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

March 27, 2006

1. Call to order.

The 309th 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 March 27, 2006 at the Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, Pacific Palisades, California.

2. Administration of Oath of Office.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Wendy-Sue Rosen.

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Allgood, Ed Begley, Jr., Bryan Cash, Jim Berkus, Woody Smeck, Ron Schafer, Jerome C. Daniel, Jonathan Zasloff, Vice Chairperson, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following member was absent: Linda Parks.

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Caroline Brown, Dave Brown, Michael Hurley, Alan Kishbaugh, George Lange, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Dennis Seider, Harry Schwarz, Lorraine Slattery, Marc Stirdivant, Rich Toyon, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. The following members were absent: Barry Groveman, Mark Johnson, Nancy Stephens, Liane Weintraub, and Anthony Portantino, Vice Chairperson. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti, Richard Gould, 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; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Amy Frazier, Executive Secretary, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

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

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of February 27, 2006 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of January 27, 2006 were approved as submitted.

7. Special recognition of former Conservancy member Hal Ross.

Mr. Ross was not in attendance and therefore this item was postponed to a later date.

8. Reports.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair; Woody Smeck, representing the National Park Service; Ron Schafer representing State Parks; the Executive Director, and George Lange Vice Chairperson of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

[Mr. Cacciotti arrived at 7:59 p.m.]

9. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos.

[Mr. Wendler arrived at 8:03 p.m.]

10. 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:

- Mr. Clark Easter, representing Zuma Mesa Property Owners Association, on matters not on the agenda.
- Mr. Peter Rothenberg, representing Westhills Homeowners Association, on item 16.
- Mr. Eric Edmunds, representing Save Our Mountains, Inc., on item 14.
- Mr. Jess Thomas, representing the Old Agoura Homeowners Association, on item 16.
- Mr. James D. Wrigley, representing Save Open Space, on item 16.
- Ms. Joan H. Kay, representing Monte Nido Valley Community Association, on item 16.
- Ms. Judy Fogel, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

[Mr. Yegparian arrived at 8:27 p.m.]

11. Consent Calender:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment to the City of Los Angeles on Master Plan for Griffith Park (Second Draft).**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on Notice of Preparation for Hidden Creek Estates, 12100 Browns Canyon Road, adjacent to Porter Ranch, Morman and Browns Canyons.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on Hollywood Community Plan Update-City Plan Case No. CPC-2005-6082.**

The Executive Director announced that item 11(c) would be removed from the agenda.

Item 11(b) was removed from the Consent Calender.

11(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment to the City of Los Angeles on Master Plan for Griffith Park (Second Draft).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-20.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-20.

11(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on Notice of Preparation for Hidden Creek Estates, 12100 Browns Canyon Road, adjacent to Porter Ranch, Morman and Browns Canyons.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Slattery, Ms. Mikos, and Ms. Bill De La Peña.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Bill De La Peña.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Slattery, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-21.

Comments were made by the Chair.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-21.

12. Presentation and discussion on opportunities and limitations within the Malibu Coastal Zone.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, and Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Allgood.

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

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Allgood.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Berkus.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

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

13. Report on City of Malibu trail dedication issues and multi-agency task force.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Bill De La Peña.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Slattery.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Allgood.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Mikos, and Messrs. Seider and Allgood.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by Ms. Bill De La Peña.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the National Park Service for planning and construction of a segment of the Backbone Trail between Etz Meloy Motorway and Encinal Canyon Road, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by Mr. Smeck.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Mr. Smeck.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-23.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-23.

Mr. Smeck was noted as abstaining from this item.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for interpretation of natural and cultural history of the Santa Monica Mountains and the Chautauqua movement of Temescal Canyon, Pacific Palisades.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-24.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-24.

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing the addition of properties to the Stokes Canyon-King Gillette Connector, Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor - North, and the Upper Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve-Northeast Connector workprogram projects.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Schwarz.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Bill De La Peña.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Schwarz.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-25.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-25.

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: Pending litigation – *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Santa Monica Mountains*

Conservancy et al. and Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al.; Conference with legal counsel - potential litigation.

No closed session was held.

18. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on April 24, 2006. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH CHEADLE
Chairperson