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

January 23, 2012

1. Call to order.

The 386th joint telephonic meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Vice Chairperson Jerome C. Daniel, at 7:30 p.m. on January 23, 2012 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Los Angeles, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Sean Anderson, Sean Arian, Michael Cacciotti, Elaine Freeman, Richard Gould, Alan Kishbaugh, Paul Rabinov, Roseann Mikos, David Ross, Paul Rockenstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Effie Turnbull-Sanders, Marc Stirdivant, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Allison-Claire Acker, Caroline Brown, Dave Brown, Anita Fromholz, Jeffrey Jennings, Mary Sue Maurer, David Ross, Paul Rockenstein, Nancy Stephens, 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, Associated Government Program Analyst, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that Rebekah Rodriguez Lynn was present.

5. Election of Conservancy Officers.

On nomination by Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Elizabeth Cheadle was unanimously elected Chairperson of the Conservancy.

On nomination by Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Irma Muñoz was unanimously elected Vice Chairperson of the Conservancy.

6. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.

On nomination by Mr. Gould, duly seconded, Don Robinson was unanimously reelected Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

On nomination by Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, George Lange was unanimously reelected Vice Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

7. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of December 5, 2011 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of December 5, 2011 were approved as submitted.

8. Reports:

The Conservancy received verbal reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Sap, representing State Parks; the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

9. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Messrs. Anderson and Robinson.

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

The following member of the public addressed the Conservancy:

Anthony Portantino, State Assembly, on item 17.
Stacey Brenner, representing Assemblymember Mike Gatto, on item 17.
Eric Edmunds, representing Save Our Mountains, Inc., on matters not on the agenda.
Richard Percell, member of the public, on item 17.
Steven Fortner, representing FE&M Defined Contribution Plan Trust, on item 17.

11. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Los Angeles on Warner Center Regional Core Comprehensive Specific Plan.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Southern California Association of Governments on 2012-2035 Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Santa Clarita on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Mancara at Robinson Ranch Project; SCH No. 2006041029.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Preparation for Wildflower Green Energy Project, Sierra Pelona Range, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Items 11(c) and 11(d) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

A roll-call vote was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Resolution Nos. 12-01 and 12-02.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 12-01 and 12-02.

11(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Santa Clarita on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Mancara at Robinson Ranch Project; SCH No. 2006041029.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Gould.

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Resolution No. 12-03.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-03.

11(d). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Preparation for Wildflower Green Energy Project, Sierra Pelona Range, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

A roll-call vote was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Resolution No. 12-04.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-04.

12. Presentation on Friends of Griffith Park by Gerry Hans, President.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Gerry Hans, President of Friends of Griffith Park.

Comments were made by the Chairperson, Mr. Smeck, and Mr. Kishbaugh.

13. Presentation on Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Regional Occupational Program by Ranger David Updike.

The Conservancy received an oral report by Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Ranger David Updike.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Anderson, Ms. Rosen, and Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Ranger Updike.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a matching grant to the California Trails Conference Foundation for the 27th California Trails and Greenway Conference, April 18 through April 20, 2012.

A roll-call vote was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Resolution No. 12-05.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-05.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District for an open space, trail, and greenway planning study.

Comments were made by Messrs. Rockenstein and Lange.

A roll-call vote was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Rockenstein, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Resolution No. 12-06.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-06.

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, for project planning and design of the Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek Confluence Park, City of Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by Ms. Rosen.

A roll-call vote was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Freeman, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Resolution No. 12-07.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-07.

- 17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Wildlife Conservation Board and associated documentation for Verdugo Mountains (Mountain Oaks) property, City of Glendale.**

A roll-call vote was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Stirdivant, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Resolution No. 12-08.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-08.

- 18. 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 – *Kruells v. La Vina Homeowners Association, Case No. GC035668; 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; 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.

- 19. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on February 27, 2012.

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There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson