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

July 27, 2009

**1. Call to order.**

The 342<sup>nd</sup> 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 July 27, 2009 at King Gillette Ranch, 26800 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, California.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

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

**3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

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

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, Melissa Cartelli, Executive Assistant, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

**4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.**

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Louise Rishoff, Stephanie Molen, and Sharon Mayer.

**5. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of June 1, 2009 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of June 1, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Mr. Daniel was noted as abstaining.

**6. Reports.**

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chair, Sara Wan, representing the California Coastal Commission, the Executive Director, and George Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

**7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

Comments were made by Ms. Cheadle, Mr. Lange, and Ms. Maurer.

**8. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

No comments were made.

**9. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) **Consideration of resolution supporting HR 1831, Conservation Easement Incentive Act.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution supporting keeping California State Parks open.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on Draft Environmental Impact Report for Verdugo Hills Golf Course project, 6433 La Tuna Canyon Road, Tujunga.**

Item 9(c) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommendation of adoption of Resolution Nos. 09-22 and 09-23.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 09-22 and 09-23.

**9(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on Draft Environmental Impact Report for Verdugo Hills Golf Course project, 6433 La Tuna Canyon Road, Tujunga.**

Comments were made by Messrs. Stirdivant and Yegparian, and Ms. Mikos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, authorizing amendments to the comment letter pursuant to further analysis by Marc Stirdivant and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 09-24.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, authorizing amendments to the comment letter pursuant to further analysis by Marc Stirdivant and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-24.

**10. Presentation by Daniel Cooper of Cooper Ecological Monitoring, Inc., on findings from the Ecological Assessment of Open Space Remnants in Northeast Los Angeles.**

A oral report was presented by Daniel Cooper.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Yañez.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Consultation for 2919 Malibu Canyon Road (Francisco Ranch Road), Malibu Canyon Significant Ecological Area.**

The comment letter was presented by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Voss, Brown, and Daniel, and Ms. Wan.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, the Executive Director, and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 09-25.

Comments were made by Ms. Wan.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, authorizing amendments to the comment letter posed by Sara Wan, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-25.

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing the addition of Coastal Slope Trail – Carbon to Las Flores to the acquisition Workprogram.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Wan.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 09-26.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-26.

**13. Consideration of resolution establishing cost reimbursement policy for applicants seeking long term use of agency property.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by the Chair, Ms. Mikos, Ms. Rosen, Mr. Yegparian, and Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

This item was postponed to a later date.

**14. 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*, *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No.BS121650*, and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions.**

No closed session was held.

**15. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on a August 24, 2009.

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There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP  
Executive Director

Approved:

RONALD P. SCHAFER  
Chairperson