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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

October 5, 2009

1. Call to order.

The meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Ronald Schafer at 7:42 p.m. on October 5, 2009 at the Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, Pacific Palisades, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

The Executive Officer administered the Oath of Office to Charles Stringer.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Michael Blanton, Elaine Freeman, Anita Fromholz, Richard Gould, Alan Kishbaugh, Holly LaRue, Paul Rabinov, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Dennis Seider, Charles Stringer, Timothy Wendler, Garen Yegparian, and George Lange, Vice Chairperson. The following members were absent: Caroline Brown, Dave Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Mary Sue Maurer, Harry Schwarz, Marc Stirdivant, Donald Voss, and Donald Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present.

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

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that Callie Hurd was present.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of August 31, 2009 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of August 31, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Mr. Stringer was noted as abstaining from this item.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chair; Sara Wan, representing the California Coastal Commission; Woody Smeck, representing National Park Service, the Executive Director; George Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Richard Gould, representing the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority.

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

Comments were made by the Chair and the Executive Director.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Ms. Rosen, Mr. Rockenstein, and the Chair.

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:

Eric Edmunds, representing Save Our Mountains, Inc., on item 11.
Ted Fulton, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chair.

9. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Skyline Ranch Project, Cruzan Mesa, unincorporated Los Angeles County, SCH No. 2004101090.

The comment letter was presented by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Freeman.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Ms. Rosen, and Ms. Freeman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 09-31.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-31.

10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update - One Valley One Vision, SCH No. 2008071119.

The comment letter was presented by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel, Ms. Mikos, and Mr. Yegparian.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 09-32.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-32.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letters to all relevant agencies regarding the proposed Southern California Gas Company pipeline project in Sullivan Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

This item was removed from the agenda.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter(s) to the California Coastal Commission on the following five related projects and lot line adjustment in the

Sweetwater Mesa Road area in the unincorporated Malibu area: (a). Application No. 4-07-067 Lunch Properties LLLP; (b) Application No. 4-07-068 Vera Properties LLLP; (c) Application No. 4-07-146 Mulryan Properties LLLP; (d) Application No. 4-07-147 Morleigh Properties LLLP; (e) Application No. 4-07-148 Mulryan Properties LLLP and Morleigh Properties LLLP, and (f) Application No. 4-08-043 Ronan Properties LLLP.

The comment letter was presented by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Wan.

Comments were made by Mr. Ramport, representing the applicant.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by Mr. Ramport and Mr. Smeck.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen, Mr. Yegparian, and Ms. Mikos.

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

Mr. Wendler motioned that the resolution be adopted on the basis that the Coastal Commission hearing would take place prior to the next Conservancy meeting.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Wendler, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Resolution No. 09-34.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-34.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing the final FY2009-2010 budget of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Resolution No. 09-35.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-35.

14. Consideration of resolution adopting Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 2009-2010 Budget.

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 recommend adoption of Resolution No. 09-36.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-36.

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 – *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*; *Friends of Temescal Pool v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Boyajian v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BC377233*, *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BS121650*, and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions.

The Chair commenced the closed session at 9:22 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 9:55 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to counsel.

15. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on a November 23, 2009.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

Approved:

RONALD P. SCHAFER
Chairperson