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

March 15, 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 8:00 p.m. on March 15, 1999, at Stewart Hall, Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, 15601 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, California.

2. Roll call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Jerome Daniel, John Hisserich, Lindsey Kozberg, Michael Berger, Vice-Chair, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. The following members were absent: Art Eck, Steve Horn, Mary Nichols, 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, Dave Brown, Mark Johnson, Linda Palmer, Fran Pavley, Rick Putnam, Paul Rockenstein, Carolyn Van Horn, George Lange, Vice-Chair, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. The following members were absent: Kathy Caldwell, David Green, Jeffrey Seymour, and Kenneth Warner. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director;

Belinda V. Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief of Legal and Real Estate Division; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Lisa Soghor, Director of Design Services and Streisand Center Manager; Reva Concoff, Chief of Staff; Bob Blumenfield, Director of Governmental Affairs; Kathleen Bullard, Director of Los Angeles River Center; Tim Miller, Deputy Chief Ranger; Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation; Ellen Mackey, Visiting Ecologist; and Dawn De Vere, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General.

4. Reports

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair and Mr. Hisserich.

5. Oral reports by staff.

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

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

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

6. Report from budget and legislative committee.

Comments were made by the Chair and 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:

Alan Dymond, representing Concerned Citizens of East Laurel Canyon, on item 11.

Barbara Fine, individual, on item 11.

Ruebell Helgeson, representing the Temescal Canyon Working Group, on Temescal Canyon.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Malcolm Lesavoy, representing Tuna Homeowners Association, on Tuna Canyon.

Sabine Niederberghaus, representing Tuna Homeowners Association, on Tuna Canyon.

Roger Pugliese, representing Topanga Association for a Scenic Community, on Tuna Canyon.

Sue Nelson, representing Friends of Santa Monica Mountains, on the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

8. Consent Calendar:

- a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the transfer of approximately 1.7 acres of Calabasas Highlands property (APN 2072-023-017) to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, City of Calabasas.**
- b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into leases for the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.**
- c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of vehicles from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**
- d) **Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 99-8 to include in the transfer an approximately 1,200 square foot easement on and over the Trebek donation property, City of Los Angeles.**
- e) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority award a non-profit grant to the Big Santa Anita Historical Society for an informational video on Riparian Woodlands and Streams.**
- f) **Consideration of resolution naming the Richard Lillard Outdoor Classroom,**

Los Angeles River, Studio City.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 99-22, 99-23, 99-24, 99-25, 99-26, and 99-27.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

9. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on a Notice of Preparation for Tentative Tract No. 5182, Big Sky Ranch, Sand Canyon, City of Simi Valley.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-28.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kozberg.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution 99-28.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

10. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on Vesting Tentative Tract No. 47283, Lindero Canyon, City of Agoura Hills.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Pavley.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-29.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Mr. Daniel recommended that the comment letter be amended to include Mr. Brown's comments.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-29.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on Tentative Tract No. 1330 PS, Canton Place, City of Los Angeles.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item and recommended that the letter be adopted in concept.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-30.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by the Chair and Ms. Kozberg.

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-30.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APN 6760-070-060 in Thousand Oaks from Diane Lautmann, and offer of said parcel to Conejo Open Space Conservation Authority.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Briner-Schmidt and the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Berger.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-31.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-31.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 2052-013-045 in the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Pavley.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

The Executive Director recommended that this item be heard in closed session.

14. Consideration of resolution to exercise first right of refusal pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 33207(b) on the following properties: (a) Girard Reservoir, (b) Chatsworth Reservoir-Parcel 4, (c) Lower Franklin Canyon, (d) Upper Franklin Canyon, (e) Granada High Tank, and (f) Tujunga Infiltration Property, all declared

as excess by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Mr. Edelman gave a presentation on this item.

Questions were propounded by the Chair, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Palmer.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-33.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-33.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

15. Consideration of resolution to waive first right of refusal in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 33207.1 on APN 2055-003-906, City of Agoura Hills.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Pavley.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-34.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy

adopted Resolution No. 99-34.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendments to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 98/99 budget necessary to implement Resolution No. 98-96 which included authorization for development of the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-35.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-35.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendments to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 98/99 budget necessary to implement Resolution No. 98-79 for development of an at-risk youth facility at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

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. 99-36.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kozberg.

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy

adopted Resolution No. 99-36.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

18. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendments to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 98/99 budget.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by the Chair, Ms. Palmer, and Mr. Daniel.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Briner-Schmidt.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-37.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-37.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

19. Legislation:

a) Consideration of resolutions supporting SB 333 (Senator Schiff), SB 754 (Senator Hayden), and AB 339 (Assemblyman Runner).

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown, Ms. Pavley, and Mr. Kishbaugh.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory

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Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-38 as amended, 99-39 as amended, and 99-40.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kishbaugh and Ms. Kozberg.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-38 as amended, 99-39 as amended, and 99-40.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

b) Staff report and discussion on other introduced legislation.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hisserich and the Chair.

20. Minutes

The open session minutes of February 16, 1999 were submitted for approval.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

The open session minutes of February 16, 1999 were approved as submitted.

21. 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) paragraphs (1)-(5) 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.; Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Tucker Land Company; Los Amigos De Caballero Canyon v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Huebner v. State of California; and Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.*

The Chair called a closed session at 10:10 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 *et seq.* of the Government Code to discuss agenda item 13 and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority item IV(e).

The Chair reconvened the open session at 10:21 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-32. Ms. Kozberg was recorded as abstaining.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

23. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.

Ms. Briner-Schmidt spoke regarding an environmental camp in Pennsylvania.

24. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on April 19, 1999.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson