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

December 14, 2015

1. Call to order.

The 424th 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 December 14, 2015 at 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: David Szymanski; Elizabeth Cheadle; David Pettit; 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 Bryan Cash.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

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

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of November 2, 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of November 2, 2015 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

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

Comments were made by Senator Pavley; The Executive Director; the Chairperson, and Mr. Sap.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Senator Pavley and the Chairperson.

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:

Jess Thomas, representing Old Agoura Homeowners Association, on item 11.

Phil Ramuno, representing Cheseboro Meadow Coalition, on item 11.

John Howell, representing Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy, on item 12.

Mary Weisbrock, representing Save Open Space, on item 11.

Pat Mac Gregor, member of the public, on item 11.

Tony Scudellari, representing NELA Greenspace, on item 9(a).

Jennifer Campbell, representing NELA Greenspace, on item 9(a).

Adam Davis, representing NELA Greenspace, on item 9(a).

9. Consent Calendar:

(a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Abode at Glassell Park Project, City of Los Angeles.**

(b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Calabasas on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Rondell Oasis Hotel Project at 26300 Rondell Street, City of Calabasas. Angeles.**

- (c) **Consideration of resolution designating Conservancy's rights to apply for 5th District Prop A Excess Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of Tax-Defaulted and/or privately held parcels in the 5th Supervisorial District, County of Los Angeles.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 15-65, 15-66, and 15-67.

Ms. Maurer was noted as abstaining from the Item 9(b).

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 15-65, 15-66, and 15-67.

- 10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for acquisition of approximately 326 acres in Alamos Canyon, unincorporated Simi Valley.**

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director and the Chairperson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Mishler, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-68.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-68.

- 11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of Cheseboro Meadows, approximately 71 acres, City of Agoura Hills.**

Comments were made by the Chairperson, Senator Pavley, and Ms. Maurer.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-69.

Ms. Buckley Weber was noted as abstaining from this item.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Sap, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-69.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy for acquisition of Cottonwood Canyon parcels, approximately 11 acres, City of Pasadena.

Comments were made by Ms. Murphy.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-70.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-70.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for vegetation management projects in the Santa Monica Mountains Zone.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Mishler, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-71.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-71.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the City of Calabasas for restoration of approximately 1.5 miles of Las Virgenes Creek, City of Calabasas.

Comments were made by Mr. Corridori.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director and Mr. Anderson.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Maurer.

Comments were made by Ms. Smith and Senator Pavley.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-72.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-72.

15. Consideration of resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Annual Report for FY 2014/2015.

This item was postponed to a later date.

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 January 11, 2016.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

LINDA PARKS
Chairperson