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

July 22, 2013

1. Call to order.

The 400th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma Muñoz, at 7:45 p.m. on July 22, 2013 at King Gillette Ranch, 26800 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, California.

Agenda item 9 was heard next.

The Conservancy received an oral presentation from the Chairperson regarding commemoration of the 400th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

Comments were made by the Executive Director; Mr. Daniel; Mr. Lange; Ms. Rosen; Ms. Parks, and Mr. Cacciotti.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Tom Contreras; David Szymanski; Jerome C. Daniel; Craig Sap; Elizabeth Cheadle; Linda Parks, Vice Chairperson, and Irma Muñoz, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Bryan Cash.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Illece Buckley Weber; Michael Cacciotti; Elaine Freeman; Richard Gould; Alan Kishbaugh; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Antony Portantino; David Ross; Weny-Sue Rosen; Bob Thompson; Effie Turnbull Sanders; Nancy Stephens; Marc Stirdivant; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present: The following members were absent: Allison-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Sean Arian; Caroline Brown; Dave Brown; Jeffrey Jennings, and Tim Wendler.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Melissa Cartelli, Associated Government Program Analyst, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that Louise Rishoff and Sarah Rascon were present.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of June 3, 2013 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of June 3, 2013 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Sap, representing State Parks; Mr. Contreras, representing the Angeles Forest; Mr. Szymanski, representing National Park Service; Mr. Gould, representing Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority; the Executive Director; Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation, and the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian, Ms. Rosen, and Ms. Turnbull Sanders.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chief Staff Counsel.

Item 8 was heard next.

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

The following members of the public addressed the Conservancy:

- Mr. Nick Donovan, representing Whittier Hills Oil Watch (WHOH), on item 15.
- Ms. Patricia Yoshihara, member of the public, on item 15.
- Ms. Marta Borbon, representing WHOH, on item 15.
- Mr. Teri Wilkinson, member of the public, on item 15.
- Mr. Roy McKee, representing WHOH, on item 15.
- Mr. Matt Berkelhammer, representing WHOH, on item 15.
- Mr. Paul V. Ferrazzi, representing Citizens Coalition for a Safe Community, on item 15.
- Mr. Craig Lebow, representing WHOH, on item 15.

Ms. Dorothy Reik, member of the public, on item 15.
Mr. Toby Keeler, member of the public, on item 10.
Mr. RL Miller, member of the public, on item 15.
Ms. Alexandra Nagy, representing Food & Water Watch, on item 15.
Antonymous member of the public, on item 15.
Ms. Lorry Kennedy, member of the public, on item 15.
Mr. Lupe Sahagun, representing WHOH, on item 15.
Mr. Daniel Duran, representing OSLDF, on item 15.
Ms. Elena Medellin, member of the public, on item 15.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen and Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Mr. Cacciotti; the Chair; Ms. Parks; Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Yegparian.

A motion was made by Ms. Parks to remove the following item off of the closed session agenda and add it to the open session agenda: *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Whittier, Matrix Oil Co. and related entities*. The motion failed upon lack of second.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Messrs. Yegparian, Portantino, and Lange.

The Conservancy resumed the regular order of the agenda subsequent to item 7.

10. Presentation honoring David M. Brown.

This item was presented by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Rishoff; the Chair; Mr. Robinson; Ms. Maurer; Mr. Yegparian, and the Chief Deputy Director.

11. Consideration of resolution approving the preliminary FY 2013-2014 budget of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

The staff report for this item was presented by Ms. Sheryl Lewanda, representing Conejo Recreation and Park District.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel, Mr. Cacciotti, and the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Lewanda, Ms. Lisa Soghor, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and the Chief Deputy Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 13-58

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-58.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for purchase of construction equipment.

The staff report for this item was presented by Ms. Lisa Soghor, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cacciotti.

Comments were made by Ms. Rosen.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Freeman, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 13-59.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-59.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for interpretive and preservation improvements at the San Vicente Mountain Park, Los Angeles.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 13-60.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-60.

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of deposited mitigation funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and authorizing an advance of said funds, for implementation of the Carbon Canyon riparian habitat mitigation project in the Carbon Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief Deputy Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 13-61.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-61.

- 15. 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: Pending litigation – *Kruells v. La Vina Homeowners Association, Case No. GC035668; Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Whittier, Matrix Oil Co. and related entities, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; Morris v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS127089; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS129503; City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and California Coastal Commission,***

Case No. BS129222 Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al. Case No. BS 121820; City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BS121650, and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu, and related actions, Case No. SC 092212.

Initiation of litigation. Number of cases: 1. Parties: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. Mulholland Estates Homeowner's Association, Bartlein & Company, Inc., et al. The Conservancy may refer the following matter to the Department of Justice for potential initiation of litigation: Action to enforce public access rights to Fossil Ridge Park as recorded in the "Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions for Mulholland Estates" recorded on August 29, 1988 as Instrument No. 88-1372488 in the Office of the Los Angeles County Recorder.

No closed session was held.

16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on August 26, 2013.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:09 p.m., in memory of former Advisory Committee member Linda Palmer.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ
Chairperson