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

October 23, 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 Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 8:00 p.m. on October 23, 2000, at the Bel Air Presbyterian Church, 16221 Mulholland Drive, Los Angeles, California.

2. Oath of office to Steven Treanor, designee of Mary D. Nichols, Secretary for Resources.

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to Steven Treanor.

3. Roll call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Jerome Daniel, Steven Treanor, Michael Berger, Vice Chair, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. The following members were absent: Arthur Eck, Edward Albert, Lindsey Kozberg, Steve Horn, 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, Dave Brown, Mark Johnson, John Karayan, Fran Pavley, Anthony Portantino, Rick Putnam, Don Robinson, Paul Rockenstein, Kenneth Warner, Timothy Wendler, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. The following members were absent: Kathy Caldwell, Lesley Devine, Thomas Hasse, Terre Hirsch, Patrick Hunter, Clare Marter Kenyon, Charles McKenney, Linda Palmer, and Bruce Saito. 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; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Kathleen

Bullard, Director of Los Angeles River Center, MRCA; Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation; Elsa Luna, Chief of Finance and Administration, MRCA; Katherine Chew, Staff Counsel, MRCA; Heather Rothman, Director of Governmental and Public Affairs, MRCA; Brian Sander, Computer and IT Technician, MRCA; and Colby Allerton, Board Secretary, MRCA.

Representing the Office of Attorney General was Nedra Austin.

5. Reports

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chairperson.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Laurie Collins, Chief of Legal and Real Estate Division.

Ms. Collins introduced Katherine Chew, new MRCA staff counsel.

Comments were made by the Chair and Ms. Collins.

The Conservancy received a Coastal Commission report from the Executive Director on Lechuza Beach in lieu of the Coastal Commission representative.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair.

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

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, in accordance with Government Code Section 11125.3, the Governing Board determined that there existed a need to take immediate action on this item and that the need for action came to the attention of this state body subsequent to the agenda being posted, as specified in Government Code section 11125.

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, in accordance with Government Code Section 11125, the Governing Board added the following item to the agenda (named "18[a]"): "Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) be the acquisitional entity for the Lechuza Beach acquisition."

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 of the MRCA.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Begley.

Comments were made by Mr. Young and Mr. Brown.

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

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

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

6. 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:

Russ Guiney, representing the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Angeles Division, on Steve Treanor's nomination and items 10, 16, 17, and 18.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Pavley.

Comments were made by Mr. Guiney.

Michael Belcher, representing the Friends of Caballero Canyon, on items 16, 17, and 18.

Gordon Murley, representing the Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization, on items 12, 16, 17, and 18.

Mark Hennessy, member of the public, on 5 acre parcel of land east of the Universal City Overlook.

Joan Luchs, representing the Federation of Hillside and Canyons Association, on items 16, 17, and the need for help regarding Mulholland Design Review Board and Los Angeles Planning Department problems.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Susan B. Nelson, representing the Friends of Santa Monica Mountains Parks and Seashore, on item 16 and Dirt Mulholland being considered as part of the Backbone Trail.

7. Consent Calendar:

- a) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority enter into a contract with the State Coastal Conservancy for the management of coastal access easements in Malibu. (Coastal Zone Item)**
- b) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the MRCA authorize a one-year lease extension to the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency for the Rancho Portrero Open Space (Broome Ranch), Thousand Oaks.**

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 00-117 and 00-118.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

8. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of grant to the Trust for Public Land to provide for project planning services for projects along the Los Angeles River.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Ms. Faustinos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-119.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-119.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

The Chair reopened the public hearing item.

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

The Chair read into the record a letter from Tony Rossmann, member of the public, on items 16 and 17.

9. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for restoration and improvements to Arroyo Seco property, City of South Pasadena.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Lange.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Wendler, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-120.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-120.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

10. Consideration of resolution recommending that the MRCA apply for Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program funds for Baldwin Hills Trailhead.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-121.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-121.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on Draft Environmental Impact Report for Marantha High School, Willis Estate, City of Sierra Madre.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair and Mr. Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Karayan, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-122.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-122.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

12. Consideration of resolution exercising first right of refusal from the Department of Water and Power on Girard Reservoir (APN 2076-023-900), City of Woodland Hills.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Kishbaugh and Mr. Warner.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-123.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-123.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant including Alma Meier funds to the Mountains Restoration Trust to acquire Red Rock Canyon North Addition (APNs 4455-008-008,009 and 4436-005-001) in the Old Topanga Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County, and acceptance of the transfer of the property. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c) (7) (A) of the Government Code.)

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair and Mr. Brown.

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

The Chair announced that voting on this item would take place after closed session.

14. Consideration of resolution recommending that the MRCA accept title to APN 4434-019-003 in Topanga Canyon and enter into an indemnification and remediation agreement with Los Angeles County.

Mr. Edelman presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair, Mr. Putnam, Mr. Warner, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Berger.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman, the Executive Director, Ms. Briner Schmidt, and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-125.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-125.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

15. Consideration of resolution recommending that the MRCA acquire a 40 acre Encinal Canyon property (APN 4471-020-017), Los Angeles County. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c) (7) (A) of the Government Code.)

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Chair announced that voting on this item would take place after closed session.

16. Consideration of resolution adopting Project Plan for additions to Mulholland Gateway Park, including Mulholland Gateway – 21000 Mulholland, Mulholland Drive (Unpaved) East End, Mulholland Gateway Park – Chapter/Natoma, and Mulholland Gateway Park Natoma Small Lots, City of Los Angeles, and Mulholland Gateway Southeast, and Mulholland Gateway Southwest, County of Los Angeles, pursuant to Section 33209 of the Public Resources Code.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item, noting that it and items 17 and 18 were all related.

The Chair opened items 17 and 18 for discussion.

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the MRCA for acquisition of the former Avatar property (APNS 2178-006-006, 2178-006-008, 2178-007-004, 2178-007-008, 2178-009-004, 2178-

009-009, and 2180-024-004), City of Los Angeles, and recommending transfer to the California Department of Parks and Recreation. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c) (7) (A) of the Government Code.)

- 18. Consideration of resolution authorizing transfer of possession and control or recommending the MRCA to transfer possession and control to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for consideration to be agreed upon the following properties: Cold Creek – General Realty, Cold Creek – Mattingly, Cold Creek – McKain, Cold Creek – Stunt, La Tuna Canyon – BKK, La Tuna Canyon – Hammersly, Liberty Canyon – Silver Rock, Liberty Canyon – Wilson, Mulholland Gateway Park (“M.G.P.”) – 21000 Mulholland, M.G.P. – Caballero Canyon, M.G.P.– Corbin Canyon – Avatar Phase I, M.G.P. – Corbin Canyon – Avatar Phase II, M.G.P. – Mulholland Associates, M.G.P. – NBC Dedication (PCL), M.G.P. – Tarzana CC, M.G.P. – Tradewood, Malibu Canyon – Blue Onyx, Malibu Canyon – Blue Onyx (Haynie), Malibu Canyon – Moore/Bleckman, Malibu Canyon – Sterkin/Piuma, Malibu Canyon – Vernon/Costa del Sol. (Coastal Zone Item) (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c) (7) (A) of the Government Code.)**

The Executive Director presented the staff reports on items 16, 17, and 18.

Comments were made by the Chair and the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-127 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-127 as amended.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

18(a). Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) be the acquisitional entity for the Lechuza Beach acquisition. (Coastal Zone Item)

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Brown, Mr. Kishbaugh, and Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Brown, Ms. Pavley, the Chair, Ms. Briner Schmidt, and Mr. Begley.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Karayan, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-130(a).

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-130(a).

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

19. Minutes

The minutes of July 26, 2000 and August 24, 2000 were presented.

The minutes of July 26, 2000 and August 24, 2000 were approved as presented.

The Chair announced a meeting break at 10:12 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

21. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.

The Executive Director announced a PowerPoint presentation on Conservancy activities and Workprogram.

The PowerPoint presentation was narrated by Ms. Skei.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

20. 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.*; *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.* BS063464; *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 et al.* BC225037; *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.* BC230410; *Mirharooni v. State of California.*

The Chair called a closed session at 10:26 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 *et seq.* of the Government Code to discuss item 13, 15, 17, and 18.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 10:56 p.m. and announced that the Conservancy amended the resolution for item 13 and received a report on negotiations regarding items 15, 17, and 18 and that instructions to negotiators were given regarding items 15, 17, and 18.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant including Alma Meier funds to the Mountains Restoration Trust to acquire Red Rock Canyon North Addition (APNS 4455-008-008,009 and

4436-005-001) in the Old Topanga Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County, and acceptance of the transfer of the property. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c) (7) (A) of the Government Code.)

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-124 as amended.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 15. Consideration of resolution recommending that the MRCA acquire a 40 acre Encinal Canyon property (APN 4471-020-017), Los Angeles County. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c) (7) (A) of the Government Code.)**

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-126.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the MRCA for acquisition of the former Avatar property (APNS 2178-006-006, 2178-006-008, 2178-007-004, 2178-007-008, 2178-009-004, 2178-009-009, and 2180-024-004), City of Los Angeles, and recommending transfer to the California Department of Parks and Recreation. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c) (7) (A) of the Government Code.)**

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-128.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 18. Consideration of resolution authorizing transfer of possession and control or recommending the MRCA to transfer possession and control to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for consideration to be agreed upon the following properties: Cold Creek – General Realty, Cold Creek – Mattingly, Cold Creek – McKain, Cold Creek – Stunt, La Tuna Canyon – BKK, La Tuna Canyon – Hammersly, Liberty Canyon – Silver Rock, Liberty Canyon – Wilson, Mulholland Gateway Park (“M.G.P.”) – 21000 Mulholland, M.G.P. – Caballero Canyon, M.G.P.– Corbin Canyon – Avatar Phase I, M.G.P. – Corbin Canyon – Avatar Phase II, M.G.P. – Mulholland Associates, M.G.P. – NBC Dedication (PCL), M.G.P. – Tarzana CC, M.G.P. – Tradewood, Malibu Canyon – Blue Onyx, Malibu Canyon – Blue Onyx (Haynie), Malibu Canyon – Moore/Bleckman, Malibu Canyon – Sterkin/Piuma, Malibu Canyon – Vernon/Costa del Sol. (Coastal Zone Item) (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c) (7) (A) of the Government Code.)**

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-129.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

22. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

Comments were made by the Executive Director regarding the date of the next meeting, potentially scheduling a December 4th meeting as a joint November-December meeting, possibly at McRae Ranch in Thousand Oaks.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH CHEADLE
Chairperson