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

January 24, 2005

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 Jerome C. Daniel at 7:37 p.m. on January 24, 2005 at Webster Elementary School, 3602 Winter Canyon Road Malibu, CA 90265.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Elizabeth Cheadle, Vice Chairperson; Jerome C. Daniel, Chairperson; Hal Ross, Woody Smeck, Ron Schafer, Jonathan Zasloff, Steve Horn, and Jody Noiron. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Ed Begley, Jr., and David Widell. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Linda Parks.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Caroline Brown, David Brown, Heinz Ellersieck, Richard Gould, Michael Hurley, Mark Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, George Lange, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Anthony Portantino, Vice Chairperson, Barry Read, Don Robinson, Chairperson, Paul Rockenstein, Dennis Seider, Lorraine Slattery, Nancy Stephens, Marc Stirdivant, Timothy Wendler, Garen Yegparian. The following members were absent: Ed Corridori, Bruce Saito, and Liane Weintraub. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Claudia Bill De La Pena, Michael Cacciotti, and Lesley Devine.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Reva Feldman, Assistant Financial Officer; Paul Edelman, Chief Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young Chief

Ranger; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer of Interpretation; and Tracy Dockery, Staff Services Manager.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that Laura Plotkin and Louise Rishoff were present. The following legislative participants were absent: Ernestine Moore, Ms. Romero, Mary Sue Maurer, George Magallanes, and Chi Mui.

5. Election of Conservancy Officers

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Elizabeth Cheadle was unanimously elected as Chair.

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, Jonathan Zasloff was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.

6. Election of Advisory Committee Officers

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Don Robinson was unanimously elected as Chair.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, Anthony Portantino was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.

7. Approval of Minutes.

No minutes were submitted for review.

8. Special recognition of former MRCA employee Dawn Yasui.

Executive Director made comments and presented Ms. Yasui with a commemorative plaque.

The Chair announced that item number 11 would be heard next.

11. 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:

- Mary Wisebrock, representing Save Open Space Santa Monica Mountains, on items 13, 15, and 18.
- Peter Schaller, representing Crescenta Valley Trails Committee, on item 11.
- Jack Evans, on item 15.
- Leslie Moss, representing Malibu City Council, on item 15.
- Joshua Waldbaum, representing Malibu Lacrosse club, on item 15.
- Scott Sigman, representing AYSO Malibu, on item 15.
- Joana Rogari, representing of Malibu Little League Softball, on item 15.
- Joel Hecht, representing Malibu Little League and Malibu Pony Baseball, on item 15.
- Dermot Stoker, representing Malibu City Department of Parks and Recreation, on item 15.
- Michael McDonnell, representing Malibu Parks and Recreation Commission, on item 15.
- Elizabeth Anthony, on item 15.
- Sue Boecker, Save Open Space, on item 13 and 18.

The Chair announced that item number 15 would be heard next.

15. Consideration of resolution (a) adopting findings of consistency with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Act; (b) authorizing acceptance of Malibu Bluffs State Park property from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and (c) authorizing sale of a portion of the subject property to the City of Malibu, with deed restrictions.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Messrs. Rockenstein, Seider, and Robinson.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Slattery.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by Mr. Schafer.

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

Comments were made by the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-08.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-08 was unanimously adopted.

9. Reports.

The Conservancy and the Advisory Committee received verbal reports from Mr. Daniel, Woody Smeck; Ron Schafer; Michael Berger, Chairperson of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Intro Mike Chiaza from PRAC); and Rick Gould, Chairperson of the SCWRCA; Executive Director.

10. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Portantino, Mr. Zasloff, Ms. Slattery, Ms. Devine, Mr. Kishbaugh, and Mr. Brown.

12. Consent Calender:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution adopting the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation Authority FY 04-05 budget.**

- (b) **Consideration of resolution amending the scope of grant number SMM-875 to allow for redirection of funds to acquire the approximately 588 acre Soka University property or a portion thereof, unincorporated Calabasas area.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to apply to the Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District for Third Supervisorial District Proposition A Funds to acquire the Soka University property, unincorporated Calabasas area.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on proposed amendment to boundaries of the Sphere of Influence from Dayton Canyon to Little Tujunga Canyon.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of grant No. NP-02171 from prior year Proposition 40 FY 03-04 funds.**

At the request of Mr. Zasloff, item 12(d) was pulled from the consent calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 05-01, 05-02, 05-03, 05-04, and 05-05.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 05-01, 05-02, 05-03, and 05-05 were unanimously adopted.

- 12(d). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on proposed amendment to boundaries of the Sphere of Influence from Dayton Canyon to Little Tujunga Canyon.**

Comments were made by Mr. Zasloff.

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-04 was unanimously adopted.

- 13. Consideration of resolution augmenting a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (SMM-0465) for project planning and design services for the Soka University acquisition project, unincorporated Calabasas area.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-06.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-06 was unanimously adopted.

14. Consideration of resolution augmenting Proposition 50 watershed acquisition Project Planning and Design grant (SMM-0464) to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-07.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Ross, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-07 was unanimously adopted.

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing an interagency transfer agreement of Proposition 40 funds to the California Department of Parks and Recreation to fund the Southcoast Wildlands Project preparation of a habitat linkage acquisition plan for the Sierra Madre to Santa Monica Mountains Linkage, Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos, Ms. Devine, and Ms. Brown.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos , duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-09.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel , duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-09 was unanimously adopted.

- 17. Consideration of resolution confirming the Executive Directors appeal of the City of Los Angeles Deputy Advisory Agency and Planning Commission's decisions on the Canyon Hills project, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61672, Verdugo Mountains.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-10.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-10 was unanimously adopted.

- 18. Consideration of resolution (a) authorizing making an application for Proposition 50 Section 79572 funds and entering into a grant agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board for the acquisition of approximately 340 acres (APNs 4455-015-002, 4455-016-032 and 033, 4455-035-001, 4455-033-005, 006 and 021, 4455-028-043, and portions of 4455-033-003 and 026) of the approximately 588-acre Soka University property, unincorporated Calabasas area; (b) authorizing a grant of those funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority or in the alternative authorizing assignment of the grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and (c) authorizing the execution of all documents required by the Wildlife Conservation Board pursuant to the conditions of the grant.**

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Read.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Slattery.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-11.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-11 was unanimously adopted.

- 20. 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: *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al. Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, and Conference with legal counsel - Conservancy et al, and Conference with legal counsel - potential litigation.***

The Chair called a closed session at 9:57 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 10:15 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators.

- 21. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on February 28, 2005. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

Approved:

ELIZABETH CHEADLE
Chairperson