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

June 26, 2017

**1. Call to order.**

The 440<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 7:33 p.m. on June 26, 2017 at King Gillette Ranch, Calabasas, California.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

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

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

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Ed Corridori; Marc Johnson; Patt Healy; Alan Kishbaugh; Miguel Luna; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Janet Wall; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Donald Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Sean Anderson; Carolyn Brown; Illece Buckley-Weber; Michael Cacciotti; Stephen Del Guercio; Richard Gould; Shelley Luce; Nancy Stephens; Marc Stirdiviant, 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; Christina Bull Arndt, Supervising Deputy Attorney General; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

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

The Chairperson announced that Allison Towle, Sara Nichols, and Tim Pershing were present.

**5. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of April 24, 2017 and May 22, 2017 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of April 24, 2017 and May 22, 2017 were adopted as submitted.

**6. Reports.**

The Conservancy received oral reports by the Executive Director; Mr. Szymanski, representing National Park Service, Mr. Sap, representing State Parks; Mr. Lange and Ms. Amy Lethbridge, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by Ms. Maurer; Ms. Parks; Mr. Luna, and Mr. Lange.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by Ms. Lethbridge.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Parks.

**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:

Craig Gold, member of the public, on item 13.

Nancy B. Goldstein, Esq, representing Sycamore Park Private Community Group, on item 13.

Elizabeth Stephen, member of the public, on item 13.

Preston Cook, member of the public, on item 13.

Stanley Cook, member of the public, on item 13.

Steve Messer, representing CORBA, on item 14.

Tom Hare, representing Conejo Recreation & Park District, on item 14.

Adam Haverstuck, representing Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce, on item 14.

Brittany Stephens, member of the public, on item 13.

Laura K.R. Voydat, representing Sycamore Park, on item 13.

Darren Murray, representing Sycamore Park, on item 13.

Kristin Murray, representing Sycamore Park, on item 13.

Aimee Voydat Handal, member of the public, on item 13.

Badeem Kearsly, member of the public, on item 13.

Marc Larocour, member of the public, on item 13.  
Rey Cano, representing Sycamore Park, on item 13.  
Madeleine Ayvazian, member of the public, on item 13.  
Nino Posella, member of the public, on item 13.  
Lauren Fallieras, member of the public, on item 13.  
Jame Roberts, representing Sycamore Park, on item 13.  
C. Harold Dale, member of the public, on item 13.  
Howard Rudzki, member of the public, on item 13.  
Cheryl Calvert, member of the public, on item 13.  
Dale Schafer, member of the public, on item 13.  
Robert Stephens, member of the public, on item 13.  
Ken Kearsley, member of the public, on item 13.  
Neil Gray, member of the public, on item 13.  
Terryl Ann Hodge, member of the public, on item 13.  
Beverly Falkes Chamesh, member of the public, on item 14.

[The Chairperson called a recess at 9:10 p.m.]

[The Chairperson reconvened the meeting at 9:15 p.m.]

Item 13 was considered next.

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of three parcels totaling approximately 2.83 acres (APNs 4460-014-008, 010, and 011) in Escondido Canyon, City of Malibu.**

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen; Ms. Wall; Mr. Yegparian; Mr. Luna; Ms. Maurer; Mr. Mishler; Ms. Escutia; Mr. Cash; Ms. Acker; Ms. Parks; and Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; the Executive Director; Ms. Healy; Ms. Escutia; Ms. Parks; Mr. Cash; Mr. Yegparian; Mr. Mishler; Mr. Mishler; Mr. Luna; Mr. Corridori, and Ms. Mikos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-38.

Ms. Healy was noted as voting no. Mr. Luna and Ms. Acker abstained.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 17-38.

Mr. Szymanski and Ms. Parks abstained.

**9. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for administrative services through fiscal year 2017-2018.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for upgrades and administration of the LAMountains.com website.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 17-33 and 17-34.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel , duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 17-33 and 17-34.

**10. Consideration of a resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority fiscal year 2017-18 Preliminary Budget.**

The staff report for this item was presented by Ms. Sheryl Lewanda, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-35.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Escutia, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-35.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Malibu on Pacific Coast Highway Parking Study Draft Final Report.**

The Conservancy received an oral report from the Executive Director.

This item was removed from the agenda.

**12. Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund to partially fund one or more parcels of the donation of APNS 4461-005-009 and 4461-006-019 in Solstice Canyon, unincorporated Malibu area.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-37.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-37.

**14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds the Conejo Recreation and Park District for the Sapwi Trails Community Park project.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-39.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-39.

**15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design in the Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor, and Griffith Park Wildlife Corridor in the**

**upper Los Angeles River watershed and coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay, Santa Monica Mountains, City of Los Angeles.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Acker, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-40.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Sap, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-40.

**16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Funds to Community Nature Connection for the Transit to Trails Program.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Acker, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-41.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-41.

**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. 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.***

**Litigation: Settlement of potential litigation: *The City Project v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.***

No closed session was held.

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on August 28, 2017.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA  
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ  
Chairperson