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

April 23, 2012

1. Call to order.

The 388th joint telephonic meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Elizabeth A. Cheadle, at 7:30 p.m. on April 23, 2012 at the Temescal Canyon Conference & Retreat Center, Pacific Palisades, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Tom Contreras; Jerome C. Daniel; Linda Parks; Bryan Cash; Craig Sap; Irma Muñoz, Vice Chairperson, and Elizabeth A. Cheadle, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Lorenza Fong.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

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

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that Rebekah Rodriguez Lynn, Louise Rishoff, and Julia Juarez were present.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of February 27, 2012 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of February 27, 2012 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports:

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Sap, representing State Parks; Mr. Contreras, representing Angeles National Forest; the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Ms. Rosen, Ms. Acker, and Ms. Mikos.

8. 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:

Mr. Douglas Lasken, member of the public, on item 9(c).

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the proposed project at 2775 Cahuenga Boulevard (APN 5549-003-004), Case No. AA 2012-707-WTM, Mulholland Scenic Corridor, City of Los Angeles.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on proposed Mount Lukens Communications Tower, 5150 Mount Lukens Road, Tujunga and Verdugo Peak Communications Tower, 1658 Vista Drive, Glendale.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles regarding proposed residential development and subdivision on 20367 Delita Drive, Chalk Hills, Woodland Hills.**

- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter of support to the City of Los Angeles Proposition K Committee and Proposition K Advisory Committee for the Department of Recreation and Parks' Laurel Canyon and Mulholland Land Acquisition Project grant application.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter of support to the City of Los Angeles Proposition K Committee and Proposition K Advisory Committee for the Department of Recreation and Parks' Albion Dairy Project grant application.**

A roll-call vote was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Resolution Nos. 12-17; 12-18; 12-19; 12-20, and 12-21.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 12-17; 12-18; 12-19; 12-20, and 12-21.

10. Presentation by Dr. Sean Anderson regarding public opinion polling in the coastal zone of Southern California.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Dr. Sean Anderson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos and Messrs. Lange, Ross, and Contreras.

Comments were made by Mr. Anderson.

11. Presentation by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority regarding the management of the newly acquired Big Tujunga Canyon park property.

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

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with National Park Service, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority for preparation of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area trail management plan and joint EIR/EIS.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Sap.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by Mr. Sap and the Chief Deputy Director.

A roll-call vote was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Resolution No. 12-22.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-22.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Linkage Implementation Alliance (LIA) addressing habitat connectivity between the Angeles and Los Padres National Forests and the Santa Monica Mountains.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

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. 12-23.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-23.

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of CF-1020 with deposited mitigation funds in the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund, and an advance of said funds, for implementation of the Lopez Canyon riparian habitat restoration and creation project, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Freeman, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Resolution No. 12-24.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-24.

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a change of scope to Grant No. SMM-0853 to amend eligible locations.**

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Resolution No. 12-25.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-25.

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to produce a short documentary about the early history of efforts to preserve the Santa Monica Mountains for use at the Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch and for other public service purposes.**

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen; Mr. Cacciotti; Mr. Ross; Ms. Stephens; Ms. Buckley Weber, and Mr. Anderson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and 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. 12-26.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-26.

- 17. Consideration of resolution supporting SB 1201 (De Leon).**

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Resolution No. 12-27.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Sap, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 12-27.

Mr. Cash was noted as abstaining.

- 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; Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Whittier, Matrix Oil Co. and related entities, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; 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.

The Chairperson convened the closed session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss initiation of litigation – *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. Mulholland Estates Homeowner’s Association, Bartlein & Company, Inc., et al.*

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 9:54 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to staff regarding initiation of litigation – *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. Mulholland Estates Homeowner’s Association, Bartlein & Company, Inc., et al.*

16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held May 21, 2012.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m. in memory of Peter Douglas.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson