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

February 26, 2007

1. Call to order.

The 320th 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 7:41p.m. on February 26, 2007 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Los Angeles.

The Oath of Office was administered to William Koehler.

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., and Jim Berkus. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Linda Parks.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

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

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 James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

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

[Henry Lo arrived at 8:50 p.m.]

5. Reports.

The Conservancy received verbal reports from Woody Smeck, representing the National Park Service; Jody Noiron, representing the Forest Service; George Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and the Executive Director.

6. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Stirdivant and the Chair.

7. 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:

Jan Miller, representing the Santa Susana Mountain Parks Association, on item 11.
George Rossman, member of the public, on item 9.
Fran Bibian, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.
Don Orsi, member of the public, on item 9.
Roger Wolf, representing Safety and Open Space First: Pasadena, on item 9.
Don Bremmer, representing Sierra Club, on item 9.
Tom McHenry, member of the public, on item 9.
Peggy Stewart, representing Arroyo Seco Foundation, on item 9.

8. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the United States Environmental Protection Agency on Proposed Risk Mitigation Decision for Nine Rodenticides.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on Notice of Preparation for proposed Valley Heart Senior Community, 4141 Whitsett Avenue (Studio City Golf and Tennis Club site), Studio City.**

- (c) **Consideration of resolution amending the Sage Ranch Park Additions and adding Cold Creek-Red Rock Connector projects to the Conservancy Acquisition Workprogram.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution adding the Sage Ranch Park Additions and Cold Creek-Red Rock Connector projects to Proposition A (Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996) Workprogram.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution expressing support for Reagan Legacy Trail and Wildlife Corridor project between Alamos Canyon and Malibu Creek State Park.**

Items 8(a), 8(c) and 8(e) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 07-07 and 07-09.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 07-07 and 07-09.

- 8(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the United States Environmental Protection Agency on Proposed Risk Mitigation Decision for Nine Rodenticides.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-06.

Mr. Koehler was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-06.

8(c). Consideration of resolution amending the Sage Ranch Park Additions and adding Cold Creek-Red Rock Connector projects to the Conservancy Acquisition Workprogram.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-08.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-08.

8(e). Consideration of resolution expressing support for Reagan Legacy Trail and Wildlife Corridor project between Alamos Canyon and Malibu Creek State Park.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-10.

Mr. Koehler was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-10.

Comments were made by Mr. Schafer.

9. Consideration of resolution authorizing a matching grant of Proposition 84 funds to the City of Pasadena for acquisition of portions of Annandale Canyon, contingent upon budget authority approval in the FY 07-08 State Budget.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Messrs. Portantino, Wendler, Smeck, Schafer, and Daniel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cash.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Gonzalez.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Portantino, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-11.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-11.

Mr. Gonzalez was noted as abstaining.

10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Ventura County on proposed subdivisions in Tierra Rejada Valley inter-mountain range habitat linkage hub.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Ms. Parks.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-12.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-12.

- 11. Consideration of resolution authorizing two grants, one contingent upon budget authority approval in the FY 07-08 State Budget, to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of APNs 649-0-070-050, 649-0-070-060, 649-0-070-360, 648-0-200-020, and 648-0-183-050 on the south-facing slope of Chatsworth Peak, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

This item was heard subsequent to Closed Session.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Gonzalez.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-13.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-13.

Mr. Gonzalez was noted as abstaining.

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement.**

This item was postponed to a later date.

- 13. 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.**

The Chair announced that the Conservancy would hold a closed session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss item 11.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 9:09 p.m. and reported that price and terms were discussed in relation to item 11.

14. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on March 26, 2007.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m. in memory of Roy Miller.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson