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

October 27, 2014

1. Call to order.

The 414th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Linda Parks, at 7:30 p.m. on October 27, 2014 at Franklin Canyon Park, Beverly Hills, California.

The Chief Deputy Director administered the oath of office to Janet Wall, representing the City of Thousand Oaks on the Advisory Committee.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Szymanski; David Pettit; Bryan Cash; Craig Sap; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Linda Parks, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Irma Muñoz; Luis Li, and Elizabeth A. Cheadle.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

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

Staff present: Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Melissa Cartelli, Associate Government Program Analyst, 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 Vickere Murphy.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of September 22, 2014 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of August 25, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Mr. Pettit and Ms. Wall were noted as abstaining.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chairperson; the Chief Deputy Director; Mr. Szymanski, representing National Park Service; Mr. Sap, representing State Parks, and Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen and Mr. Daniel.

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

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Ms. Rishoff and Messrs. Cacciotti, Portantino, and Anderson.

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

No members of the public addressed the Conservancy.

9. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Preparation for "Aidlin Hills" project, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 52796, Pico Canyon, unincorporated Santa Clarita area.

The comment letter was presented 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. 14-56.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 14-56.

10. Presentation by City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks on Cesear Chavez Park (Sheldon – Arleta) Natural Park.

The Conservancy received an oral report on this item.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson; Mr. Mishler; Mr. Pettit; Ms. Murphy; Mr. Daniel; Mr. Lange, and Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Mr. Cacciotti, and the Chief Deputy Executive Director.

11. Discussion regarding President Obama’s designation of national forest land in the San Gabriel Mountains as a national monument.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Murphy.

Comments were made by Ms. Brown and Mr. Szymanski.

12. Consideration of resolution waiving public parking fee at Wilacre Park, Studio City, contingent upon replacement funding agreement with County of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler; Ms. Rosen; Mr. Stirdivant; Mr. Szymanski; Mr. Cash; Mr. Pettit, and Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel; the Chief Deputy Director, Mr. Kishbaugh; the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Mr. Sap, and Mr. Gould.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-57.

Ms. Buckley Weber was noted as voting against adoption of the resolution.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-57.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing conditional waiver of first right of refusal on APN 5565-026-900, Willow Glen Road, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 33207(b), Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen and Mr. Corridori.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-58.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-58.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation for project planning and design of the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Regional Multi-benefit Project.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Acker.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-59.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-59.

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to Friends of the Los Angeles River for biological monitoring and citizen science interpretive programs along the Los Angeles River and tributaries.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 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 December 8, 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

RORIE SKEI
Chief Deputy Director

Approved:

LINDA PARKS
Chairperson