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

May 25, 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 Vice-Chairperson Michael Berger acting Chair at 7:45 p.m. on May 25, 2000, at William S. Hart Park, 24151 N. San Fernando Road, Newhall, California.

**2. Administration of oath of office to Edward Albert.**

Mr. Albert was absent.

**3. Roll call of Conservancy.**

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

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

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

## **5. Reports**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Terry Fujimoto, representing the Attorney General's office, introducing Nedra Austin, new Deputy representative from the Attorney General's office.

The Conservancy received a report from the Executive Director on budget proceedings in Sacramento.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Pavley.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Chair introduced Anton Calleia, former Conservancy member.

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

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

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel and the Chair.

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

## **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:

- Frank Hovore, member of the public, on item 8.
- Laurene Weste, member of the public, on item 8.
- Charles Hall, member of the public, on item 8.

Sandy Van Houten, member of the public, on item 12.  
Randy Young, representing the Temescal Canyon Work Group, on items 9 and 10.  
Marsha McLean, representing the Santa Clarita Valley Canyons Preservation Committee, on item 8.  
Karen Pearson, Santa Clarita Valley Sierra Club, on item 8.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Berger.

Comments were made by Ms. Pearson.

James McCarthy, member of the public, on item 8.  
Roy van de Hoek, representing Sierra Club California, on item 8.  
The Chair, on behalf of the Hamashiro family, on item 8.

7.
  - a) **Consideration of resolution rescinding Resolution No. 00-43 and recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a 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.**
  - b) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept approximately 382 acres of open space located in the County of Los Angeles from Soka University of America. (Coastal Zone Item)**
  - c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing interagency agreement with The Resources Agency for purposes of the River Parkway Program and award of funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Studio City Outdoor Classroom and Corralitas/Pacific Red Car improvement projects.**

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 00-47, 00-48, and 00-49.

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

8. **Consideration of resolution authorizing a revision of the boundary of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor pursuant to Section 33204.4 of the Public Resources Code.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item, and stated that this matter

would not be voted on this night but would be brought back for vote at a future meeting.

Questions were propounded to staff by Messrs. Lange and Putnam.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Rockenstein, Lange, and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Messrs. Rockenstein, Daniel, Guiney, and the Chair.

**9. Consideration of resolution adopting criteria and procedures for evaluating third-party proposals for long-term use of property owned or managed by the Conservancy, including procedures for Requests for Proposals and specific rating criteria.**

The Executive Director recused himself from consideration of this item.

Ms. Collins presented the staff report for this item, and stated that this staff report was drafted by Ms. Lethbridge, Ms. Parker, and herself, and that Mr. Edmiston's electronic signature appeared on the staff report merely as a formality.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Hirsch, Ms. Palmer, and Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Ms. Lethbridge, Messrs. Young, Daniel, and Ms. Collins.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-51.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-51.

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

**10. Consideration of request of the Palisades-Malibu YMCA that the Conservancy recommend to the governing board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority that it annul the action of the Executive Officer of the MRCA requesting a**

**\$1/day per registrant permit fee for the YMCA's fee-based day camp program in Temescal Gateway Park. (Coastal Zone Item)**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins and Ms. Parker.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director, Ms. Briner-Schmidt, Ms. Devine, Messrs. Lange, Putnam, and Hirsch.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Briner-Schmidt, Ms. Parker, Ms. Palmer, and Mr. Fujimoto.

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

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended considering the request by the Palisades-Malibu YMCA.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended denying the request of the Palisades-Malibu YMCA.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy denied the request of the Palisades-Malibu YMCA.

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Notice of Preparation for Liberty Canyon Residential Project, Tentative Tract No. 52909, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-53.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-53.

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

16. **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 9:59 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 *et seq.* of the Government Code to discuss item 11 and *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 10:14 p.m. and announced that staff gave a report on negotiations regarding item 11 and Staff Counsel gave a report regarding legal issues concerning *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.

11. **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire APNs 4472-005-026, 4472-005-027, and 4472-005-028 in the Backbone Trail corridor, Arroyo Sequit watershed, using Proposition A Competitive Grant Funds and funds from Section 3(d) of Proposition A, and transfer of the parcels to the National Park Service. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.) (Coastal Zone Item)**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Robinson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-52.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-52.

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

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the transfer of approximately 136 acres at the northeast corner of Ladyface Mountain (portions of APNs 2061-003-011 and 2063-005-013) from the City of Agoura Hills.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

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

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-54.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-54.

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

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Notice of Preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for Ahmanson Ranch Phase "A" Master Tract Map (Tentative Tract Map No. 5206), Ventura County.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Pavley and Mr. Daniel.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Rockenstein, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-55.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-55.

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

**15. Minutes.**

The open session minutes of February 24, 2000 were presented.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

The open session minutes of February 24, 2000 were approved as submitted. The Chair was recorded as abstaining.

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

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Marter Kenyon and Mr. Berger regarding Ellen Mackey.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Portantino about the discussion draft of land acquisition evaluation criteria handout.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

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

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on June 29, 2000.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP  
Executive Director

MICHAEL BERGER  
Vice-Chairperson