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

April 9, 2001

**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 7:33 p.m. on April 9, 2001, at Descanso Gardens, Van De Kamp Room, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada Flintridge, 91011.

**3. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Elizabeth Cheadle, Arthur Eck, Russell Guiney, Steve Horn, Mary Nichols, Jonathan Zasloff, Jerome Daniel, Vice Chair, and Michael Berger, Chair. The following members were absent: Edward Albert and Lindsey Kozberg. Quorum present.

**2. Administration of Oath of Office to new members.**

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to Mr. Ed Corridori as the representative of the City of Agoura Hills on the Advisory Committee.

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to Mr. Bruce Crow as the representative of the City of Sierra Madre on the Advisory Committee.

Comments were made by Mr. Corridori and Mr. Crow.

**4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Dave Brown, Ed Corridori, Bruce Crow, Lesley Devine, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Anthony Portantino, Don Robinson, Bruce Saito, Thomas Seifert, Nancy Steele, Nancy Stephens, Timothy Wendler, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. The following members arrived subsequent to roll call: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Mark Johnson, Rick Putnam,

and Marc Stirdivant. The following members were absent: Thomas Hasse, Terre Hirsch, Clare Marter Kenyon, Paul Rockenstein, David Rose, and Kenneth Warner. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief of Legal and Real Estate Division, MRCA; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Kathleen Bullard, Director of Los Angeles River Center, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Stephanie Landregan, Staff Landscape Architect, MRCA; Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation, MRCA; Reva Concoff, Chief of Special Projects, MRCA; Katherine Chew, Staff Counsel, MRCA; Judy Tamasi, Project Analyst, MRCA; Aaron Wohler, Assistant Landscape Architect, MRCA; and Colby Allerton, Board Secretary, MRCA.

Representing the Office of Attorney General was Nedra Austin.

## **5. Reports**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chairperson.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Collins.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director introducing new MRCA employees Aaron Wohler, Assistant Landscape Architect, and Judy Tamasi, Project Analyst.

Comments were made by the Executive Director regarding written reports from staff members to replace verbal reports at this meeting to help expedite the proceedings.

## **6. 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:

Lynnette Berg Robe, representing the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Design Review Board, on items 8, 9, and the Mulholland Core Trail.

Joan Luchs, representing the Federation of Hillside and Canyons, on items 8, 9, and 21000 Mulholland - Mulholland Gateway Park.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Max Hobbs, representing Glendale VOICE, on item 13.

Sue Nelson, representing the Friends of the Santa Monica Mountains Parks and

Seashore, on item 8.

Chuck Milbourne, representing the Friends of Caballero Canyon, on items 8 and 9.

Dorian Keyser, representing the Santa Susana Mountains Parks Association, on items 19 and 20.

Liz Blackwelder, representing the La Canada Flintridge Trails Council, on item 13.

Milton Feinberg, member of the public, on item 13 and Marge Feinberg.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Gordon Murley, representing the Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization, on items 8 and 9.

Nello Iacono, representing the City of Glendale Parks and Recreation Department, on item 13.

Steve Harris, representing the Mountains Restoration Trust, on item 22.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Dennis Eschen, representing the City of Long Beach, and item 7(b).

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to Marc Stirdivant as the representative of the City of Glendale on the Advisory Committee.

Bill Eick, representing the Small Wilderness Area Preservation and Shadow Hills Property Owners Association.

## **7. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to apply for grant funds from the Department of Water Resources Urban Stream program for the Tujunga Wash Restoration Demonstration Project in the City of Los Angeles.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority assign the right to apply for Proposition A funds to the City of Long Beach for acquisition and development of the Wrigley Heights project along the Los Angeles River.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority assign the right to apply for Proposition A funds to the City of Paramount for acquisition and development of the Dills Park expansion project along the Los Angeles River.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for Proposition A funds designated for acquisition and development of a project in the City of Lynwood along the Los**

**Angeles River.**

- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing amendments to grant(s) SMM-877 and SMM-884 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to include project planning and design costs.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant to Eco Heroes.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation to expend lease revenues from the Marsh Street property on Los Angeles River related projects and authorize such budget amendments as may be necessary.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for vegetation management projects.**
- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the public access program at Ramirez Canyon Park.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design services.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant of easement to the City of Thousand Oaks for replacement of a water storage tank on the Rolling Oaks/Linfin open space, City of Thousand Oaks.**
- (l) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Notice of Consultation for proposed CUP 99067 on Latigo Canyon Road, County of Los Angeles.**
- (m) Consideration of resolution authorizing the Chair to appoint a representative to the Beverly Crest/Bel Air Neighborhood Council.**

The Chair noted that items 7(j) and 7(k) had been removed from the agenda, and that items 7(b), 7(c), and 7(d) would be placed on the regular agenda for discussion.

Comments were made by Ms. Faustinos about amended resolutions distributed for items 7(e), 7(h), and 7(i).

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 01-51, 01-55, 01-56, 01-57, 01-58, 01-59, 01-62, 01-63, and 01-64.

*(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)*

7. (b) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority assign the right to apply for Proposition A funds to the City of Long Beach for acquisition and development of the Wrigley Heights project along the Los Angeles River.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority assign the right to apply for Proposition A funds to the City of Paramount for acquisition and development of the Dills Park expansion project along the Los Angeles River.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for Proposition A funds designated for acquisition and development of a project in the City of Lynwood along the Los Angeles River.**

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by Ms. Faustinos.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 01-52, 01-53, and 01-54.

*(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)*

8. **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority prioritize the acquisitions of Mulholland Gateway - 21000 Mulholland and Mulholland Gateway Park - Chapter/Natoma absent participation of the California Department of Parks and Recreation in the acquisition of both parcels.**

Ms. Faustinos recommending postponing this item until the Executive Director returned.

10. **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning on Los Angeles County Significant Ecological Area Update Study 2000.**

Mr. Edelman presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown, including a typographical error on the letter.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos, Mr. Corridori, Mr. Kishbaugh, Mr. Zasloff, and the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman, Ms. Mikos, Mr. Kishbaugh, Ms. Steele, Mr. Brown, Mr. Putnam, Ms. Devine, the Executive Director, the Chair, Mr. Daniel, Ms. Nichols, and Mr. Begley.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 01-66 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 01-66 as amended.

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

8. **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority prioritize the acquisitions of Mulholland Gateway - 21000 Mulholland and Mulholland Gateway Park - Chapter/Natoma absent participation of**

**the California Department of Parks and Recreation in the acquisition of both parcels.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Brown, Mr. Lange, Ms. Devine, and Mr. Wendler.

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh, the Executive Director, Mr. Brown, Mr. Lange, Ms. Mikos, Ms. Devine, Gary Morris (member of the public), Mr. Portantino, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Guiney, Mr. Svonkin, and Ms. Nichols.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended approving staff recommendation.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Guiney to take another month to consider this item, duly seconded, the Conservancy approved that motion.

- 9. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the MRCA for acquisition of 21000 Mulholland property (APNs 2173-007-006, 008, 010 and 107) City of Los Angeles, and recommending the transfer to the California Department of Parks and Recreation. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c) (7)(A) of the Government Code.)**

The Chair announced that this item was tabled.

The Executive Director recommended moving up the agenda to item 13.

- 13. Consideration of resolution amending and supplementing Resolution 00-60 adopted June 28, 2000, Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, Public Resources Code Section 33204.4.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Presentations were made by consultants Ms. Amalie Orme. Ph.D., Martin Kammerer, Steve Nelson, and Pete Dangermond.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Steele, the Chair, and Mr. Horn.

Comments were made by the Chair, Mr. Kishbaugh, Mr. Portantino, Mr. Brown, Ms. Steele, the Executive Director, Mr. Putnam, Ms. Nichols, Mr. Zasloff, Mr. Svonkin, Mr. Horn, Mr. Guiney, and Ms. Cheadle.

The Chair called for a recess of the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 10:19 p.m.

The Executive Director recommended a motion to accept the conclusions of the above-mentioned consultants but withhold filing of the Rim of the Valley Corridor map for sixty days during which time the matter will be reagendaized.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of the verbally amended staff recommendation.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Nichols to accept the conclusions of the above-mentioned consultants but withhold filing of the Rim of the Valley Corridor map for sixty days during which time the matter will be reagendaized, duly seconded, the Conservancy approved Resolution 01-69 as amended.

- 11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Notice of Preparation for the Needham Ranch project (Tentative Tract Map 50283), City of Santa Clarita.**
- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Fair Oaks Ranch Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, (Tentative Tract No. 52938 and 52833) Los Angeles County.**
- 16. Consideration of resolution adopting a privacy policy in compliance with Government Code Section 11019.9.**

**18. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on the Proposed Revised Conservation Element of the General Plan of the City of Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director about combining the comment letter items to expedite the proceedings, and have comments sent to the Chair for his consideration in amending the letters.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon to combine the comment letter items and have comments sent to the Chair for his consideration in amending the letters, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 01-67, 01-68, 01-72, and 01-74.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle to combine the comment letter items and have comments sent to the Chair for his consideration in amending the letters, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 01-67, 01-68, 01-72, and 01-74.

*(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)*

Comments were made by Mr. Brown and the Chair.

**14. Consideration of resolution adopting Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Improvement Project Evaluation Criteria.**

This item was postponed.

**15. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of 64 acres in the City of Moorpark, APN 500-360-35-5, and 57 adjoining acres in the City of Simi Valley, APN 500-370-26-5, County of Ventura.**

This item was postponed.

- 17. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program grant funds currently allocated to the California Department of Parks and Recreation and to acquire property in the vicinity of Santa Susana Mountains State Historic Park.**

This item was postponed.

- 19. Consideration of resolution adopting Chatsworth Reservoir to Santa Susana Mountain State Historic Park connector Project Plan, City of Los Angeles and unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 01-75.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 01-75.

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

- 20. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire a portion of APN 2724-007-006 in the Chatsworth Reservoir State Park connector project area.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item, including the contingency of approval by the Department of General Services.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of

Resolution No. 01-76.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 01-76.

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

- 21. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendments to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 2000-01 budget.**

This item was postponed.

- 23. Legislation: Consideration of resolutions supporting H.R. 640 (Gallegly), A.B. 1108 (Pavley), and A.B. 1011 (Pavley).**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item for H.R. 640, and recommended postponement of consideration of A.B. 1108 and A.B. 1011.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 01-78.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 01-78. Mr. Eck was recorded as abstaining.

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

**23. Minutes**

The minutes of January 22, 2001 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of January 22, 2001 were approved as submitted.

- 24. 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: *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; *Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Real Parties in Interest)*; *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al.*; *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.**

No closed session was heard.

**25. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.**

No comments were heard.

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

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

The Executive Director announced that the next meeting might be held in Thousand Oaks, possibly at McRay Ranch.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP  
Executive Director

MICHAEL BERGER  
Chairperson