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

June 2, 2014

1. Call to order.

The 410th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Linda Parks, at 7:36 p.m. on June 2, 2014 at Franklin Canyon Park, Beverly Hills, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Caroline Brown; Illece Buckley Weber; Elaine Freeman; Richard Gould; Alan Kishbaugh; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; 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: Sean Arian; Michael Cacciotti; Jeffrey Jennings; Mary Sue Maurer; Nancy Stephens, and Judith Wilson.

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, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that the following legislative participants were present: Louise Rishoff and Tim Pershing.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of April 28, 2014 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of April 28, 2014 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chairperson; the Executive Director; Mr. Szymanski, representing National Park Service; Mr. Sap, representing State Parks, and Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Anderson, Ms. Brown, and Mr. Sap.

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

No public comment was made.

9. Presentation on recent and pending land acquisitions in the Malibu area.

The Conservancy received an oral report from the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson, Ms. Rosen, and Ms. Cheadle.

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

10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design for the Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor in the upper Los Angeles River watershed, Santa Monica Mountains, City of Los Angeles.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-29.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-29.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Los Angeles on draft (a) General Plan, (b) Significant Ecological Areas Ordinance, (c) Hillside Management Area Ordinance, and (d) related documents.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Rosen and Ms. Acker.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-30.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-30.

12. Consideration of resolution supporting SB 1086 (De León).

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

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

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Stirdivant, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-31.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-31.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing Grant Program Criteria Evaluation Subcommittee to hold public workshops.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Freeman and Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Muñoz, Ms. Brown, and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-32.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-32.

14. 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.

15. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on July 28, 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

LINDA PARKS
Chairperson