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

February 24, 2014

1. Call to order.

The 407th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Linda Parks, at 7:32 p.m. on February 24, 2014 at Agoura High School, Agoura Hills, California.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Christie Brigham, as the designee of the Superintendent of the National Park Service.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

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

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; 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 the following legislative participants were present: Senator Fran Pavley; Louise Rishoff; Tim Pershing, and Sarah Rascon.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of January 27, 2014 were submitted for approval.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

The minutes of January 27, 2014 were approved as amended.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Sap; the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director and the Executive Director.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange and Ms. Maurer.

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:

Ms. Sherry Ferber and Students, representing Woodlake Elementary Community Charter, on item 11.

Mr. Al Adam, representing Thousand Oaks City Council, on item 11.

Ms. Mary Wiesbrock, representing Save Open Space, on item 11.

Mr. Jim Hines, representing Sierra Club, on item 11.

Mr. Jess Thomas, representing Old Agoura Homeowners Association, on item 11.

Mr. Harry Schwarz, member of the public, on item 11.

Mr. George Coleman, member of the public, on item 11.

Mr. Kurt Holland, member of the public, on item 11.

Mr. Kiaw Schulman, representing Poison Free Malibu, on item 11.

Ms. Cynthia Maxwell, representing Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, on item 11.
Mr. Larry Brown, member of the public, on item 11.
Mr. Richard Lawson, member of the public, on item 11.
Mr. Clifton VonBuck, member of the public, on item 11.
Mr. Jan Dougall, member of the public, on item 11.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the proposed Citywide Cat Program.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding a draft study of the Recreational Use Reassessment (RECUR) of the Engineered Channels of the Los Angeles River Watershed.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Portantino, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 14-08 and 14-09.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 14-08 and 14-09.

10. Presentation by Senator Fran Pavley on Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Senator Fran Pavley.

Comments were made by the Chairperson.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design related to the development of a Caltrans Project Study Report and subsequent environmental review for wildlife crossing structures at the 101 freeway at Liberty Canyon, incorporated and unincorporated Agoura Hills area.

Comments were made by Ms. Brigham and Mr. Anderson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-10.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-10.

12. Presentation by the Nature Conservancy on the Los Angeles River Revitalization and Restoration Study.

The Conservancy received an oral report by Mr. John M. Randall and Shona Ganguly, representing the Nature Conservancy.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Sap and Ms. Maurer.

Comments were made by Mr. Randall; Ms. Ganguly; the Executive Director, and Mr. Vargas.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Nature Conservancy for the Los Angeles River Revitalization and Restoration Study.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-11.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-11.

14. Presentation by City of South Pasadena for the Arroyo Seco Bike and Pedestrian Trail Project.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Tracey Perkowski, representing the City of South Pasadena.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cash; Ms. Brown; Ms. Buckley Weber; Mr. Portantino; the Chief Deputy Director, and Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by Mr. Cacciotti; Ms. Perkowski; Mr. Vargas; and the Executive Director.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the City of South Pasadena for the Arroyo Seco Bike and Pedestrian Trail.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by Mr. Cacciotti.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-12.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-12.

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to The Nature Conservancy for the acquisition of the Alamos Canyon habitat linkage property either side of the 118 freeway, incorporated and unincorporated Simi Valley area.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos; Mr. Lange; the Executive Director, and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-13.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-13.

17. Consideration of resolution adopting fiscal year 2012-2013 Annual Report.

Comments were made by Mr. Corridori.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-14.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-14.

- 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 – *Kruells v. La Vina Homeowners Association*, Case No. GC035668; *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Whittier*, et al., Case No. BS138796, and related cases; *Morris v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC448511; *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu*, and related actions, Case No. SC092212, and *Prop A Protective Association, LLC v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al.*, Case No. BS145771.**

No closed session was held.

19. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

Comments were made Mr. Sap; Ms. Brigham, and Mr. Lange.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on March 24, 2014 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

LINDA PARKS
Chairperson