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

June 29, 2015

1. Call to order.

The 420th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Linda Parks, at 7:37 p.m. on June 29, 2015 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: Irma Muñoz; Bryan Cash (via teleconference); Craig Sap; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Linda Parks, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: David Szymanski; Luis Li; Elizabeth A. Cheadle, and David Pettit.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

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

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: Vickere Murphy, and Kayleen Maya Aviles.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of June 1, 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of June 1, 2015 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received reports from Mr. Sap, representing State Parks; the Executive Director; and Mr. Gould, representing the Santa Clarita Watershed and Recreation Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

The Conservancy received an oral report by Mr. Cacciotti.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by Mr. Cacciotti; the Chairperson; Ms. Mikos; Ms. Murphy, and Mr. Sap.

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:

Tony Scudellari, representing NELA Green Space, on matters not on the agenda.
Alina Bokde, representing Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, on item 12.
Elsa Tung, representing Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, on item 12.
Yvette Lopez, representing Pacoima Beautiful, on item 12.
Veronica Padilla, representing Pacoima Beautiful, on item 12.

[Item 12 on the agenda was considered next]

12. Consideration of resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 1 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Muñoz; Mr. Yegparian; Ms. Mikos; the Chairperson, and Mr. Stern.

Comments were made by the Executive Director; Mr. Cash; Ms. Murphy, and the Chief Deputy Director.

This item was postponed to the subsequent meeting on August 17, 2015.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to Resolution No. 15-26 to the City Project, changing the funding source from Proposition 40 to Proposition 84.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for development of a sustainable park training program for urban youth.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County for proposed development at 30890 Mulholland Highway, La Sierra Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

At the request of Mr. Cash, item 9(a) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 15-41 and 15-42.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 15-41 and 15-42.

- 9(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to Resolution No. 15-26 to the City Project, changing the funding source from Proposition 40 to Proposition 84.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-40.

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

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

Mr. Cash and the Chairperson voted against passage of the item; Mr. Sap abstained, and Mr. Daniel and Ms. Muñoz voted to adopt the resolution.

The motion, made by Mr. Daniel, and duly seconded, failed.

10. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a joint exercise of powers agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy to facilitate grant funding for the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing, Agoura Hills.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-43.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 15-43.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a joint exercise of powers agreement with the City of Moorpark for open space purposes.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and the Chairperson.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-45.

Ms. Mikos was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 15-45.

[Item 12 was considered prior to the Consent Calendar – please see above for action taken]

- 13. 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.

- 24. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on August 17, 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

LINDA PARKS
Chairperson