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

January 7, 2013

**1. Call to order.**

The 395<sup>th</sup> joint telephonic meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Elizabeth A. Cheadle, at 7:39 p.m. on January 7, 2013 at the following locations:

- (a) Temescal Canyon Park, Stewart Hall, 15601 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, California;
- (b) Natural Resources Agency, 1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 1306-7, Sacramento, California.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

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

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Christina Arndt, Supervising Deputy Attorney General; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Melissa Cartelli, Associated Government Program Analyst, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

[Item 12 was heard next.]

- 12. 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.**

The Chairperson convened the closed session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss items 14 and 15.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 7:54 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to staff regarding items 14 and 15.

[The Chairperson resumed the regular order of the agenda subsequent to closed session.]

### **3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allie-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Sean Arian; Caroline Brown; Dave Brown; Illece Buckley Weber; Michael Cacciotti; Elaine Freeman; Anita Fromholz; Jeffrey Jennings; Alan Kishbaugh; Mary Sue Maurer; Paul Rabinov; Roseann Mikos; David Ross; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Effie Turnbull Sanders; Marc Stirdivant; Timothy Wendler; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Richard Gould; Nancy Stephens, and Donald Voss.

### **4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.**

The Chair announced that the following legislative participant was present: Louise Rishoff.

**5. Election of Conservancy Officers.**

On nomination by Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Irma Muñoz was unanimously elected Chairperson of the Conservancy.

On nomination by Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Linda Parks was unanimously elected Vice Chairperson of the Conservancy.

**6. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.**

On nomination by Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, Don Robinson was unanimously re-elected Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

On nomination by Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, George Lange was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

**7. Special recognition to Advisory Committee Member Paul Rockenstein.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Messrs. Rockenstein, Robinson, and Lange.

**8. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of December 3, 2012 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of December 3, 2012 were approved as submitted.

**9. Reports.**

The Conservancy received oral reports from Craig Sap, representing State Parks, and the Executive Director.

**10. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

No comments were made.

**11. 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:

Jamie Vance, member of the public, on items 16 and 17;  
Xavier Allison, representing Compton Junior Posse Junior Rangers, on items 16 and 17;  
Tyrene Joseph, representing Compton Junior Posse Junior Rangers, on items 16 and 17;  
“Khamaya”, representing Compton Junior Posse Junior Rangers, on items 16 and 17;  
“Khafra”, representing Compton Junior Posse Junior Rangers, on items 16 and 17;  
Mayisha Akbar, representing Compton Junior Posse Junior Rangers, on items 16 and 17;  
Jody Thomas, representing Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, on matters not on the agenda;  
Elizabeth Stephens, representing Highlands Homeowners Association, on matters not on the agenda;  
Rick Mullen, representing Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund, on item 16.

[Item 12 was heard in closed session subsequent to roll call of the Conservancy.]

**13. Presentation by staff on status of Malibu parks public access and camping projects.**

The Conservancy received an oral presentation by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Rosen; Mr. Brown; Mr. Jennings; Ms. Buckley Weber; Ms. Acker, and Ms. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director; the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Mr. Sap, and the Supervising Deputy Attorney General.

**14. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a ground lease agreement with the City of Malibu for the Malibu Bluffs Open Space and authorizing subsequent transfer of fee title thereof to the City of Malibu for the preservation of open space and park purposes. Consideration of this item contingent upon Conservancy approval of settlement of pending litigation: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu, and related actions, Case No. SC 092212.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 13-01.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-01.

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) entering into a ground lease agreement with the City of Malibu for Charmlee Wilderness Park for the preservation of open space and park purposes; (b) possible subsequent sublease agreement to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for said purposes, and (c) acceptance of fee title to Charmlee Wilderness Park for said purposes. *Consideration of this item contingent upon Conservancy approval of settlement of pending litigation: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu, and related actions, Case No. SC 092212.***

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 13-02.

Comments were made by Mr. Robinson.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-02.

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing submission of joint application with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to the California Coastal Commission for a coastal development permit for construction of two supervised, ADA-accessible campsites to be closed annually between September 15 and January 15, a portion of the Coastal Slope Trail, and related improvements in Ramirez Canyon Park and adjacent public parkland; all such improvements to be located in unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Anderson and Daniel.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 13-03.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-03.

- 17. Consideration of resolution authorizing submission of joint application with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to the California Coastal Commission for a coastal development permit for construction of one supervised ADA-accessible campsite, not more than seven supervised standard campsites, and related improvements in that portion of Charmlee Wilderness Park located in unincorporated Los Angeles County. *Consideration of this item contingent upon Conservancy approval of settlement of pending litigation: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu, and related actions, Case No. SC 092212.***

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Stirdivant, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 13-04.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-04.

- 18. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment to scope of Grant No. SMM-CF-1206 (Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District).**

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

Comments were made by Mr. Lange.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 13-05.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-05.

**19. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Director to file the FY 2011/2012 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Annual Report pursuant to Section 33208 of the Public Resources Code.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 13-06.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-06.

**20. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on February 25, 2013.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA  
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ  
Chairperson