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

September 18, 2006

1. Call to order.

The 315th 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 7:48 p.m. on September 18, 2006 at the Renaissance Agoura Hills Hotel, 30100 Agoura Road, Agoura Hills, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Jody Noiron, Bryan Cash, Linda Parks, Woody Smeck, Ron Schafer, Jerome C. Daniel, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. A Quorum was present. The following members were absent: Jim Berkus, Ed Begley, and Antonio Gonzalez.

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to John McCord.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

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

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, George Lange was elected interim Chairperson.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Jeff Jones, Chief

Financial Officer; Barbara Romero, Director of Urban Project; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

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

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of August 28, 2006 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of August 28, 2006 were approved as amended.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received verbal reports from the Chair; Ron Schafer, representing State Parks; Jody Noiron, representing the Angeles National Forest; the Executive Director, and Michael Berger, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by Mr. Noiron and Ms. Pavley.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Smeck.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Pavley.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

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Comments were made by the Executive Director.

[Mr. Cacciotti arrived at 8:00 p.m.]

[Mr. Stirdivant arrived at 8:07 p.m.]

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by the Chair, Ms. Plotkin, Ms. Pavley, and Mr. Smeck.

Questions were propounded by Garen Yegparian.

Comments were made by Mr. Smeck.

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:

Steven A. Amerikaner, representing the Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund, on item 9.

Lizette Castano, representing the Children's Nature Institute, on item 13.

9. Consideration of resolution instructing staff to amend the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan- Public Works Plan, and to agendize for consideration of adoption at the October 2006 meeting.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. April Verbanik.

Comments were made by Ms. Palmer, Ms. Brown, the Executive Director, Messrs. Seider and Brown, and Ms. Mikos.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Read.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-70.

Mr. Seider was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-70.

- 10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of approximately 2.66 acres in Alamos Canyon (portions of APNs 500-0-291-115 and 579-0-050-175), Simi Valley.**

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos and Mr. Yegparian.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-71.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-71.

- 11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of approximately 15 acres in upper Malibu Canyon adjacent to Las Virgenes View Park (APN 2069-010-017), Calabasas.**

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-72.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-72.

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of approximately 58 acres in a Topanga Canyon small lot subdivision adjacent to Topanga State Park, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-73.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-73.

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Children's Nature Institute, a non-profit organization, for the development of an interpretive plan for the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, Franklin Canyon.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Chief of Interpretation.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-74.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-74.

- 14. 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.**

No closed session was held.

15. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the date of the next meeting would be determined at a later date.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson