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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

August 31, 2009

1. Call to order.

The meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Ronald Schafer at 7:40 p.m. on August 31, 2009 at Franklin Canyon Park, Beverly Hills, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Elizabeth A. Cheadle, Woody Smeck, Elva Yañez, Jerome C. Daniel, Linda Parks, and Ronald Schafer, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: 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: Michael Blanton, Dave Brown, Elaine Freeman, Alan Kishbaugh, Mary Sue Maurer, Garen Yegparian, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Donald Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was not present.

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 no legislative participants were present.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of July 27, 2009 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of July 27, 2009 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

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

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown, the Chair, and Ms. Parks.

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

The following person addressed the Conservancy:

Stacy Sillins, on matters not on the agenda.

9. Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of SMM-0868.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-27.

10. Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of SMM-0776.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-28.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of SMM-0482.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-29.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Director to make necessary internal reallocation of budgeted funds within the approved grant amount.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-30.

13. Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to use Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund fees to acquire parcels at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2009B public auction, in the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone.

This item was removed from the agenda.

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 October 5, 2009.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

Approved:

RONALD P. SCHAFER
Chairperson