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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

March 23, 2009

1. Call to order.

The meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Ronald Schafer at 11:03 a.m. on March 23, 2009 at the following locations: (a) Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Los Angeles, CA; (b) California Department of Parks and Recreation, Malibu Creek State Park, 1925 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA; (c) Ventura County 2nd District Supervisor's Office, 2967 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Thousand Oaks, CA; (d) National Park Service, 401 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA; (e) California Natural Resources Agency, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA, and (f) UCLA School of Law, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Law Building, Room 1224, Los Angeles, CA.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

Staff present: Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee:

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Anita Fromholz, Holly LaRue, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Marc Stirdivant, Donald Voss, and George Lange, Vice Chairperson. A quorum was not present.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participant was present: Louise Rishoff.

5. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.

Due to a lack of quorum, this item was removed from the agenda.

6. Oral Reports by Staff and Questions to Staff.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director.

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

The following member address the Conservancy:

George Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, on matters not on the agenda.

8. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Calabasas on Notice of Preparation for Calabasas Highland Estates project located at the southeast corner of Mulholland Highway and Dry Canyon Cold Creek Road.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on Draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2007121170) for The Plaza at the Glen Mixed Use Project, 13003-13075 Victory Boulevard adjacent to the Tujunga Wash Greenway Park, Valley Glen.**

Comments were made by Ms. Parks.

A roll call vote was administered.

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

9. Receive and file quarterly status report on Conservancy grants.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Cash, and the Chief Deputy Director.

- 10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of deposited mitigation funds (Alamos Canyon ILF-Corps No. 200400766-MDC) from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for implementation of the Gopher Canyon riparian habitat restoration and creation project in the Brown's Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County, Chatsworth area.**

Comments were made by Ms. Parks.

A roll call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, Resolution 09-07 was unanimously adopted.

- 11. 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*; *Friends of Temescal Pool v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Boyajian v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BC377233*, and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions.**

No closed session was held.

12. Adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on April 27, 2009.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

RONALD P. SCHAFER
Chairperson