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

January 27, 2000

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 7:45 p.m. on January 27, 2000, at the AAF Rose Bowl Aquatic Center, 360 North Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena, California.

2. Administration of oath of office to new Advisory Committee members.

Oaths of office for the Advisory Committee were delivered to Terre Hirsch, Charles McKenney, John Karayan, and Anthony Portantino, representatives of the cities of Burbank, Pasadena, Glendale, and La Canada Flintridge, respectively.

Comments and introductions were made by Conservancy Board and Advisory Committee members.

Comments were made by the Chair.

3. 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-Chairperson, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. The following members were absent: Steve Horn, Mary Nichols, and Jeffrey Schwartz. Quorum present.

4. Roll call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, David Green, Mark Johnson, Clare Marter Kenyon, Anthony Portantino,

Charles McKenney, John Karayan, Terre Hirsch, Paul Rockenstein, Bruce Saito, George Lange, Vice-Chairperson, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chairperson. The following members arrived subsequent to roll call: Linda Palmer, Fran Pavley, and Rick Putnam. The following members were absent: Dave Brown, Kathy Caldwell, Lesley Devine, Patrick Hunter, Don Robinson, 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; Reva Concoff, Chief of Special Projects; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Stephanie Landregan, Staff Landscape Architect; Mary Angle, Visiting Ecologist; Elsa Luna, Chief of Finance and Administration; and Stephanie Nevarez, Board Secretary.

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

5. Reports.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chairperson.

The Conservancy received a Coastal Commission verbal report from John Hisserich.

The Conservancy received an Attorney General verbal report from Terry Fujimoto.

Comments were made by the Chair and Ms. Collins.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Collins.

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

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Ms. Parker and Ms. Briner-Schmidt.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Walt Young, Chief Ranger of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Reva Concoff, Chief of Special Projects.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Lange.

6. Special presentation to Michael Rogers, retiring Superintendent of the Angeles National Forest.

Mr. Rogers was absent.

7. Presentation on Ramirez Canyon Park and Targeted Public Access Program.

Ms. Lethbridge delivered the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by the Chair and the Executive Director.

8. 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:

Liz Blackwelder, member of the public, on La Canada Flintridge property nomination.

Kathryn Holvine, member of the public, on item 7.

Comments were made by Mr. Hisserich.

Alan Bernstein, member of the public, on item 7.

Judith Hall, member of the public, on item 7.

Mindy Shepps, member of the public, on item 7.

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

Patricia Bell Hurst, member of the public, on item 21.

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Edmunds.

Joan Luchs, member of the public, on item 18.

Comments were made by the Chair.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant to the City of Paramount for the Paramount Riverfront Park and Bike Trail Connection Project.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant to the City of Bell Gardens for the Jaboneria Shull Park and Bike Trail Connection.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter regarding 11979 Pinnacle Place, adjacent to Fryman Canyon Park (Lecohabe) and the Betty B. Dearing Trail, City of Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chair.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 00-01, 00-02, and 00-03.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

10. Consideration of resolution endorsing Proposition 12, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by the Chair, Mr. Kishbaugh, Mr. Lange, Mr. Portantino, Ms. Marter Kenyon, Ms. Kozberg, and Mr. Berger.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-04. Mr. Hirsch and Mr. Karayan were recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-04.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

11. Consideration of resolution endorsing Proposition 13, the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-05. Mr. Hirsch and Mr. Karayan were recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-05.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter regarding federal listing of San Fernando Spineflower, *Chorizanthe parryi fernandina*.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair, Mr. McKenney, Mr. Hirsch, and Mr. Lange.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-06.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-06.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter regarding 7301 Mulholland Drive, City of Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Kishbaugh, Mr. Begley, and Ms. Kozberg.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-07.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-07.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter concerning annexation of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power property south of lower Franklin Canyon reservoir to City of Beverly Hills for use as a public park.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair, Mr. Green, and Ms. Marter Kenyon.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Green, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-08 as amended. Mr. Rockenstein was recorded as voting no.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-08 as amended.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to transfer funds to the Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District (District) received from the Sale of Paramount Ranch and allocation of such funds by the District to the Canyon Oaks Project.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Faustinos, the Executive Director, Mr. Kishbaugh, and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-09.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-09.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 16. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority amend Project Agreement (Grant No. 58A1-00-1207) for Santa Monica Mountains Trails Acquisition Competitive Grant Program to include the following Backbone Trail parcels, APNS 4472-005-026, 4472-007-001, and 4472-007-002.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-10.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-10.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 17. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the National Park Service for an exchange of services for the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded by the Chair, Ms. Marter Kenyon, and Mr. Karayan.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Faustinos, and Ms. Lethbridge.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Rockenstein, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-11.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-11.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

18. Consideration of resolution adopting a policy concerning placement of telecommunication facilities within the Mulholland Scenic Parkway.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Pavley.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Pavley, Ms. Palmer, Mr. Kishbaugh, and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-12 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-12 as amended.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

19. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 2063-008-001, 003, and 021 in the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority with Transportation Enhancement Activity funds.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Pavley, Mr. Kishbaugh, the Executive Director, and Mr. Karayan.

Comments were made by Vice-Chairperson Berger acting as Chair while the Chair briefly left the meeting.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Karayan, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-13.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-13.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

20. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of APNs 2826-025-005, 007 and 008 in the Newhall Pass with Transportation Enhancement Activity funds.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Karayan, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-14.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-14.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

21. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire all or a portion of the 239 acre Boeckmann Property, Mandeville Canyon, City of Los Angeles, and authorize a grant thereto.

Chairperson Cheadle returned to the meeting.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Green and a member of the public.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Lisa Gritzner from Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski's office.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director and Mr. Green.

Comments were made by Ms. Gritzner, the Executive Director, Ms. Skei, and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Karayan, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-15. Mr. Green was recorded as voting no. Mr. McKenney was recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-15. Ms. Kozberg and Mr. Daniel were recorded as abstaining.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 22. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire an option to acquire 106 acres, APNs 2063-008-025 and 2064-006-004 (Abrams Property), Agoura Hills.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item, and recommended removing the item from the agenda.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Pavley and Mr. Hirsch.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Pavley, and the Chair.

- 23. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant to Mulholland Tomorrow, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, for purposes of acquiring properties within the Mulholland Scenic Corridor along unimproved Mulholland Drive, City of Los Angeles, subject to final approval of the terms and conditions by the governing board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 24. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant to American Land Conservancy, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, for acquisition of options on high priority parcels, subject to final approval of the terms and conditions by the governing board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item, including a handout, and recommended postponing consideration of this item until after closed session.

- 25. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant to the Mountains Restoration Trust, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, for purposes of acquiring high priority parcels within the Santa Monica Mountains, subject to final approval of the terms and conditions by the governing board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 26. Minutes.**

No minutes were submitted.

- 27. 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)*; *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al.*; *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.**

The Chair called a closed session at 10:55 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 *et seq.* of the Government Code for item 24 and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code for item IV(i).

The Chair reconvened the open session at 11:26 p.m. and announced that instructions to

negotiators were given with regard to item 24 and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority item IV(i).

- 24. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant to American Land Conservancy, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, for acquisition of options on high priority parcels, subject to final approval of the terms and conditions by the governing board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Karayan, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-18.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-18.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

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

Comments were made by Mr. Lange requesting distribution of an updated Advisory Committee roster.

- 29. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on February 24th, 2000.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH CHEADLE
Chairperson