare Marter Kenyon, Fran Pavley, Rick Putnam, Paul Rockenstein, Bruce Saito, George Lange, Vice-Chairperson, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chairperson. The following members arrived subsequent to roll call: Kathy Caldwell and David Green. The following members were absent: Dave Brown, Patrick Hunter, Linda Palmer, Carolyn Van Horn, and Kenneth Warner. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief of Legal and Real Estate Division; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Kathleen Bullard, Director of the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation and Operations; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Stephanie Landregan,

Staff Landscape Architect; and Stephanie Nevarez, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Dan Olivas, Deputy Attorney General.

4. **Closed Session:** (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) **Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation:** *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et.al.; Huebner v. State of California; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Real Parties in Interest); and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Los Angeles, a charter city, and the Department of Water and Power; Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et.al.; Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et.al.*

The Chair called a closed session at 7:48 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 *et seq.* of the Government Code to discuss *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*, and *Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority* pursuant to Section 54956.9.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 8:34 p.m. and announced that staff gave instructions to counsel with respect to the Tucker litigations 1, 2, and 3.

5. **Reports.**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair.

The Conservancy received a verbal report on legislation by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Nichols.

6. **Oral reports by staff.**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Pavley and the Executive Director.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Skei, and Mr. Edelman.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Walt Young, Chief Ranger.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Stephanie Landregan, Staff Landscape Architect.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Executive Director.

7. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Jill Swift, representing Los Amigos de Caballero Canyon, on item 22.
Ron Webster, representing the Sierra Club, on special item 5.

8. Consent Calendar:

- a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 1999/2000 budget amendments for purpose of implementing a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Los Angeles for improvement of the Winding Way Trail, City of Malibu. [Coastal Zone item]**
- b) **Consideration of resolution recommending a Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 1999/2000 budget amendment for the purpose of entering into a contract with the County Sanitation District of Los Angeles County No. 2 for ranger patrol of Canyons 2, 3 and 4.**
- c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Calabasas on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Calmont School, 23126 Mulholland Highway.**
- d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter of support for the City of Calabasas' Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program grant application for landscaping the Highway 101 on and off ramps at Parkway**

Calabasas.

- e) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Notice of Consultation for CPU 99-026, 26018-26024 Mulholland Highway, Cold Creek watershed. [Coastal Zone item]**
- f) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority or its designee apply for EEMP grant funds for the Los Angeles River Center Park and River Access Pathway, City of Los Angeles.**
- g) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority or its designee apply for EEMP grant funds for the Corral Canyon Trailhead, Malibu. [Coastal Zone item]**
- h) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a one-year lease extension to the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency for Broome Ranch/Rancho Portero Open Space.**
- i) **Consideration of resolution authorizing membership in the Southern California Steelhead Recovery Coalition. [Coastal Zone item]**
- j) **Consideration of resolution adopting a Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 1999/2000 budget augmentation for the purpose of providing camp programs in Temescal Gateway Park. [Coastal Zone item]**

Item 8(f) was removed from the consent calendar.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 99-113, 99-114, 99-115, 99-116, 99-117, 99-119, 99-120, 99-121, and 99-122.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

- 8(f). Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority or its designee apply for EEMP grant funds for the Los Angeles River Center Park and River Access Pathway, City of Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-118. Ms. Nichols was recorded as abstaining.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy reconsidered the vote by which the consent calendar was approved.

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, item 8(g) was removed from the consent calendar.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 99-113, 99-114, 99-115, 99-116, 99-117, 99-120, 99-121, and 99-122.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

8(g). Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority or its designee apply for EEMP grant funds for the Corral Canyon Trailhead, Malibu. [Coastal Zone item]

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-119. Ms. Nichols was recorded as abstaining.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

9. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for implementation of Santa Monica Mountains projects pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996 and authorizing a grant for such purposes. [Coastal Zone item]

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins regarding distribution of revised resolution.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-123.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-123.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 10. Consideration of resolution amending the Joint Exercise Powers Agreement between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Conejo Recreation and Park District, and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District relating to protection of rivers and watershed. [Coastal Zone item]**

This item was not heard.

- 11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Santa Clarita regarding Golden Valley Ranch Draft Environmental Impact Report.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Putnam, and Ms. Collins.

The Executive Director recommended that the Chair be authorized to send a less detailed letter to the City of Santa Clarita until further discussion could take place with the owner.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended sending the revised letter as per the recommendation of the Executive Director.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy authorized sending the revised letter as per the recommendation of the Executive Director.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Agoura Hills on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for Pacific Heritage Development, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 47283.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kosberg.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Pavley, Mr. Edelman, and Ms. Kosberg.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-126.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-126.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

20. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority approve the project plan and budget for the River Park at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

Ms. Bullard presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Marter-Kenyon.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-134.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Nichols, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-134.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

21. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority enter into a contract with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for work on the River Park at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

Ms. Bullard presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Putnam.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Bullard, Mr. Putnam, and Ms. Marter Kenyon.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-135. Mr. Saito was recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kosberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-135.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Simi Valley on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for Parker Ranch, Tentative Tract Map No. 5164.

Ms. Kosberg recused herself from consideration of this item.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-127. Ms. Briner-Schmidt was recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-127.

Ms. Kosberg was recorded as abstaining.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of an approximately 24-acre donation on the south face of Lady Face Mountain (APN 2061-002-024).

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Pavley, Ms. Nichols, and the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman, Ms. Pavley, Ms. Nichols, and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-128.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-128.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

15. Consideration of resolution adopting a Backbone Trail Parcels Project Plan and authorizing the acquisition of APNs 4472-007-017 and 022.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-129.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-129.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

16. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a donation of 0.21 acre of land near Rainbow Canyon Park, Mount Washington area, Los Angeles, from the Mount Washington Association.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Marter Kenyon and the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded to staff by Messrs. Berger and Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Marter Kenyon, and Ms. Nichols.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Saito, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-130. Ms. Marter Kenyon was recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kosberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-130. Mr. Berger was recorded as voting no.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 17. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a donation of 1.9 acres of land in the San Rafael Hills, Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, Cities of Los Angeles and Glendale.**

This item was not heard.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 18. Consideration of resolution recommending the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant to Art Share Los Angeles for artistic wrought iron panels, pedestrian gates and entry gates for The Natural Park, City of Los Angeles.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Kosberg.

Comments were made by Ms. Landregan.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-132.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kosberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-132.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 19. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority issue a Mitigated Negative Declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act for the W.W. Henry property, City of Maywood.**

This item was not heard.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 22. Consideration of resolution adopting procedures and a preliminary hearing schedule for public input on potential projects to be funded by The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) and The Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act of 1999.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Briner-Schmidt, Mr. Kishbaugh, the Executive Director, and Mr. Berger.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Executive Director, Ms. Briner-Schmidt, Ms. Pavley, Mr. Daniel, Ms. Nichols, and Mr. Berger.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-136.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-136.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 23. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (1) accept assignment of funds from the City of Los Angeles Proposition A allocation for the acquisition of approximately 2.5 acres, 227 North Lake Street, City of Los Angeles; (2) authorizing a grant therefore; and (3) further authorizing transfer of the property to the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks.**

The Executive Director withdrew the written staff report and delivered a new, verbal staff report on this item, recommending amendments to Resolution No. 99-137.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Nichols, Messrs. Lange and Putnam, and the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Nichols, the Executive Director, and Mr. Putnam.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended acceptance of verbal staff report and adoption of Resolution No. 99-137 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy accepted the verbal staff report and adopted Resolution No. 99-137 as amended.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 24. Minutes.**

Minutes were not submitted.

- 25. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.**

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel regarding "dirt Mulholland."

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Putnam regarding last minute receipt of board book materials.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Chair, and Mr. Putnam.

26. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on December 9, 1999.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH CHEADLE
Chairperson