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

May 23, 2016

**1. Call to order.**

The 429<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma Muñoz, at 7:30 p.m. on April 25, 2016 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Los Angeles, California.

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to Kate Kuykendall, representing National Park Service, as the designee of Mr. David Szymanski.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Szymanski; Steve Veres; Linda Parks; David Pettit; Bryan Cash (via teleconference); Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Irma Muñoz, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: 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; Sean Anderson; Carolyn Brown; Illece Buckley-Weber; Ed Corridori; Mark Johnson; Richard Gould; Alan Kishbaugh; Shelley Luce; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Anthony Portantino; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Janet Wall; Timothy Wendler; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Sean Arian; Michael Cacciotti; Mary Sue Maurer; Nancy Stephens; Henry Stern, and Marc Stirdivant.

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, and Melissa Cartelli, Associate Government Program Analyst.

**4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.**

No legislative participants were present.

**5. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of April 25, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of April 25, 2016 were approved as amended.

**6. Reports.**

The Conservancy received oral reports by the Chairperson; the Chief Staff Counsel; Mr. Szymanski; the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange.

**7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

Comments were made by Mr. Lange; Ms. Brown; Mr. Robinson; Ms. Buckley Weber, and Mr. Corridori.

**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 were in attendance.

**9. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the County of Los Angeles on the proposed single-family residence development project at 24604 Mulholland Highway, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Aidlin Hills Project, VTTM No.52796, SCH No. 2014091027, Pico Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter to California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection on Draft Program Environmental Impact Report Regarding the Proposed Statewide Vegetation Treatment Program.**

Item 9(c) was removed from the Consent Calendar:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 16-21 and 16-22.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 16-21 and 16-22.

**9(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter to California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection on Draft Program Environmental Impact Report Regarding the Proposed Statewide Vegetation Treatment Program.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-23.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Pettit, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-23.

**10. Special report on the elimination of the MRCA Division of Education and Interpretation.**

The Conservancy received an oral report from Amy Lethbridge the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Mishler; Ms. Rosen; Mr. Yegparian; Ms. Parks; Mr. Veres; Mr. Gould; Mr. Szymanski, and the Chairperson.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority from the Conservancy Fund for transition and mobilization costs necessary for the continuation of education and interpretive programs and services by the Mountains Education Program, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization.**

The staff report was presented by Ms. Lethbridge.

Comments were made by the Chairperson.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-24.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-24 as amended.

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from Proposition 84 for park information, materials and non-personal interpretive services.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-25.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-25.

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of proposition 84 funds to Community Conservation Solutions for grant NP-84-1415, Green Solutions Phase IV.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Stirdivant, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-26.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-26.

**14. 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.**

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held June 27, 2016.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA  
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ  
Chairperson