

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY**

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

June 24, 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 Chairperson Michael Berger at 7:45 p.m. on June 24, 2002 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue 26, Los Angeles, California.

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to Mr. Henry Lo.

**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 May 20, 2002 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of May 20, 2002 were approved as submitted.

**5. Reports.**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Austin.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Executive Director.

The Conservancy received an verbal report from Mr. Edelman.

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. Young.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by Mr. Young.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Lethbridge.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Ms. Lethbridge.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Ms. Lethbridge.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made the Executive Director.

**6. Members comments on items not on the agenda.**

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by Messrs. Ross, Daniel, and the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Ross.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Austin.

Comments were made by Mr. Guiney.

A roll call vote was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adding emergency item 15(a) to the agenda.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy added emergency item 15(a) to the agenda.

**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:

Dorian Keiser  
Cybil Scottford  
Joan Luchs

**8. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a donation of 18 Ford "Think" low speed electric vehicles, valued at an estimated \$140,000.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority grant funds to North East Trees for a study of Corralitas and Los Angeles River park connections.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize an application for Los Angeles County Proposition A Excess Funds for Los Angeles River Bikeway improvements in partnership with North East Trees.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a donation of approximately 144 acres (APN 2581-001-024) from the Wildlands Conservancy, northeast of Sylmar,**

**unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

- (e) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize acceptance of approximately 103 acres in dedication in Plum Canyon from Shapell Industries, Santa Clarita area of unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept an open space dedication of approximately 22 acres (APN 2059-025-028) at Westlake Boulevard in Westlake Village, from Vintage Communities, Inc.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept the transfer of approximately 30 acres (portion of APNs 2701-001-009 and 028) in Mormon Canyon and approximately 20 acres (portion of APN 2701-002-015) in Browns Canyon from the Porter Ranch Development Company as partial mitigation for permits, Los Angeles.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize relocation of a required trail easement located on Lot 1 of APN 4452-025-014, near Sweetwater Mesa Road, and acceptance of said easement, Malibu.\***
- (i) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept the following offers to dedicate: Goodwin / P-81-7619; Sophisticated Investments, Inc. / A-337-79; Taylor / A-337-79; Almar Associates / A-337-79; Klenner / P-80-6953, and Brush / A-3-80.\***
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on the revised Biological Resources Section of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Marr Ranch Project II, Simi Valley.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Consultation for proposed Tentative Tract Map No. 47718, unincorporated Acton area.**
- (l) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Pasadena on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Arroyo Seco Master Plan Project.**
- (m) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Caltrans on proposed Environmental Assessment/Initial Study for the Rocky Peak Road**

**Interchange Improvements, Simi Valley.**

Item 8(h) was removed from the agenda.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Bullard.

Comments were made by Mr. Hayduk.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Item 8(l) was removed the Consent Calendar.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 02-75, 02-76, 02-77, 02-78, 02-79, 02-80, 02-81, 02-81, 02-83, 02-84, 02-85, and 02-87.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 02-75, 02-76, 02-77, 02-78, 02-79, 02-80, 02-81, 02-81, 02-83, 02-84, 02-85, and 02-87.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**8(l). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Pasadena on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Arroyo Seco Master Plan Project.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Robinson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-86.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-86.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**9. Report on Open Space Opportunities in North East Los Angeles prepared by North East Trees.**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Bullard.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Robinson.

Comments were made by Messrs. Daniel, Lo, and Robinson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Mr. Zasloff.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Ms. Robinson.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Ms. Robinson.

**10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Agoura Hills on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Corporate Point Commercial Office Project (CUP No. 98-012).**

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**11. Consideration of resolution adopting FY 2001-02 preliminary budget of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and authorizing any grants necessary to implement such budget.**

The Chair noted that a typographical error had been made on the agenda regarding this item, and that the Board would be considering adoption of the FY 2002-03 preliminary budget.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Corridori and Brown.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Gould, Rockenstein, and Corridori.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-89.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-89.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by Ms. Concoff the Executive Officer, and Mr. Daniel.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a transfer of funds from the SMM890 grant to**

**the SMM894 grant.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**13. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority establish an in-lieu fee mitigation program for transportation project impacts in coordination with Caltrans.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-92.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-92.

**14. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire APN 4378-003-013 in Hoag Canyon and authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains Contingency Fund to partially fund the acquisition, Los Angeles.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-93.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Edelman.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-93.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**15. Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains Contingency fund to partially fund the acquisition of APN 2427-006-005, Cahuenga Pass-Oakshire property, Los Angeles.**

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. 02-94.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Edelman.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-94.

**15(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the California Coastal Commission on the Draft City of Malibu Local Coastal Program Local Implementation Plan.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Messrs. Brown and Corridori.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Corridori.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Lange and Corridori.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Wendler, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-94(a).

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-94(a).

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 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: *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.; Malibu-Encinal Home Owners Association, Inc. v. Lechuza Villas West, LLP, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, State Coastal Conservancy et al.***

No closed session was held.

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

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on August 26, 2002.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP  
Executive Director

Approved:

MICHAEL BERGER  
Chair