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

June 1, 2015

1. Call to order.

The 419th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Linda Parks, at 7:32 p.m. on June 1, 2015 at King Gillette Ranch, Calabasas, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

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

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; 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 participant were present: Tim Pershing, and Kara Seward.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of April 27, 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of April 27, 2015 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received a report from the Mr. Szymanski, representing National Park Service; the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

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

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by the Chairperson; Ms. Rosen; Ms. Maurer, and Mr. Lange.

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:

Kyoko Hibino, representing Save Porter Ranch, on item 9(a).

Matt Pakucko, representing Save Porter Ranch, on item 9(a).

Eric Edmunds, representing Save Our Mountains, Inc., on matters not on the agenda.

9. Consent Calendar:

(a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Los Angeles regarding proposed North Aliso Oil Field Project in the Santa Susana Mountains, Santa Clara River watershed, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.**

(b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Caltrans on the State Route 710 North Study Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Findings.**

Item 9(a) was removed from the consent calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Portantino, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-34.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-34.

9(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Los Angeles regarding proposed North Aliso Oil Field Project in the Santa Susana Mountains, Santa Clara River watershed, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos; the Chairperson; the Chief Deputy Director; Ms. Rosen; Mr. Stern, and Mr. Pettit.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-33 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-33 as amended.

10. Presentation on Greenhouse Gas reduction impacts from implementation of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy conservation lands program.

The Executive Director introduced Laura Radtcliffe, Staff Counsel for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Ms. Radcliffe.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson; Ms. Mikos; Mr. Szymanski; the Chairperson, and Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by Mr. Stern; the Executive Director; Ms. Radcliffe; Mr. Mishler; Mr. Pershing; Mr. Corridori, and the Chairperson.

11. Presentation by National Park Service on Rim of the Valley Special Resource Study.

The Conservancy received an oral report by Ms. Anne Dove and Ms. Margie Staagerwald, representing the National Park Service.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos, Ms. Buckley Weber, and Ms. Maurer.

Comments were made by Ms. Dove; Mr. Szymanski, and Mr. Gould.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on National Park Service Rim of the Valley Special Resource Study.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-35.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 15-35.

Mr. Szymanski was noted as abstaining.

13. Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Preliminary Budget, Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

The staff report for this item was presented by Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-36.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-36.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Escondido Canyon Public Access project planning and design work, City of Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-37.

Mr. Stern was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-37.

15. Consideration of resolution supporting SB 32 (Pavley).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-38.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 15-37.

Mr. Cash was noted as abstaining.

16. Consideration of resolution supporting AB 530 (Rendon).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Acker, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-39.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 15-39.

Mr Cash was noted as abstaining.

17. 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.

25. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on June 29, 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

LINDA PARKS
Chairperson