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

October 24, 2016

1. Call to order.

The 433rd meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Acting Chairperson Jerome C. Daniel, at 7:31 p.m. on October 24, 2016 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: Kate Kuykendall; Steve Veres; Linda Parks; Martha Escutia; Bryan Cash (via teleconference); Craig Sap, and Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Luis Li and Irma Muñoz.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Carolyn Brown; Illece Buckley-Weber; Michael Cacciotti; Ed Corridori; Mark Johnson; Richard Gould; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Anthony Portantino; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Henry Stern; Marc Stirdivant; Janet Wall; Tim Wendler; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Donald Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Sean Anderson; Shelley Luce; Miguel Luna; Mary Sue Maurer; Nancy Stephens, 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, 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 September 26, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 26, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Mr. Cash was noted as abstaining from the vote.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports by Ms. Kuykendall, representing National Park Service; Mr. Sap, representing State Parks, and Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Sap.

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

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos; Ms. Brown; the Executive Director, and Mr. Cash.

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:

Mr. Jonathan Kaye, representing Winding Way Homeowners Association, on item 11.

9. Special recognition to Terry Fujimoto.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Lange, and Mr. Fujimoto.

10. Report on Hastain Trail appeal to California Supreme Court.

The Conservancy received an oral report by the Chief Staff Counsel and Mr. Eric Edmunds, Counsel for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Stern, Ms. Roseen, and Ms. Mikos, and Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by Mr. Edmunds.

11. Presentation and update on Malibu trail public access issues including discussion of recent developments with respect to Escondido Park public access.

The Conservancy received an oral report by Mr. Oscar Vistoria, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Wendler, Ms. Rosen, and Mr. Cacciotti.

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

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Agoura Hills on mitigated negative declaration for the Cornerstone Mixed-Use Project.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-46.

Ms. Buckley Weber was noted as abstaining from the vote.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-46.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Calabasas on proposed project located at 23600 Dry Canyon Cold Creek Road.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adopted of Resolution No. 16-47.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Kuykendall, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-47.

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire properties in Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector Chapter 8 Agreements, South Pasadena and east Los Angeles.**

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-48.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-48.

- 15. 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. BC44851; Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al. v. Southern California Edison, and Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

No closed session was held.

16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Acting Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held December 12, 2016.

There being no further business, the Acting Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m. in memory of Tom Hayden.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ
Chairperson