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

November 8, 2010

1. Call to order.

The 375th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Antonio Gonzalez at 7:33 p.m. on November 8, 2010 at Franklin Canyon Park, Beverly Hills, California.

2. Administration of Oath of Office to new members.

The Executive Director administered the Office of Office to Conservancy member Craig Sap, and Advisory Committee member David Ross.

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Sara Wan, Irma Muñoz, Jerome C. Daniel, Linda Parks, Craig Sap, and Antonio Gonzalez, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Woody Smeck, Elizabeth A. Cheadle, James Berkus, and Bryan Cash.

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Sean Anderson, Caroline Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Elaine Freeman, Anita Fromholz, Richard Gould, Paul Rabinov, Paul Rockenstein, David Ross, Dennis Seider, Nancy Stephens, Marc Stirdivant, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Donald Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Alli-Claire Ackers, David Brown, Alan Kishbaugh, Mary Sue Maurer, Roseann Mikos, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Harry Schwarz, Charles Stringer, Donald Voss, Timothy Wendler, and Garen Yegparian.

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, Associate Government Program Analyst, and James Yeremian, Board Secretary.

5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that Rebekah Rodriguez-Lynn was present.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of September 27, 2010 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 27, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Mr. Parks was noted as abstaining.

7. Reports:

The Conservancy received verbal reports from Sara Wan, representing the California Coastal Commission; the Executive Director; George Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Richard Gould representing the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Mr. Robinson.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Ms. Brown.

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

No public testimony was given.

10. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution approving contracting with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to cover support budget expenses on a reimbursable basis due to delay in Budget.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a minor equipment specification change and augmentation of SMM-0756 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the purchase of a firefighting water tender.**

- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Santa Clarita on Vista Canyon Santa Clara River project, Tentative Tract Map 69164, Ancillary Annexation Area, SCH No. 2007071039, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 061105, Draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2005051143), Newhall Ranch Specific Plan Area, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Santa Clarita on Draft One Valley One Vision General Plan and Draft Program Environmental Impact Report, Santa Clarita and unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (f) **Consideration of resolution approving the City of Los Angeles' use of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Trust Fund funds for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's acquisition of six parcels located at the southwest corner of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Mulholland Drive, City of Los Angeles.**

Item 10(f) was removed from the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Fromholz, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 10-46, 10-47, 10-48, 10-49, and 10-50.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 10-46, 10-47, 10-48, 10-49, and 10-50.

11. Presentation on the National Park Service Rim of the Valley Corridor Special Resource Study.

The Conservancy received a report from Ann Dove and Margie Steigerwald, representing the National Park Service.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Freeman and Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Ms. Dove.

12. Presentation on Marsh Park Project.

The Staff Report for this item was presented by Barbara Romero and Leslie Chan, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange, Ms. Freeman, and the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Chan, and Ms. Romero.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a budget augmentation and scope amendment for grant SMM-84-0879.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-51.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-51.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a budget augmentation for SMM-0776 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Rockenstein, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-52.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-52.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a budget augmentation for SMM-0753 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Freeman, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-53.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-53.

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a budget augmentation for SMM-0868 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

The Staff Report for this item was presented by Barbara Romero and Leslie, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks, and Messrs. Cacciotti, Lange, and Rockenstein.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-54.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-54.

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the operation and management of the Malibu Road Accessway.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Fromholz, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-55.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Wan, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-55.

18. Consideration of resolution authorizing scoping comments to the National Park Service Rim of the Valley Corridor Special Resource Study.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-56.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-56.

19. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to use the Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund for acquisition of APNs 4448-018-023, 024, 025, 026, 041, comprised of 20.66 acres, Topanga Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Lange.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-57.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Wan, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-57.

20. 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.*; *Lt-WR, LLC v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy SC105587*; *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*; *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*, *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and *Moradzadeh v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*, and related actions.

No closed session was held.

21. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on a date to be determined at a later time.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP Hon. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
Chairperson