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

December 28, 2007

1. Call to order.

The 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 10:07 a.m. on December 28, 2007 at the following public locations: (a) Sooky Goldman Nature Center, Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, CA; (b) Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Los Angeles, CA; (c) Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, 15601 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, CA; (d) King Gillette Ranch, 26416 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, CA; (e) California Department of Parks and Recreation, 1925 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA; (f) 2967 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Thousand Oaks, CA, and (g) 2914 North Main Street, 1st Floor, Los Angeles, CA.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Elva Yañez, Jerome C. Daniel, Linda Parks, Sara Wan, Ronald Schafer, Vice Chairperson, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Woody Smeck, James Berkus, and Bryan Cash. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Antonio Gonzales.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Lawren Markle, Dennis Seider, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Donald Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was not present. The following members were absent: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Caroline Brown, Dave Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Anita Fromholz, Richard Gould, Marc Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, William Koehler, Mary Sue Maurer, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Nancy Stephens, Marc Stirdivant, Liane Weintraub, Timothy Wendler, and Garen Yegparian.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Juliet Chung, Contracts and Fiscal Officer, Government Programs, Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the no legislative participants were present.

5. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

The following members of public addressed the Conservancy:

Seth Jacobson, member of the public, on items 7 and 8.

Susan Tellem, member of the public, on items 7 and 8.

Marshall Thompson, representing the Malibu Township Council, on items 7 and 8.

Dr. Alessandra DeClario, member of the public, on items 7 and 8.

Judy Villablanca, representing Winding Way DeButts Home and Landowners Association on items 7 and 8.

Don Wallace, representing Equestrian Trails, Inc. – Corral 36, on items 7 and 8.

6. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment to scope of work for grant SMM-0753 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority from Proposition 84 for interpretation of the Upper Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Chief Staff Counsel, and Mr. Schafer.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-113 was adopted as amended.

7. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Director to submit a Malibu Local Coastal Program Amendment pursuant to the LCP override procedures of the California Coastal Commission (14 Cal. Code Regs. Sec. 13666 *et seq.*), such amendment to include, but not be limited to: (1) levels of usage at Ramirez Canyon Park consistent with those approved by the California Coastal Commission on April 12, 2000 (CDP No. 4-98-334) in addition to provision of overnight public park camping and handicapped access camping at Ramirez Canyon Park; (2) establishment of a Malibu Parks Affordable Access fund using the net proceeds from events at Ramirez

Canyon Park to provide inner city outreach with the use of Malibu parks; (3) acquisition and improvement of all potential trail segments and linkages to and along the Coastal Slope Trail, together with improvement of public restrooms and public parking areas to serve such public trails and trail linkages; (4) public camping, public restrooms, and public parking at Escondido Canyon Park together with related handicapped access improvements and satellite parking and trail staging areas serving such park, and (5) public camping, public restrooms, and public parking at Corral Canyon Park, as such park boundaries exist or may hereafter be expanded, together with related handicapped access improvements, city of Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County.

The Staff Report was presented by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger, the Chair, Ms. Wan, and Mr. Schafer.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Schafer, Ms. Parks, and Mr. Gonzalez.

Ms. Parks made a motion to adopt the item with the exclusion of overnight camping. Due to a lack of second, the motion failed.

Comments were made by Mr. Gonzales and Ms. Wan.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Villablanca, member of the public.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Schafer.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Wan, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-114 was adopted.

Ms. Parks was noted voting "no".

- 8. Consideration of resolution further amending the scope of work for grant SMM-0776 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority from Proposition 84 to include additional project planning and design for the Malibu Public Parks Access Enhancement Plan--Public Works Plan, including compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and project planning and design for the Santa Monica**

Mountains Conservancy/Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Malibu Local Program Amendment to be submitted pursuant to the California Coastal Commission LCP override procedures (14 Cal. Code Regs. Sec. 13666 et seq.), all such scope amendments in furtherance of, and directly related to, capital outlay for: (1) acquisition and construction of the Coastal Slope Trail; (2) acquisition and construction of alternative access improvements to Ramirez Canyon Park; (3) public camping facilities at Ramirez Canyon Park both within and without the city of Malibu; (4) public parking, public restrooms, and public camping facilities at Escondido Canyon Park together with related handicapped access improvements, and (5) public parking, public restrooms, and public camping facilities at Corral Canyon Parks together with related handicapped access improvements, city of Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County.

The Staff Report was presented by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Yañez.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-115 was adopted.

Ms. Parks was noted voting “no”.

- 9. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board for expenditure of Proposition 50 funds by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire approximately 306 acres, Corral Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County, including any or all of the following APNS: 4457-005-016, 4457-013-013, 4457-013-015, 4457-013-029, 4457-013-038, 4457-013-039, 4457-013-040, 4457-013-052, 4457-013-053, 4457-013-060 and 4457-013-0611.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-116 was adopted.

- 10. 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 with legal counsel and possible action as a result thereof regarding pending and/or potential litigation: Pending litigation – Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al. Ventura SC Case No. Civ 199846; Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. LC077488; Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BC377233, and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu LASC Case No. SC92212, and related actions, including City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al. LASC Case No. BS106878. Potential litigation--Winding Way Homeowner's Association and related parties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al.

No closed session was held.

11. Adjournment.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Gonzales, duly seconded, the Conservancy adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson