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

January 22, 2007

1. Call to order.

The 319th 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 7:35p.m. on January 22, 2007 at Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Antonio Gonzalez.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Dave Brown, Richard Gould, Michael Hurley, Alan Kishbaugh, George Lange, Roseann Mikos, Barry Read, Paul Rockentstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Dennis Seider, Nancy Stephens, Marc Stirdivant, Rich Toyon, Timothy Wendler, Garen Yegparian, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A Quorum was present. The following members were absent: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Caroline Brown, Mark Johnson, John McCord, Linda Palmer, Harry Schwarz, Anthony Portantino, and Lian Weintraub. 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, Deputy Executive Officer, and Christopher Trumpy, Acting Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participant was present: Laura Plotkin.

5. Election of Conservancy Officers.

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, Chairperson Cheadle was re-elected Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, Ron Schafer was elected Vice Chairperson.

6. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, Chairperson Robinson was re-elected Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, George Lange was elected Vice Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

7. Reports.

The Conservancy received verbal reports from the Chair, Woody Smeck, representing the National Park Service; Jody Noiron, representing the Forest Service; Michael Berger and Walt Young, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Richard Gould representing Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Paul Edelman for Natural Resources and Planning.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

No comments were made.

9. 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:

Betsey Landis, representing the California Native Plant Society, on matters not on the agenda.

Fran Bibian, member of the public, on items not on the agenda.

Charles Herbertson, member of public, on item 12.

Esther Raucher, member of the public, on items not on the agenda.

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

10. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of SMM-0607 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Project Planning and Design.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-01.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-01.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of grant SMM-0463 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Vista Hermosa Watershed Restoration Project exercising certain additive alternates from the original bid.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-02.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-02.

Mr. Gonzalez was noted as abstaining.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the City of Culver City for project planning and design of the Ballona Creek Overland project, Culver City.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Messrs. Read, Lange, Brwon, Schafer, and Cash.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Mr. Schafer.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-03.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-03.

- 13. Consideration of resolution rescinding Resolution No. 06-91, adopted November 29, 2006, relative to adoption of the public works plan; *Provided*, That this item may be heard only if the City Council of the City of Malibu has adopted a Memorandum of Understanding with the Conservancy in substantially the same form as was adopted by the Conservancy on January 12, 2007.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Messrs. Brown, Seider, and Yegparian.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chief Deputy Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seider, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-04.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-04.

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Director to submit an application to the City of Malibu for amendment to the Malibu Local Coastal Program pursuant to Public Resources Code Sec. 30515; *Provided*, That this item may be heard only if the City Council of the City of Malibu has adopted a Memorandum of Understanding with the Conservancy in substantially the same form as was adopted by the Conservancy on January 12, 2007.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seider, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-05.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-05.

Comments were made by Mr. Seider and Ms. Rosen.

- 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.*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions. Conference with legal counsel - potential litigation.**

No closed session was held.

- 16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

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

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson