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

April 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 Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:42 p.m. on April 27, 2000, at Wilbur Avenue Elementary School, 5213 Crebs Avenue, Tarzana, California.

**2. Administration of oath of office to new Advisory Committee member.**

The Chief Deputy Director administered the oath of office to Mr. Timothy Wendler, as the appointee of the Senate Rules Committee.

**3. Roll call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Jerome Daniel, Russell Guiney, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. The following member arrived subsequent to roll call: Lindsey Kozberg. The following members were absent: Steve Horn, Mary Nichols, Jeffrey Schwartz, and Michael Berger, Vice Chair. Quorum present.

**4. Roll call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Dave Brown, Lesley Devine, John Karayan, Clare Marter Kenyon, Charles McKenney, Linda Palmer, Don Robinson, Bruce Saito, Kenneth Warner, Timothy Wendler, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. The following members arrived subsequent to roll call: David Green and Rick Putnam. The following members were absent: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Kathy Caldwell, Terre A. Hirsch, Patrick Hunter, Mark Johnson, Fran Pavley, Anthony Portantino, Paul Rockenstein, and Carolyn Van Horn. 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; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation and Operations, MRCA; Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation, MRCA; Tim Miller, Deputy Chief Ranger, MRCA; Elsa Luna, Chief of Finance and Administration, MRCA; Kimberly Yanoscik, Executive Secretary, MRCA; Heather Rothman, Director of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, MRCA; and Colby Allerton, Board Secretary, MRCA.

## **5. Reports**

A special presentation was made to Ken Nelson from Tim Miller, Deputy Chief Ranger of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Ken Nelson.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation and Operations, MRCA.

## **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:

Melvin Swift, representing Friends of Caballero Canyon, on item 8.

Charles Hall, member of the public, on item 7(a).

Betsey Landis, representing California Native Plant Society, on item 8.

Ron Webster, representing the Temescal Canyon Association, on item 15.

Suzanne Belcher, member of the public, on item 8.

Sybil Scotford, Country Open Space Association, on Rocky Pointe preservation.

## **7. a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Initial Study for Tentative Tract Map No. 52715, Placerita Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

- b) **Consideration of a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation from Mrs. Alma Meier of four parcels (APNs 4412-010-026, 027, 028, and 029) located in the Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles County and the sale of the four parcels in accordance with the conditions placed by the donor on the disposition of the property.**
- c) **Consideration of a resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to apply for an Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Act Section 205(j) grant to assess water quality in the Arroyo Seco watershed.**
- d) **Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority by augmentation from item 3810-301-0001 to the Minor Capital Outlay Revolving Fund and further authorizing a grant from funds authorized by Sec. 5096.310(p) of the Public Resources Code (Prop. 12) to reimburse item 3810-301-0001 upon adoption of the Budget Act of 2000.**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, item 7(a) was removed from the consent calendar.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 00-37, 00-38, and 00-39.

*(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)*

- 7. a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Initial Study for Tentative Tract Map No. 52715, Placerita Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel regarding amendment of comment letter.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel to include amendment, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-36.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 8. **Report on California Environmental Quality Act documentation for Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park expanded project, located at the southerly terminus of**

**Reseda Blvd., City of Los Angeles.**

The Chair postponed discussion of this item until the arrival of the Executive Director.

**9. Report on application to the California Coastal Commission regarding use of Ramirez Canyon Park, Malibu.**

Ms. Lethbridge presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins and the Chair.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Daniel and Mr. McKenney.

Comments were made by Ms. Lethbridge.

**10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a request for bids to sell 10-acre Calabasas Highlands parcel (APN 2072-023-017) with conservation and trail easements.**

Mr. Edelman presented the staff report for this item, recommending tabling the item for 90 days.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman and Ms. Devine.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Green.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins, Mr. Edelman, Ms. Devine, and the Chair.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, this item was tabled for 90 days.

**11. Consideration of a resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept the dedication of a .8 plus or minus acre parcel, commonly known as the Claretville Summit, located in Los Angeles County, from Soka University of America.**

Ms. Collins presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Green, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Guiney.

Mr. Green recommended amending the resolution.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins, Ms. Devine, Mr. Brown, and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-41 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-41 as amended.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**8. Report on California Environmental Quality Act documentation for Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park expanded project, located at the southerly terminus of Reseda Blvd., City of Los Angeles.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Dave Brown.

Comments were made by Dave Brown, the Executive Director, the Chair, and Lindsey Kozberg.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Devine, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended accepting the staff recommendation.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy accepted the staff recommendation.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. McKenney.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing: 1) a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority from the Safe Clean Water Act of 1996 for project planning and design on the Tujunga Wash and Arroyo Seco Restoration and Improvement projects; and 2) such Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority budget amendments as may be necessary to implement this grant.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by Mr. McKenney.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. McKenney, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-42. Ms. Marter Kenyon was recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-42.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing grant to the California Institute of Public Affairs (CIPA) for research, development and documentation leading to creation of a Los Angeles brownfields to parks project similar to the British "Groundworks" project.**

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. 00-43.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Begley.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-43.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 14. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority award a grant to Community Conservancy International for planning studies authorized by Chapters 505 and 752 of the Statutes of 1999, at the request of, and to be reimbursed by, the Department of Parks and Recreation.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Green.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Green, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-44.

Comments were made by Mr. Guiney, Mr. Begley, and the Chair.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-44.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 15. Consideration of resolution supporting the request of the Temescal Canyon Association for a trail easement connecting Temescal Gateway Park and Will Rogers State Historic Park through Los Angeles Department of Water and Power property.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Brown.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-45.

Comments were made by Mr. Guiney and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Begley and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-45.

**15(a) Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute agreements with the State of California for Transportation Enhancement Activity funds.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Warner, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-46.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-46.

**16. Minutes.**

The open session minutes of March 27, 2000 were submitted.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

The open session minutes of March 27, 2000 were approved as submitted.

- 17. 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 9:32 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*.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 9:41 p.m. and announced that Staff Counsel gave a report regarding legal issues concerning *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy* and *Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.

The Chair returned to staff reports.

The Executive Director introduced Heather Rothman, incoming Director of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Rothman on legislation.

**18. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

Comments were made by Mr. Lange on the Workprogram 2000 color map.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel on the Santa Clarita JPA's activity.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. McKenney.

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh on at-risk children work in the Sequoia area.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel, the Executive Director, Mr. Brown, and the Chair on the passing of Rubell Helgelson.

**19. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on May 25, 2000.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP  
Executive Director

ELIZABETH CHEADLE  
Chairperson