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

March 22, 2004

1. Call to order.

The two hundred ninety first joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Jerome C. Daniel at 7:40 p.m. on March 22, 2004 at Franklin Canyon Park, Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Elizabeth Cheadle, Vice Chairperson, Jerome C. Daniel, Chairperson, Linda Parks, Hal Ross, Woody Smeck, and Jonathan Zasloff. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Ed Begley, Jr., and Ron Schafer.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Caroline Brown, Dave Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Ed Corridori, Heinz Ellersieck, Richard Gould, Mark Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, George Lange, Roseann Mikos, Barry Read, Bruce Saito, Lorraine Slattery, Thomas Seifert, Nancy Stephens, Anthony Portantino, Vice Chairperson, and Timothy Wendler. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Lesley Devine, Dennis Seider, and Marc Stirdivant. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Linda Palmer, Don Robinson, Chairperson, and Liane Weintraub.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning, and Tracy Dockery, Acting Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that Lousie Rishoff was present. The following legislative participants were absent: Caroline Kraft, George Magallanes, Ernestine Moore, Laura Plotkin, and Chi Mui.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of March 1, 2004 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of March 1, 2004 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy and the Advisory Committee received verbal reports from Michael Berger, Chairperson of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Richard Gould, Vice Chairperson of the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority, and the Executive Director.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Brown, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Mikos.

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:

Ms. Loretta Ditlow, representing GAB Tonova Springs, on matters not on the agenda.
Mr. Steve Veres, City Councilmember, City of San Fernando, on item 12.

9. Consent Calendar of Coastal Items:

- (a) Consideration of resolution amending Resolution Nos. 92-81 and 94-83 regarding parking and safety conditions of use so that such conditions apply uniformly to properties owned by the Conservancy and managed by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Malibu on its Draft Local Coastal Program.**

Item 9(b) was removed from the Agenda.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-24.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-24 was unanimously adopted.

10. Consent Calender:

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on Tentative Tract No. 60222 along Bell Creek, related Mitigated Negative Declaration, and proposed Zone Change, Canoga Park.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Calabasas on Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 03-03, 4240 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Consultation for Parcel Map No. 60631 on Woolsey Canyon Road, adjacent to Sage Ranch Park, unincorporated Chatsworth.**

At the request of Ms. Mikos, item 10(c) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 04-26 and 04-27.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 04-26 and 04-27 were unanimously adopted.

- 10(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Consultation for Parcel Map No. 60631 on Woolsey Canyon Road, adjacent to Sage Ranch Park, unincorporated Chatsworth.**

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-28.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-28 was unanimously adopted.

11. Introduction of lamountains.com website.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Karin Mueller, Web Designer, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

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

Comments were made by the Chair and the Executive Director.

12. Presentation on feasibility and projects for greening of Pacoima Wash.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Martin Kammerer, Environmental Scientist, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Read.

Comments were made by Mr. Kammerer and Ms. Palmer.

13. Presentation on status of design plans for Vista Hermosa Park, Los Angeles.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Barbara Romero, Special Projects Manager, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Stephanie V. Landregan, ASLA, Chief Landscape Architect, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Ms. Landregan, Ms. Romero, and the Chair.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing preparation of a wildlife corridor map for the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains, Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-29.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-29 was unanimously adopted.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a nonprofit grant of Proposition 40 funds to Friends of the Conservancy for Environmental Education and Interpretive Programs.

This item was removed from the agenda.

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a nonprofit matching grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for the Parks Training Program.

This item was removed from the agenda.

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund for habitat and endangered species protection improvements in Upper Las Virgenes Canyon (formerly Ahmanson Ranch), unincorporated Ventura County, and authorizing any budget amendments necessary.

The Executive Director presented the Staff Report for this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown, Mr. Robinson, the Chief Deputy Director, and Ms. Parks.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Stephens, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-32.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-32 was unanimously adopted.

18. Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement regarding appointment of an at-large member.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-33.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-33 was unanimously adopted.

19. Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to require adoption of an annual workprogram, and related provisions.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Stephens, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-34.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-34 was unanimously adopted.

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: *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Ramirez*

Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission; Friends of Temescal Canyon, Inc. v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.

No closed session was held.

21. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on April 26, 2004. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

JEROME C. DANIEL
Chairperson