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

March 24, 2014

1. Call to order.

The 408th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Linda Parks, at 7:36 p.m. on March 24, 2014 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: Mark Vargas; Irma Muñoz; David Szymanski; Elizabeth Cheadle; David Pettit; Bryan Cash (via teleconference); Craig Sap; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Linda Parks, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Luis Li.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Sean Arian; Caroline Brown; Illece Buckley Weber; Michael Cacciotti; Ed Corridori; Elaine Freeman; Richard Gould; Alan Kishbaugh; Mary Sue Maurer; Anthony Portantino; David Ross; Bob Thompson; Marc Stirdivant; Tim Wendler; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Allison-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Jeffrey Jennings; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Wendy-Sue Rosen; and Nancy Stephens.

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

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that the following legislative participants were present: Louise Rishoff and Bobbi Johnson.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of February 24, 2014 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of February 24, 2014 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Szymanski; Mr. Sap, and Mr. Lange.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Wendler and Yegparian.

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

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

No comments were made.

8. 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:

Mr. Craig Collins, representing Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy, on matters not on the agenda.

Ms. Catherine Geanuracos, representing Swim Silver Lake, on matters not on the agenda.

Mr. Toni Tucci, representing CLAW, on matters not on the agenda.

Mr. Tomas O' Grady, representing Enrich-LA, on item 9.

Ms. Karin Flores, representing FOLAR, on matters not on the agenda.

9. Presentation by RAC Design Build on proposed preservation and repurposing of the historic Riverside Drive Bridge.

The Conservancy received an oral report by Mr. Kevin Mulcahy, representing RAC Design Build.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Cacciotti; Corridori; Yegparian; Pettit; Wendler; Vargas, and Portantino.

Comments were made by Mr. Mulcahy; the Executive Director; Ms. Maurer, and the Chairperson.

10. Presentation by Community Conservation Solutions on Green Solution Project: Upper Los Angeles River Watershed, Phase IV.

The Conservancy received an oral report by Ms. Esther Feldman, representing Community Conservation Solutions.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson and Messrs. Gould and Corridori.

Comments were made by Ms. Feldman.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to Community Conservation Solutions for the Green Solution Project: Upper Los Angeles River Watershed, Phase IV.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-15.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-15.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an Interagency Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Los Angeles, the Third Supervisorial District, and other entities for continued collaboration on the Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Alliance.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Freeman, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-16.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-16.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a budget augmentation for grant SMM-50-1108 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, for Project Planning and Design services for the Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project, City of Malibu.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-17.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Pettit, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-17.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of APN's 4465-004-053 and 4465-005-006 totaling approximately 78 acres, Escondido Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-18.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-18.

15. Consideration of resolution supporting: (a) AB 2348 (Stone); (b) AB 1767 (Holden), and (c) SB 1268 (Beall).

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

Comments were made by Ms. Johnson and the Chairperson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-19.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-19.

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 – *Kruells v. La Vina Homeowners Association*, Case No. GC035668; *Santa Monica*

Mountains Conservancy v. City of Whittier, et al., Case No. BS138796, and related cases; Morris v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC448511; Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu, and related actions, Case No. SC092212, and Prop A Protective Association, LLC v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al., Case No. BS145771.

No closed session was held.

17. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on April 28, 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

LINDA PARKS
Chairperson