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

November 23, 2009

1. Call to order.

The 343rd joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Ronald Schafer at 7:45 p.m. on November 23, 2009 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Los Angeles, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Elizabeth A. Cheadle, Woody Smeck, Jerome C. Daniel, Linda Parks, Sara Wan, and Ronald Schafer, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Bryan Cash and Antonio Gonzales.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: David Brown, Anita Fromholz, Richard Gould, Holly LaRue, Mary Sue Maurer, Paul Rabinov, Linda Palmer, Marc Stirdivant, Donald Voss, Timothy Wendler, Garen Yegparian, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Donald Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member arrived subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti. The following members were absent: Michael Blanton, Caroline Brown, Elaine Freeman, Alan Kishbaugh, Roseann Mikos, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Weny-Sue Rosen, Dennis Seider, Harry Schwarz, Nancy Stephens, and Charles Stringer.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Melissa Cartelli, Executive Assistant, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Casey Lo, Callie Hurd, and Sharon Mayer.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of October 5, 2009 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of October 5, 2009 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chair, Sara Wan, representing the California Coastal Commission, the Executive Director, and George Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Messrs. Lange and Wendler.

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

The following members of the public addressed the Conservancy:

Assemblymember Anthony Portantino
Jared Ficker, member of the public, on item 13.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Consultation for 2745 Beacontree Lane, Stokes and Cold Creek Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Santa Clarita on Revised Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report for Vista Canyon and Ancillary Annexation Areas, Santa Clara River adjacent, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

(c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a budget amendment and scope change for grant SMM-0776.

Item 9 (c) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 09-37 and 09-38.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 09-37 and 09-38.

9(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a budget amendment and scope change for grant SMM-0776.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Fromholz.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 09-39.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-39.

10. Special recognition to Elva Yañez.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Yañez, and the Chair.

11. Report on the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Junior Ranger - Mounted Volunteer Patrol and introduction of partners from the Compton Junior Posse.

Comments were made by Ms. Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by the Chair.

12. Presentation on the pilot Outdoor Education Program with Washington Elementary School, Compton Unified School District and recognition of members of the Marshall High School Eco-Barrista Club for outstanding volunteer service.

Comments were made by Ms. Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, the Executive Director, Ms. Lo, Mr. Smeck, Ms. Parks, and Mr. Daniel.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter(s) to the California Coastal Commission on the following five related projects and lot line adjustment in the Sweetwater Mesa Road area in the unincorporated Malibu area: (a). Application No. 4-07-067 Lunch Properties LLLP; (b) Application No. 4-07-068 Vera Properties LLLP; (c) Application No. 4-07-146 Mulryan Properties LLLP; (d) Application No. 4-07-147 Morleigh Properties LLLP; (e) Application No. 4-07-148 Mulryan Properties LLLP and Morleigh Properties LLLP, and (f) Application No. 4-08-043 Ronan Properties LLLP.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs Lange and Yegparian.

Comments were made by Ms. Wan, and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 09-40.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-40.

14. Consideration of resolution approving Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Annual Report 2008.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Parks and Mr. Daniel.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of adoption of Resolution No. 09-41.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-41.

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 Case No. LC077488*; *Friends of Temescal Pool v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Boyajian v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BC377233*, *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No.BS121650*, and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions.

No closed session was held.

16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on a January 25, 2010.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

Approved:

RONALD P. SCHAFER
Chairperson