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

October 24, 2005

1. Call to order.

The 305th 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 7:44 p.m. on October 24, 2005 at the Webster Elementary School auditorium, 3602 Winter Canyon Road, Malibu, California.

Josh Englander was welcomed as the new representative of Assemblymember Paul Koretz, Legislative Participant.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to David Allgood, representative of the Coastal Commission.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Allgood, Jerome C. Daniel, Linda Parks, Hal Ross, Woody Smeck, Jonathan Zasloff, Vice Chairperson, and Elizabeth A. Cheadle, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Edward J. Begley, Jr., Bryan Cash, Ronald P. Schafer, Steve Horn and Jody Noiron.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Dave Brown, Ed Corridori, Barry Groveman, Rick Gould, Alan Kishbaugh, George Lange, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Dennis Seider, Lorraine Slattery, Nancy Stevens, Timothy Wendler, Garen Yegparian, Anthony Portantino, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. Quorum present.

Michael Cacciotti and Michael Hurley arrived subsequent to roll call.

The following members were absent: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Caroline Brown, Mark Johnson, Bruce Saito, Marc Stirdivant, Rich Toyon, and Liane Weintraub.

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; and David Wolfberg, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

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

Following Roll Call and introduction of Legislative Participants, at 7:50pm, the meeting adjourned to the driveway adjacent to the Webster Elementary School auditorium as a portion of Item 10 related to fire preparedness was presented by Ranger David Updike. The meeting reconvened at 8:13pm inside the auditorium.

5. Approval of Minutes.

No minutes were submitted for approval.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy and the Advisory Committee received verbal reports from Woody Smeck of the National Park Service and Mike Berger, Chairperson of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

An announcement was made by Woody Smeck regarding the Informational Meeting about Planning the Future for the Gillette Ranch/Soka Property, Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at A.E. Wright Middle School Gymnasium.

An announcement was made by the Executive Director on publication of *Down by the Los Angeles River* by Joe Linton.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Roseanne Mikos, Linda Palmer, and Linda Parks.

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:

Katie Lichtig, City Manager, City of Malibu (hereafter “Ms. Lichtig”), on items 13 and 14.

Hon. Ken Kearsley (“Hon. Kearsley”), Mayor Pro Tem, City of Malibu, on items 13 and 14.

Jim Friedl, Assistant General Manager, Conejo Recreation & Park District, on item 16.

Email comments in support of Item 15 were received from the following individuals and forwarded to the Board and Advisory Committee prior to the meeting:

Donald W. Wallace of Calabasas
Mary Ellen Strote of Calabasas
Hal Helsley of Calabasas

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Director or his Designee to execute all Master Agreements, Program Supplemental Agreements, Fund Exchange Agreements, Fund Transfer Agreements, and any amendments thereto, with the California Department of Transportation for transportation funds and grants.
- (b) Consideration of a resolution amending Grant No. SMM-890 and Resolution No. 03-186, dated October 27, 2003, to correct an error in the amount of the grant.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee unanimously recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 05-077 and 05-078.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 05-077 and 05-078 were unanimously adopted.

10. Presentation of Topanga Fire update for Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve.

The Executive Director narrated a PowerPoint presentation of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's response to and the impacts of the September 2005 Topanga Fire.

Comments were made by the Conservancy Chairperson, the Conservancy Vice-Chairperson, the Advisory Committee Chairperson, Mr. Brown and Mr. Smeck. Questions were propounded by the Conservancy Chairperson and by Mr. Brown.

Comments from agency staff were made by the Executive Director, the Chief Deputy Director and the Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning.

11. Presentation by California Institute of Public Affairs on Urban Outreach Strategies.

A presentation was given by Ted Trzyna, Ph.D., of the California Institute of Public Affairs. The Executive Director presented Board members with the book, *The Urban Imperative: Urban Outreach Strategies for Protected Area Agencies* edited by Dr. Trzyna.

A comment was made by the Conservancy Chairperson.

12. Presentation by Ventura County and University of California, Santa Barbara on Designing Road Crossings for Safe Wildlife Passage.

An introduction was made by Nancy Settle, Ventura County Senior Planner. A PowerPoint presentation was made by Planning Division biologist Liz Chattin.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the City of Malibu for acquisition of approximately 19.7 acres, APN's 4458-020-007 and -016, Malibu Civic Center area, Malibu.

A comment was made by the Executive Director.

Items 13 and 14 were considered concurrently.

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) a grant agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board for the acquisition of APN's 4458-020-007 and -016, Malibu Civic Center area, Malibu; (b) authorizing a grant of those funds to the City of Malibu or in the alternative authorizing assignment of the grant to the City of Malibu, and (c) authorizing the execution of all documents required by the Wildlife Conservation Board pursuant to the conditions of the grant.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Item 13: A motion was made by Mr. Seider, duly seconded, to recommend adoption of Resolution No. 05-079.

Item 14: A motion was made by Mr. Brown, duly seconded, to recommend adoption of Resolution No. 05-080.

A question was propounded by Mr. Brown. A comment was made by Ms. Lichtig.

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A question was propounded by the Advisory Committee chairperson. Comments were made by Ms. Lichtig and Hon. Kearsley.

The Advisory Committee unanimously recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 05-079 and 05-080.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Item 13: A motion was made by Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 05-079.

Item 14: A motion was made by Mr. Smith, duly seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 05-080.

A question was propounded by Mr. Allgood. Comments were made by Ms. Lichtig.

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Comments were made by Ms. Plotkin and Ms. Rishoff.

Resolution Nos. 05-079 and 05-080 were unanimously adopted.

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing exercise of first right of refusal pursuant to Section 33207 of the Public Resources Code to acquire approximately 20 acres of Los Angeles County-owned surplus real property known as Waterworks District No. 29 (APN 4438-032-900) by Topanga Fire Road, or in the alternative waiving said right contingent upon the County entering into an agreement to sell said properties to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Malibu.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A comment was made by Mr. Brown.

On a motion by Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee unanimously recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-081.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion if Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-081 was unanimously adopted.

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Conejo Recreation and Park District for park improvements and restoration of the historic Joel McCrea Ranch, North Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee unanimously recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-082.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-082 was unanimously adopted.

- 17. Consideration of resolution authorizing the addition of the Bell Creek River Corridor project to the Acquisition and Park Development and Improvement Project Workprograms, Canoga Park and West Hills.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A question was propounded by Mr. Brown. A comment was made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee unanimously recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-083.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of the Vice-Chairperson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-083 was unanimously adopted.

18. Closed Session:

No closed session was held.

19. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

Comments were made by Mr. Yegparian, the Executive Director, and the Conservancy Chairperson.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on December 5, 2005 at a location to be decided. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:49p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson