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

January 28, 2008

1. Call to order.

The 328th 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 7:30 p.m. on January 28, 2007 at Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, 15601 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Antonio Gonzalez, Woody Smeck, Elva Yañez, Jerome C. Daniel, Bryan Cash, Ron Schafer, Vice Chairperson, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following member was absent: James Berkus. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Linda Parks.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Michael Cacciotti, Richard Gould, Lawren Markle, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Dennis Seider, Marc Stirdivant, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was not present. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Nancy Stephens. The following members were absent: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Caroline Brown, David Brown, Anita Fromholz, Mark Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, William Koehler, Mary Sue Maurer, Roseann Mikos, Paul Rockenstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Liane Weintraub, Timothy Wendler, and Garen Yegparian.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Vera Cohen, Executive Assistant and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Louise Rishoff, Laura Plotkin and Alex Ponder.

5. Election of Conservancy Officers.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, Ron Schafer was elected Chairperson of the Conservancy.

On motion of Mr. Cash, Antonio Gonzalez, was elected Vice Chairperson of the Conservancy.

6. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.

Due to a lack of quorum this item was postponed to a later date.

7. Reports.

The Conservancy received reports from Ron Schafer, representing State Parks, Woody Smeck representing the National Parks Service, Richard Gould representing the Santa Clarita Watershed and Recreation Conservation Authority, and Michael Berger representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Ms. Rishoff.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Yañez.

Comments were made by the Chair.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Read.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

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

The following person addressed the Conservancy:

Terri Gerger, representing Hollywood Dell Civic Association, on item 13.
Erick Sanjurjo, representing Hollywood United NC, on items 13 and 14.
Jan Miller and Jack Unger, representing SSMPA, on Simi Hills Wildlife Corridor Purchase
Laura Dodson, representing Argyle Civic, on items 13 and 14.
Douglas Blue, representing Vedanta Society (Hollywood Dell) on items 13 and 14.
George Abrahams, on FHHCC Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway, on items 13 and 14.
Wendy Motch, representing UCLA Recreation, on matters not on the agenda.

10. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Ventura on Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Simi Valley Landfill Expansion, Case No. LU07-0048, Calleguas Creek watershed.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for 6435 La Tuna Canyon Road, Vesting Tentative Tract No. 69976, Verdugo Hills Golf Course property, Tujunga.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on the Santa Susan Pass State Historical Park General Plan.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on Final Environmental Impact Report No. ENV-2005-2301-EIR, Vesting Tentative Tract No. 61533, Woodland Hills.**

Item 10(a) was removed from the consent calendar.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel , duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 08-02, 08-03, and 08-04.

- 10(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Ventura on Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Simi Valley Landfill Expansion, Case No. LU07-0048, Calleguas Creek watershed.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Smeck and Ms. Parks.

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

The comment letter was revised to include amendment submitted by Mr. Smeck.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution 08-01 as amended.

Ms. Parks was noted as abstaining.

11. Presentation by Community Conservancy International on Green Solutions Plan, Phase I.

This item was removed from the agenda.

12. Consideration of resolution rescinding Resolution No. 07-89 awarding a grant to the City of Malibu.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gonzalez, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-05.

13. Consideration of resolution confirming agreement with Caltrans to acquire Director's Deed 1074-01-01 located at Franklin and Ivar Avenues and authorizing acquisition of said approximately one-acre property using Conservancy Fund and other public and private funding sources, Hollywood.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Smeck.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Stirdivant.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-06.

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Proposition 84 funds, and entering into all necessary inter-agency agreements, including an agreement to accept funds from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, to acquire Director's Deed 1074-01-01 located at Franklin and Ivar Avenues in Hollywood from Caltrans, Los Angeles.**

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-07.

- 15. Consideration of resolution adopting findings pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 30515 and 14 CCR Section 13666 that the proposed Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy amendment for a public works project to the Malibu Local Coastal Program meets public needs of an area greater than that included within the Malibu certified local coastal program that had not been anticipated at the time the local coastal program was before the commission for certification.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chair.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Yañez, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-08.

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire tax defaulted properties in the northeast Los Angeles hilltop areas.**

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Yañez , duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-09.

- 17. Consideration of request by City of Santa Clarita for the Conservancy to oppose the Las Lomas Project located between Interstate-5 and State Route 14, unincorporated Los Angeles County and proposed to be annexed to the City of Los Angeles.**

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel , duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-10.

- 18. 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 – *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al.*; *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. LC077488*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BC377233*, and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions.**

No closed session was held.

19. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on February 25, 2008.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

RONALD P. SCHAFER
Chairperson