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

December 11, 2017

1. Call to order.

The 444th 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 December 11, 2017 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

2. Administration of Oath of Office to Joshua Nelson, designee of Secretary for Natural Resources.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Joshua Nelson.

Prior to roll-call, the Executive Director introduced be (Ret. Governor Gray Davis.

Comments were made by Mr. Davis.

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Illece Buckley Weber; Michael Cacciotti; Ed Corridori; Stephen Del Guercio; Richard Gould; Patt Healy; Perlette Michele Jura; Alan Kishbaugh; Mike Mishler; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Marc Stirdivant; Janet Wall; Tim Wendler; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Carolyn Brown; Mark Johnson; Shelley Luce; Miguel Luna; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; 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; Elena Eger, Staff Counsel; David Etzel, representing the Attorney General's office; Melissa Smith, Associate Government Program Analyst, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that Jeremy Wolf and Sara Nichols were present.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of October 23, 2017 was submitted for approval.

The minutes of October 23, 2017 were approved as submitted.

7. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports by the Chairperson; David Etzel representing the Attorney General's office; David Szymanski, representing National Park Service; Craig Sap, representing State Parks; George Lange and Amy Lethbridge, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Elena Egar.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Ms. Rosen.

9. 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:

Beth Dymond, representing Studio Residents Association, on item 10.

Sarah Boyd, representing Save Coldwater Canyon, on item 10.

Laurie Cohn, representing Save Los Angeles River Open Space, on item 10.

10. Presentation by Harvard-Westlake School concerning revised plans and acquisition of Weddington Golf Course property, Studio City.

The Conservancy received an oral report by Harvard-Westlake School.

Comments were made by Mr. Veres.

11. Presentation to Bryan Cash.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Cash.

12. Presentation to Rick Gould.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Gould.

13. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles regarding the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Hidden Creeks Estates Project (Case No. ENV-2005-6657- EIR; SCH No. 2006031049) in Browns Canyon, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the support budget to Community Partners for the VerdeXchange Conference.**

Both items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

- 13(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles regarding the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Hidden Creeks Estates Project (Case No. ENV-2005-6657- EIR; SCH No. 2006031049) in Browns Canyon, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.**

The staff report for this item was removed from the agenda.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 13(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the support budget to Community Partners for the VerdeXchange Conference.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-67.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-67.

14. Coastal Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Corral Canyon Trailhead improvements, City of Malibu.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to grant SMM-12-1561 for Ramirez Canyon Park capital improvements, City of Malibu.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance from the State Coastal Conservancy: (a) fee title transfer of APNs 4451-003-900 and 4451-004-900, totaling approximately 0.51 acre and (b) public access easements located on the properties at 27910 and 27920 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.**

All items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

- 14(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Corral Canyon Trailhead improvements, City of Malibu.**

Questions were propounded by Ms. Healy.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-68.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-68.

- 14(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to grant SMM-12-1561 for Ramirez Canyon Park capital improvements, City of Malibu.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-69.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-69.

- 14(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance from the State Coastal Conservancy: (a) fee title transfer of APNs 4451-003-900 and 4451-004-900, totaling approximately 0.51 acre and (b) public access easements located on the properties at 27910 and 27920 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.**

Questions were propounded by Ms. Healy.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-70.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-70.

- 15. Consideration of resolution establishing bilingual signage policy.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler; Ms. Buckley Weber, and Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Executive Director; the Chairperson; Ms. Acker; Mr. Anderson; Mr. Veres; Mr. Robinson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-72(a).

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Mishler were noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-72(a).

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of easement rights over a portion of APN 5442-002-823 and planning purposes for the G2 project, adjacent to the Los Angeles River, Glassell Park neighborhood, City of Los Angeles.**

The Chairperson was noted as recusing herself from this item.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler and Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Robinson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-72.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-72.

- 17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of an approximately 98-acre property (APN 2061-015-005), City of Agoura Hills, Malibu Creek watershed.**

Comments were made by Mr. Corridori and Mr. Szymanski.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Mishler, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-73.

Ms. Buckley Weber was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-73.

18. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Reseda Park Project Planning and Design, City of Los Angeles.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Mishler, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-74.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-74.

19. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 and Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Upper Los Angeles River project planning and design, City of Los Angeles.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-75.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-75.

20. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Temescal Gateway Park improvements, City of Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-76.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-76.

21. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for pond improvements at King Gillette Ranch and Franklin Canyon Park, unincorporated Los Angeles County and City of Beverly Hills.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-77.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-77.

22. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of a portion of the Triangle Ranch Property, all or portions of APNs 2061-031-019; 2063-005-013; 2063-006-022 & 023; 2063-036-001, Medea Creek area of unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by Mr. Wolf.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Wall, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-78.

Ms. Buckley Weber was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-78.

23. Consideration of resolution adopting Griffith Park Area Habitat Linkage Planning Map, City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler and Ms. Rosen.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-79.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-79.

24. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to establish an agreement with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the implementation of Chapter 452, Statutes of 2017 (Assembly Bill 1558).

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-80.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Sap, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-80.

- 25. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to implement Chapter 452, Statutes of 2017 (Assembly Bill 1558) with matching funds from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy as determined through the agreement established in item 24.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Nelson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Stirdivant, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-81.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-81.

- 26. 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.

27. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on January 22, 2018.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ
Chairperson