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

September 26, 2016

**1. Call to order.**

The 432<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma Muñoz, at 7:32 p.m. on September 26, 2016 at the City of Moorpark Community Center, Moorpark, California.

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

The Chief Deputy Director administered the oath of office to Mr. Miguel Luna.

**3. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Szymanski; Steve Veres; Linda Parks; Craig Sap; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Irma Muñoz, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Luis Li, Martha M. Escutia, and Bryan Cash.

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

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Mark Johnson; Richard Gould; Miguel Luna; Mike Mishler; Henry Stern; Janet Wall; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was not present. The following members were absent: Carolyn Brown; Illece Buckley Weber; Michael Cacciotti; Ed Corridori; Alan Kishbaugh; Shelly Luce; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Anthony Portantino; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Nancy Stephens; Marc Stirdivant, and Tim Wendler.

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.

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

The Chairperson announced that Senator Fran Pavley was present.

**6. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of July 18, 2016 was submitted for approval.

The minutes of July 18, 2016 were approved as submitted.

**7. Reports.**

The Conservancy received oral reports by Senator Fran Pavley; David Szymanski representing the National Park Service; the Executive Director; the Chairperson, and George Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson and Mr. Yegparian.

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

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

No comments were made.

**9. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

No members of the public addressed the Conservancy.

**10. Report on the status and potential projects of the joint powers agreement between the City of Moorpark and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.**

The Conservancy received an oral report by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, the Executive Director, Mr. Lange, and Senator Pavley.

**11. Presentation and discussion of AB 2189 (Irwin), regarding the expansion of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor to include areas in and around the City of Moorpark.**

The Conservancy received an oral report by the Chief Deputy Director.

**12. Consideration of resolution supporting AB 2087 (Levine).**

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director.

This item was removed from the agenda.

**13. Consideration of resolution opposing Measure F, City of Calabasas.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-41 was unanimously adopted.

**14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to United States Fish and Wildlife Service on the proposed listing of the San Fernando Valley spineflower as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by Mr. Anderson and Ms. Parks.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-42 was unanimously adopted.

**15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a vegetation management grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

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

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-43 was unanimously adopted.

**16. Consideration of resolution authorizing submission of an amicus letter in support of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's Petition for Review to the California Supreme Court in the matter of *Friends of the Hastain Trail, et al. v. Coldwater Development, LLC, et al.***

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-44 was unanimously adopted.

- 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; *Morris v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC448511, and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al. v. Southern California Edison*.**

No closed session was held.

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on October 24, 2016 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA  
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ  
Chairperson