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

August 29, 2011

**1. Call to order.**

The 383<sup>rd</sup> joint telephonic meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Anthony Gonzalez at 7:30 p.m. on August 29, 2011 at the following locations:

- (a) Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California.
- (b) Natural Resources Agency, 1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, California.

**2. Administration of Oath of Office to new members.**

No oath of office was administered.

The Executive Director introduced Tom Contreras, Supervisor of the Angeles National Forest.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Executive Director and Mr. Contreras.

**3. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Tom Contreras, Irma Muñoz; Elizabeth A. Cheadle; Linda Parks; Craig Sap, Bryan Cash (via teleconference); Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Antonio Gonzalez, Chairperson. A quorum was present.

**4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Dave Brown; Michael Cacciotti; Elaine Freeman; Mary Sue Maurer; Paul Rabinov; David Ross; Paul Rockenstein; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Nancy Stephens; Marc Stirdivant; Donald Voss; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Allison-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Caroline Brown; John Edelston; Anita Fromholz; Richard Gould; Jeffrey Jennings; Alan Kishbaugh; Roseann Mikos; Effie Turnbull-Sanders, and Timothy Wendler.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

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

The Chairperson announced that Ivan Carrillo, Rebekah Rodrigues Lynn, and Louise Rishoff were present.

**6. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of July 25, 2011 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of July 25, 2011 were approved as submitted.

**7. Reports:**

The Conservancy received verbal reports from Woody Smeck, representing the National Park Service; Craig Sap, representing State Parks, and George Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

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

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

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

The following members of the public addressed the Conservancy:

Marian Dodge, representing Hillside Federation & Friends of Griffith Park, on item 10(d).

Carol Sidlow, member of the public, on item 10(d).

Elva Yañez, member of the public, on item 13.

Alana Yañez, representing Senator Kevin De Leon, on item 13.

Hugo Garcia, representing El Sereno Organizing Committee, on item 13.

David Giron, representing the office of Paul Koretz, on item 10(d).

Anita Sokolsky, member of the public, on item 10(d).

**10. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) **Consideration of a resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Antelope Valley Area Plan Update.**
- (b) **Consideration of a resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Preparation for Hidden Terraces Specific Plan (Project No. PM 070606-[3]), unincorporated Calabasas.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution confirming a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on 2144 Nichols Canyon Road and potential impacts on the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's planned Castair Drive to Wattles Drive Trail, City of Los Angeles.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing assignment of right to apply for Third Supervisorial District Specified Excess Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Laurel Canyon and Mulholland Acquisition Project, City of Los Angeles.**

Item 10(b) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

A roll-call vote of the Advisory Committee was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Freeman, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 11-61, 11-63, and 11-64.

A roll-call vote of the Conservancy was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 11-61, 11-63, and 11-64.

- 10(b). Consideration of a resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Preparation for Hidden Terraces Specific Plan (Project No. PM 070606-[3]), unincorporated Calabasas.**

Comments were made by Mr. Brown, Ms. Freeman, and the Executive Director.

A roll-call vote of the Advisory Committee was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-62

A roll-call vote of the Conservancy was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-62.

**11. Presentation of Technical Feasibility Report for developing Los Angeles River Regional Public Access and Water Quality Improvements at the Los Angeles River Natural Park from Community Conservation Solutions.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Esther Feldman, representing Community Conservation Solutions.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Voss, Yegparian, Brown, Contreras, Rabinov, and Daniel.

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

**12. Report and discussion on LA River pilot public access project.**

The Conservancy received an oral report from Walt Young, Chief Ranger of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange.

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing grant of Proposition 84 funds to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition and improvements at Elephant Hill, El Sereno, City of Los Angeles.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown, Ms. Muñoz, and Mr. Smeck.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

A roll-call vote of the Advisory Committee was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-65.

A roll-call vote of the Conservancy was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-65.

**14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the Conservancy Fund to the Felidae Conservation Fund for mountain lion and wildlife corridor interpretive video.**

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

Comments were made by Mr. Rockenstein.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Ross.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director, Ms. Parks, and Mr. Smeck.

A roll-call vote of the Advisory Committee was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-66.

A roll-call vote of the Conservancy was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-66.

**15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation, a non-profit organization for project planning and design for the Taylor Yard (G-2 site), Upper Los Angeles River Watershed.**

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Stirdivant, Brown, Robinson, and Rabinov.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

A roll-call vote of the Advisory Committee was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-67.

A roll-call vote of the Conservancy was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-67.

**16. 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 – *Morris v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS127089; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS129503; City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and California Coastal Commission, Case No. BS129222 Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al. Case No. BS 121820; Lt-WR, LLC v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy SC105587; Friends of Temescal Pool v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, 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 related actions.***

**Initiation of litigation. Number of cases: 1. Parties: *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. Mulholland Estates Homeowner's Association, Bartlein & Company, Inc., et al.* The Conservancy may refer the following matter to the Department of Justice for potential initiation of litigation: Action to enforce public access rights to Fossil Ridge Park as recorded in the "Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions for Mulholland Estates" recorded on August 29, 1988 as Instrument No. 88-1372488 in the Office of the Los Angeles County Recorder.**

No closed session was held.

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on September 26, 2011.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP Hon. ASLA  
Executive Director

ANTONIO GONZALEZ  
Chairperson