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

June 26, 2006

1. Call to order.

The 312th 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 7:30 p.m. on June 26, 2006 at the Buena Vista Public Library, 401 North Buena Vista Street, Burbank, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

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

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; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; 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 May 22, 2006 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of May 22, 2006 were approved as amended.

Mr. Daniel was noted as abstaining.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair; Mr. Allgood representing the Coastal Commission; Mr. Schafer, representing State Parks; the Executive Director; Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Dan Tholund, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Facilities and Maintenance Division, and Mr. Gould, representing the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Ms. Bill De La Peña and Ms. Rosen.

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:

Carol Mercado & Jan Bartolo, representing the City of Burbank, on item 10.

Marie Ammerman, member of the public, on item 10.

Desiree Delao-Mann, representing Girl Scouts of the San Fernando Valley, on item 10.

Kelcey Soderstrom, member of the public, on item 10.

Steven A. Amerikaner, representing the Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund, on items 11 and 12.

William N. Weeger, representing Winding Way Property Owners, on item 11 and 12.

Shanna Vaughan, representing Boys and Girls Club, on item 10.

Alice Shinmoto, member of the public, on item 10.

Elva Yanez, member of the public.

Armineh Sahagian, representing Homenetmen, on item 10.
Roger Koll, representing the Burbank Community YMCA, on item 10.
Michael Zenon, representing Burnell Properties, LLC., on item 9(f).
David Kean, member of the public.

The Chair announced that item 15 would be heard next.

- 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 – *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission*, et al.; Conference with legal counsel - potential litigation.**

The Chair announced that the Conservancy would hold a closed session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss pending litigation: *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission*.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 9:25 p.m. and reported that instructions had been given to staff regarding pending litigation: *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission*

Comments were made by Ms. Collins, Mr. Lange, the Executive Director and Mr. Seider.

On motion of Mr. Seider, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend that items 11 and 12 be postponed from the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy postponed items 11 and 12 from the agenda.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles requesting supplemental California Environmental Quality Act review for project additions to Tract Map No. 35022 in the El Sereno, Elephant Hill area.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Moorpark on Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report for Hitch Ranch Specific Plan, Arroyo Simi watershed (SCH No. 1999071010).**

- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to California Department of Fish and Game on Initial Study for Streambed Alteration Agreement for the Exxon Mobil M-70 Pipeline Horizontal Directional Drill Beneath the Santa Clara River.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Ventura on Draft Environmental Impact Report for Best Rock Products Corporation Conditional Use Permit Modification 4171-3, Grimes Canyon Wash watershed.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Draft Environmental Impact Report for County of Ventura on Wayne J Sand & Gravel Conditional Use Permit Modification 4571-6, Arroyo Simi watershed.**
- (f) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles regarding proposed developments on the 1600 block of Burnell Drive in the Mt. Washington Specific Plan area, adjacent to Elyria Canyon Park.**

Item 9(c) was removed from the Agenda.

Items 9(b), 9(d), and 9(e) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Caciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 06-45 and 06-50.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 06-45 and 06-50.

- 9(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Moorpark on Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report for Hitch Ranch Specific Plan, Arroyo Simi watershed (SCH No. 1999071010).**
- 9(d). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Ventura on Draft Environmental Impact Report for Best Rock Products Corporation Conditional Use Permit Modification 4171-3, Grimes Canyon Wash watershed.**

9(f). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles regarding proposed developments on the 1600 block of Burnell Drive in the Mt. Washington Specific Plan area, adjacent to Elyria Canyon Park.

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 Nos. 06-46, 06-48, and 06-49.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 06-46, 06-48, and 06-49.

10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the City of Burbank for a Stough Canyon Youth Campground Feasibility Study.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-51.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-51.

11. Presentation on draft Malibu Public Parks Enhancement Plan - Public Works Plan.

This item was removed from the agenda.

12. Consideration of resolution confirming submission to the California Coastal Commission of draft Malibu Public Parks Enhancement Plan - Public Works Plan as amended.

This item was removed from the agenda.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a term extension and augmentation of grant agreement SMM-0482 with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for

interpretation of land, air, and water resources at Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, Temescal Gateway Park, Franklin Canyon Park, Mentryville, Towsley Canyon, and Ramirez Canyon.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-53.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Allgood, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-53.

14. Consideration of resolution adopting the draft preliminary FY 2006-07 budget of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by Jeff Jones.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cash.

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. 06-54.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Allgood, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-54.

16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on July 24, 2006. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson