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

September 22, 2008

1. Call to order.

The 334th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Ronald Schafer at 7:39 p.m. on September 22, 2008 at the Conejo Recreation and Park District Offices, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California 91360.

2. Administration of Oath of Office to new members.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Hon. Donald Voss, Advisory Committee, representing the City of La Cañada Flintridge.

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Michael Blanton, Caroline Brown, David Brown, Richard Gould, Marc Johnson, Holly LaRue, Mary Sue Maurer, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Dennis Seider, Marc Stirdivant, Donald Voss, Timothy Wendler, Garen Yegparian, and George Lange, Vice Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Anita Fromholz, Alan Kishbaugh, Lawren Markle, Harry Schwarz, Nancy Stephens, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Juliet Chung, Contracts and Fiscal Officer, Government Programs, Vera Cohen, Executive Assistant and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

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

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of July 7, 2008 was submitted for approval.

The minutes of July 7, 2008 were approved as submitted.

7. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chair; the Executive Director, and George Lange representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

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

9. 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:

Mr. Clint Makovitch, member of the public, on item 17.
Mr. Jim Yarborough, member of the public, on item 17.

10. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Santa Clarita on Notice of Preparation for the One Valley, One Vision General Plan Environmental Impact Report.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution amending Proposition 84 grant number NP-0819.**

- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Simi Valley regarding Mitigated Negative Declaration PD-S-0997/TP-S-0650 for a 167,417 square foot industrial park located at the Alamos Creek and Arroyo Simi confluence.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Metro Universal Project (SCH No. 2007061078), Universal City.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on Draft Environmental Impact Report for the New Leaf Hills Master Plan (SCH No. 2007-2769-EAF), Laurel Canyon.**
- (f) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Draft Environmental Impact Report for Copper Creek North project, VTTM No. 47760, (SCH No. 2004-071-030), Bouquet Canyon area, unincorporated Los Angeles, County.**
- (g) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Draft Environmental Impact Report for Copper Creek South project, VTTM No. 43589, (SCH No. 99101054), Bouquet Canyon area, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Agenda item 10(a) was removed from the agenda.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-58, 08-59, 08-60, 08-61, 08-62, and 08-63.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 08-58, 08-59, 08-60, 08-61, 08-62, and 08-63.

11. Coastal Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Ventura on Notice of Proposed Project for principal dwelling unit and associated development, Cotharin Road, Project No. LU08-0088, Little Sycamore Canyon and Deer Canyon watersheds.**

- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the conveyance of an easement for slope, drainage, and gabion wall proposed to County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works over a portion of Conservancy property adjacent to Stunt Road.**

At the request of Ms. Palmer, Agenda Item 11(a) was removed from the Coastal Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-65.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 08-65.

- 11(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Ventura on Notice of Proposed Project for principal dwelling unit and associated development, Cotharin Road, Project No. LU08-0088, Little Sycamore Canyon and Deer Canyon watersheds.**

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer, and Messrs. Brown and Read.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director, Chief Staff Council, and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-64.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 08-64.

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Phase One Design and Construction Services for the Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch, pursuant to the National Park Service Centennial Challenge Cost-Share Program; Malibu Creek Watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

The Staff Report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-66.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 08-66.

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing the addition of Compton Creek - North of 91 Freeway and South of Greenleaf Boulevard to the Conservancy Acquisition Workprogram to allow Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to provide Proposition A Excess Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisitions and improvements within said project area, Compton.**

The Staff Report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Read.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Stirdivant, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-67.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 08-67.

Mr. Smeck was noted as abstaining from this item.

- 14. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 07-100 to further assign the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to be the Conservancy's designee to implement Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Project Agreement No. 58A1-94-0132 to acquire property within the Escondido Canyon Watershed, Santa Monica Mountains, Malibu.**

The Staff Report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Messrs. Brown and Read.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-68.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 08-68.

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to Grant No. SMM-0798 to complete the acquisition of the 650-acre Rancho Corral acquisition, Corral Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

The Staff Report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Mikos, Mr. Brown, the Executive Director, and Mr. Smeck.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seider, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-69.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 08-69.

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing the final FY 2008-2009 budget of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

The Staff Report for this item was presented by the Executive Director and Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks and Mr. Smeck.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Assistant Financial Officer, and Mr. Lange.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-70.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 08-70.

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing adoption of project plan for protection of Borchard Wetlands, Thousand Oaks.

The Staff Report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. LaRue and Ms. Parks.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-71.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 08-71.

18. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 662-0-010-030 in the City of Thousand Oaks, and entering into agreements with public and private entities to complete said acquisition, Ventura County. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.)*

This item was heard in closed session.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-72.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 08-72.

- 19. 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 – *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al.*; *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*; *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions, and *City of Malibu v. Peter Douglas et al, Case No. BS115776*.

The Chair announced that the closed session would be held to discuss agenda item 18 at 9:04 p.m.

The Chair reconvened open session at 9:30 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators in relation to agenda item 18.

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

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on November 10, 2008.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

Approved:

RONALD P. SCHAFER
Chairperson