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

April 24, 2006

1. Call to order.

The 310th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:32 p.m. on April 24, 2006 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Los Angeles, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Allgood, Jody Noiron, Bryan Cash, Linda Parks, Ron Schafer, Jerome C. Daniel, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Ed Begley, Jr., James Berkus, Woody Smeck, and Jonathan Zasloff, Vice Chairperson.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Caroline Brown, Dave Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Richard Gould, Michael Hurley, Alan Kishbaugh, George Lange, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Harry Schwarz, Lorraine Slattery, Marc Stirdivant, Rich Toyon, Timothy Wendler, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Barry Groveman, Paul Rockenstein, Dennis Seider, Nancy Stephens, Liane Weintraub, and Garen Yegparian. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Mark Johnson, and Anthony Portantino, Vice Chairperson.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Amy Frazier, Executive Secretary, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Laura Plotkin, and Louise Rishoff.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of April 24, 2006 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of April 24, 2006 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from David Allgood, representing the California Coastal Commission; Ron Schafer representing State Parks; Jody Noiron, representing the Angeles National Forest; the Executive Director, and George Lange representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

[Mr. Portantino arrived at 7:45 p.m.]

[Mr. Johnson arrived at 7:49 p.m.]

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Ms. Palmer, the Executive Director, and Ms. Rosen.

The Chair announced that item 10 would be heard next.

10. Presentation on open space conservation opportunities in Northeast Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, the Executive Director, the Chair, and Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Chair.

The Chair announced that item 8 would be heard next.

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

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

- Mr. Tomas Osinski, member of the public, on item 10.
- Mr. Todd Ramcke, member of the public, on item 10.
- Mr. Tony Butka, member of the public, on item 10.
- Ms. Anne Schermerhorn, member of the public, on item 10.
- Ms. Dianne Foraste, member of the public, on item 10.
- Ms. Susan Kromka, member of the public, on item 10.
- Ms. Charlotte Harjo, member of the public, on item 10.
- Mr. Andrew Montealegre, member of the public, on item 10.
- Ms. Dianne Ryan, member of the public, on item 10.
- Ms. Joyce Dillard, member of the public, on item 10.
- Mr. Christopher Howard, member of the public, on item 10.
- Mr. Mike Geauer, representing the Hillside Environment Safety Coalition, on item 10.
- Mr. Roberto Reies Flores, member of the public, on item 10.
- Mr. Jonathan Trachtman, member of the public, on item 10.
- Mr. Robert Reid, representing Trust for Public Land, on item 10.
- Ms. Maetia E. Alvarez, representing Mt. Washington Homeowners Alliance, on item 10.
- Ms. Clare Marter Kenyon, representing Northeast Los Angeles Open Space Coalition, on item 10.
- Mr. Mark Kenyon, member of the public, on item 10.
- Ms. Marge Paine, member of the public, on item 10.
- Mr. George Brauckman, representing Glassell Park Improvement Association, on item 10.
- Ms. Helene Schpak, member of the public, on item 10.
- Ms. Betsy Mines, member of the public, on item 10.
- Mr. Marco Garcia, member of the public, on item 10.
- Mr. Mark Semotiuk, member of the public, on item 10.
- Dr. Paula Y. Bagasao, member of the public, on item 10.
- Mr. Eugene Bresenden, member of the public, on item 10.
- Mr. Chris Deyoung, member of the public, on item 10.
- Mr. Carlos A. Garcia, member of the public, on item 10.
- Ms. Jessica Duran, member of the public, on item 10.
- Ms. Molly Squire, member of the public, on item 10.
- Ms. Shari Czerwinski, representing Save Our Ring of Green, on item 16.

Ms. Mary E. Wiesbrock, representing Save Open Space Santa Monica Mountains, on item 16.

Ms. Otella Wruck, representing Friends of Ballona Wetlands, on item 18.

Mr. Mark Towne, representing the City of Thousand Oaks, on item 16.

The Chair announced that item 9 would be heard next.

9. Joint presentation by staff and Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District on future collaborative opportunities, and potential cooperative agreement pursuant to Section 33203 of the Public Resources Code and/or Section 6502 of the Government Code.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Jim Dobson representing the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District, and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Mr. Dobson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Chair announced that item 16 would be heard next.

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the City of Thousand Oaks for acquisition of Mountclef Ridge parcels (APN's 521-0-011-365,375, and 385), Thousand Oaks.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Ms. Bill De La Peña, Ms. Slattery, Ms. Parks, and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Slattery, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-31.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-31.

Ms. Bill De La Peña was noted as abstaining from this item.

The Chair announced that item 10 would be re-opened for discussion.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Portantino.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Slattery.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Bill De La Peña.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Slattery, Ms. Mikos, and Mr. Cacciotti.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hurley.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Los Angeles on Oak Tree Permit R2004-00412, North Corral Canyon Road, unincorporated Malibu area.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-26.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-26.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Malibu on Coastal Development Permit No. 05-99, 5900 Bonsall Drive, Zuma Canyon watershed.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-27.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-27.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Santa Clarita on Notice of Preparation for Mancara Residential Project (Tentative Tract Map No. 05-010, SCH. No. 2006041029), Oak Spring Canyon and Santa Clara River confluence.

Comments were made by Ms. Rosen.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-28.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-28.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to SMM-05030 with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Project Planning and Design services.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-29.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-29.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment and augmentation of SMM-0464 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Project Planning and Design services related to upper Los Angeles River and Ballona Creek projects.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and 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. 06-30.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-30.

The Chair announced that item 17 would be heard next.

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for planning and implementation of overlooks and interpretive wayside exhibits along State Highways 2 and 39 in the Angeles National Forest within the Rim of the Valley Corridor and Upper Los Angeles River Watershed.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Noiron.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-32.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-32.

- 18. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for public access and interpretation of air, land, and water resources in the Ballona Wetlands portion of the Santa Monica Bay Watershed.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Read, the Chair, and Mr. Schafer.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-33.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-33.

- 19. Consideration of resolution authorizing an agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy pursuant to Section 6502 of the Government Code to allow the State Coastal Conservancy to expend funds within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone and outside of the Coastal Zone.**

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. 06-34.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-34.

- 20. 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 – *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.* and *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al.*; Conference with legal counsel - potential litigation.**

No closed session was held.

21. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on May 22, 2006. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:45 p.m. in memory of Senator Ed Davis, and Ms. Alma Meyer.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson