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

February 24, 2003

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chair Jerome C. Daniel, at 7:32 p.m. on February 24, 2003 at the Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, 15601 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, California.

2. Administration of oath of office to new Conservancy member.

The oath of office was administered to Conservancy member Linda Parks.

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Elizabeth Cheadle, Hayden Sohm, Hal Ross, Jody Cook, Linda Parks, and Jerome C. Daniel, Chair. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Ed Begley, Jr., Woody Smeck, Jonathan Zasloff, David Allgood, and Steve Horn.

The following Legislative member designees were present: Laura Plotkin, Mary Sue Maurer, George Magallanes, and Carolyn Kraft. The following Legislative member designee was absent: Susan McEntire. The following Legislative member designee was present subsequent to roll call: Henry Lo.

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Michael Cacciotti, Ed Corridori, Alyse Lazar, Barry Read, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Anthony Portantino, Richard Gould, Alan Kishbaugh, Paul Rockenstein, Thomas Seifert, Nancy Stephens, Marc Stirdivant, Kenneth Warner, Tim Wendler, Don Robinson, Vice Chair, and George Lange, Chair. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Caroline Brown, Dave Brown, Lesley Divine, Jeff Jennings, Terre Hirsch, Mark Johnson, and Charles Beatty.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Counsel; MRCA staff: Reva Feldman, Deputy Executive Officer and Chief of Operations; Stephanie Landregan, Chief of Landscape Architecture and Design; Dan Tholund, Deputy Chief Ranger; Johnny Sims, Deputy Chief Ranger; Cara Mclane, Project Analyst; Juliet Chung, Government Program Analyst; Robb Deforest, Urban Projects Specialist; Jan Wolterstorff, Public Outreach Coordinator and Project Analyst, Lisa Venable, Administrative Assistant, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Nedra Austin, Deputy Attorney General.

5. Election of Conservancy Vice-Chairperson to fill vacancy created by elevation of Jerome C. Daniel.

On motion of Mr. Ross, duly seconded, Elizabeth Cheadle was elected Vice Chairperson.

6. Minutes.

The minutes of January 27, 2003 were submitted for approval.

Comments were made by the Chair.

The minutes of January 27, 2003 were approved as amended.

7. Reports.

Comments were made by the Chair.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Collins.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Executive Director.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Deforest.

Comments were made by the Chair.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

No comments were made.

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:

Frances Shalant, member of public, on item 10(f).
Andy Lipkes, representing Tree People.
Heidi Paul, representing the Tujunga Watershed Stakeholders.
Jess Thomas, representing the Old Agoura Homeowners Association, on item 15.
Richard Hadfield, member of public.
Mary Barrie, representing the La Cañada Flintridge *ad hoc* Trails Committee, on item 14.
Liz Blackwelder, representing the La Cañada Flintridge Trails Council, on item 14.
Milton Feinberg, representing the Rim of the Valley Coalition.
Susan B. Nelson, member of public.
Arthur Mortell, representing the Palisades Residents Association.

10. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Malibu on Notice of Preparation for La Paz Development Agreement, Malibu Creek watershed, Malibu.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Consultation for Conditional Use Permit/Oak Tree Permit 02-329, renovation and expansion of Camp Bloomfield, 35375 Mulholland Highway, Arroyo Sequit watershed, unincorporated Malibu area.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a donation of approximately five acres (APN 4472-006-046) in the Arroyo Sequit watershed, unincorporated Malibu area.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Agency Call For Projects 2003 Program for projects along the Los Angeles River.**

- (e) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for National Endowment of the Arts Preservation grants for Mentryville and Augustus Hawkins Natural Park.**
- (f) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 12 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for landscaping and hardscaping improvements at Temescal Gateway Park.**
- (g) **Consideration of resolution rescinding Resolution No. 02-159 regarding an approximately 16-acre conservation easement on APN 4378-003-013 in Hoag Canyon, eastern Santa Monica Mountains.**
- (h) **Consideration of resolution confirming the Chair's appointment of Alan Kishbaugh to the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Design Review Board *vice* Sarah Nichols.**
- (i) **Consideration of resolution confirming the Chair's appointment of Michael Berger to the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority *vice* Anton Calleia.**

Items 10 (b) and 10(g) were removed from the agenda.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 03-16, 03-18, 03-19, 03-20, 03-21, 03-23, and 03-24.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Sohm, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 03-16, 03-18, 03-19, 03-20, 03-21, 03-23, and 03-24.

(The full text of these resolutions are attached.)

11. Presentation regarding the activities and responsibilities of the Operations Division.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Conservancy received a report from Messrs. Young, Sims, and Tholund.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Berger.

Comments were made by Mr. Young.

12. Discussion and possible action concerning Department of Finance Budget Letter 03-02 restricting meetings of all State Advisory Bodies.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Messrs. Lange and Robinson.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

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Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Palmer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by Ms. Cheadle and the Chair.

13. Presentation on history of Temescal Canyon and development of the Temescal Master Plan.

Comments were made by Ms. Soghor and Mr. Randy Young.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by Ms. Landregan.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by Ms. Landregan, Mr. Randy Young, and Ms. Briner-Schmidt.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the City of La Cañada Flintridge for acquisition of approximately five acres, APNs 5864-004-018, 5864-006-017, and 026, Hall-Beckley Canyon, La Cañada Flintridge.

Comments were made by Mr. Portantino, Ms. Palmer, Mr. Wendler, Ms. Mikos, and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-25.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-25.

Comments were made by Mr. Portantino and the Chair.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Heschel School, unincorporated Agoura Hills.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-26.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

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Comments were made by Mr. Edelman and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Lazar.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by Mr. Read and Ms. Palmer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by Ms. Palmer and the Executive Director.

This item was postponed to a later date.

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Geological Survey, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Cooperative Planning and Studies at and near the confluence of the Los Angeles River and the Arroyo Seco, Los Angeles.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-27.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Ross, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-27.

- 17. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of assignment of the \$ 3 million Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Eastern Acquisition Proposition 13 grant previously granted to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority by the Resources Agency, and granting plenary authority to the Executive Director to take such actions as may be required by the Department of Finance, the Department of General Services, and the Resources Agency in order to consummate the acquisition of the Oakmont View V property, Glendale.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seifert, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-28.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Collins.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-28.

- 18. Consideration of resolution adopting agency wide guidelines for memorial donations and site locations.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-29.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Ross, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-29.

- 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: *Parker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al., and Albert Allen, Marilyn Stefano, Gloria Tregurtha and BadTax, Inc. v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.*

No closed session was held.

20. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on March 24, 2003.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

JEROME C. DANIEL
Chair