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

May 20, 2002

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Vice Chair Jerome Daniel, acting Chair, at 7:37 p.m. on May 20, 2002 at Franklin Canyon Park, Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Elizabeth Cheadle, Woody Smeck, Russell Guiney, Hal Ross, Steve Treanor, Jonathon Zasloff, and Jerome Daniel, Vice Chair. The following members were absent : David Allgood, Steve Horn, and Michael Berger, Chair. Quorum present.

The following Legislative member designees were present: Laura Plotkin, Mary Sue Maurer, and Scott Svonkin. The following Legislative member designees were absent: Susan McEntire, Michael Miiller, and George Magallanes.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Corridori, Jeff Jennings, Mark Johnson, Barry Read, Roseann Mikos, Richard Gould, Alan Kishbaugh, Thomas Seifert, Charles Beatty, Nancy Stephens, Marc Stirdivant, Kenneth Warner, Timothy Wendler, Don Robinson, Vice Chair, and George Lange, Chair. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Caroline Brown, Dave Brown, Terre Hirsch, Linda Palmer, Anthony Portantino, Paul Rockenstein, and Lee Bycel. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti and Lesley Devine.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Acting Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources

and Planning; MRCA staff: Reva Concoff, Deputy Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer and Chief of Education and Interpretation; Wayne Dailey, Deputy Chief Ranger; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Elsa Luna, Chief of Finance and Administration; Katherine Chew, Staff Counsel; Juliet Chung, Associate Governmental Program Analyst; Tracy Dockery, Staff Services Manager, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Nedra Austin, Deputy Attorney General.

[Ms. Devine arrived at 7:39 p.m.]

4. Minutes.

The minutes of April 22, 2002 were submitted for approval.

Comments were made by Mr. Robinson.

The minutes of April 22, 2002 were approved as amended.

5. Reports.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Executive Director.

[Mr. Cacciotti arrived at 7:45 p.m.]

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Miller.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by Mr. Miller.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Dailey.

6. Members comments on items not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange.

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

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Woody Hastings, representing the Kerry Lane Protection Project, on the Kerry Lane Protection Project.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Svonkin.

Comments were made by Mr. Zasloff and the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by Mr. Hastings.

Ruth White, representing the Ramirez Canyon Preservation fund, on Joint Powers and exemptions from local laws.

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

Katherine Holguin, representing the Ramirez Canyon Association, Inc., on item 10.

[Mr. Svonkin left at 8:00 p.m.]

Michael Wisner, representing the Surfrider Foundation, on item 10.

Dennis Seider, member of the public, on item 10.

Katie Lichtig and Lloyd Zola, representing the City of Malibu, on item 10.

Bob Purvey, member of the public, on item 10.

John Jameson, representing PACSUN, LLC, on item 11.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Thomas Lockhart, representing Equestrian Trails Inc., on the Rim of the Valley Trail.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins regarding the addition of an emergency item to the Conservancy Agenda pursuant to Government Code Section 11125.3.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adding

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emergency item 14(a) to the agenda.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy added emergency item 14(a) to the agenda.

8. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Consultation for proposed amphitheater complex at 1909 North Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Topanga.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority sell an easement for a diversion wall on APN 4491-009-904, part of the "Eastport" property, to provide mudflow protection to the owner of 2975 Mandeville Canyon Road (APN 4491-010-002), Los Angeles.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the National Park Service on scoping to prepare environmental document for Fire Management Plan, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.**

Item 8(b) was removed from the agenda.

Item 8(a) was removed the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-68.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-68.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 8(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the National Park Service on scoping to prepare environmental document for Fire Management Plan, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.**

Comments were made by Mr. Treanor.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-69.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Guiney, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-69.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

9. Presentation of the Urban Parklands program.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Ross.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel and the Executive Director.

10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the California Coastal Commission on the Initial Draft City of Malibu Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Beatty and Jennings.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Board and Advisory Committee considered this item concurrently.

Comments were made by Ms. Tamasi, Ms. Plotkin, and Ms. Maurer.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Plotkin, and Messrs. Guiney and Corridori.

Comments were made by Ms. Plotkin.

Comments were made by Ms. Devine, and Messrs. Jennings, Ross, Guiney, and Beatty.

A motion to include additional comments was made by Mr. Guiney.

On motion of Mr. Guiney, duly seconded, the comment letter was amended to include additional comments.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A motion to amend language in the comment letter was made by Mr. Jennings. The motion failed.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins, the Executive Director, Mr. Jennings, and Ms. Austin.

A motion to amend language in the comment letter was made by Mr. Jennings. The motion failed.

Comments were made by Mr. Jennings and the Executive Director.

A motion to include additional comments was made by Mr. Jennings.

On motion of Mr. Jennings, duly seconded, the comment letter was amended to include additional comments.

Comments were made by Mr. Jennings.

A motion to amend language in the comment letter was made by Mr. Jennings.

Comments were made by Mr. Corridori.

The motion failed due to a lack of votes.

Comments were made by Mr. Corridori.

A motion to include additional comments was made by Mr. Jennings.

On motion of Mr. Jennings, duly seconded, the comment letter was amended to include additional comments.

A motion to include additional language in the comment letter was made by Mr. Jennings. The motion failed.

Comments were made by Ms. Devine.

A motion to include additional comments was made by Mr. Jennings.

On motion of Mr. Jennings, duly seconded, the comment letter was amended to include additional comments.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

A motion to include additional comments was made by Mr. Jennings.

On motion of Mr. Jennings, duly seconded, the comment letter was amended to include additional comments.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by Messrs. Ross, Guiney, Treanor, and Ms. Cheadle.

A motion to include additional comments was made by Mr. Ross.

On motion of Mr. Ross, duly seconded, the comment letter was amended to include additional comments.

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-71.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 11. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a conservation easement on the Golden Valley Ranch open space dedication, Tentative Tract No. 52414, and recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept said**

easement, Santa Clarita.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Beatty.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

[Mr. Zasloff left at 10:45 p.m.]

Questions were propounded by Mr. Read.

Comments were made by Messrs. Edelman and Gould.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-72.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-72.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a plan for the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed - Eastern sub-watersheds including watershed protection, acquisition, facilities development, and trails in the Verdugo Mountains, La Crescenta Valley, and south draining slopes of the San Gabriel Mountains.**

Ms. Skei presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seifert, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-73.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-73.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

13. Discussion of possible urban parks partnerships.

This item was postponed.

14. Consideration of resolution establishing a grant program for application by local governments and nonprofit organizations to construct park, recreation, and related improvements for projects identified in the Conservancy's adopted workprogram, authorizing the Executive Director to hold workshops with affected stakeholders in order to develop procedures and criteria for such program, and directing that such procedures and criteria be returned to the Conservancy for final adoption.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Beatty.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Wendler.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-74.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-74.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

14(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing making an application with Wildlife Conservation Board for Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit acquisition of portions of Big Sky Ranch, County of Ventura and recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority make the same application to be mutually determined by the Chairpersons of the Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Beatty, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-75.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-75.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

15. **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: *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Los Angeles, a charter city and Department of Water and Power; Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al.; City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Mirharooni v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Malibu-Encinal Home Owners Association, Inc. v. Lechuza Villas West, LLP, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, State Coastal Conservancy et al.; Los Amigos de Caballero Canyon v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Nervik v. State of California; Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Soka University of America; Sierra Club et al. v. County of Los Angeles; State of California, ex rel. Andrea Tuttle, Director of Department of Forestry and Fire Protection v. Southern California Edison Company.*

No closed session was held.

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

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The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on June 24, 2002.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

JEROME C. DANIEL
Acting Chair