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

May 24, 2010

1. Call to order.

The 370th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Acting Chairperson Antonio Gonzalez at 7:33 p.m. on May 24, 2010 at Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Elizabeth A. Cheadle, Jerome C. Daniel, Bryan Cash, Sara Wan, and Antonio Gonzalez, Acting Chairperson/Vice Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Woody Smeck, James Berkus, Linda Parks, and Ron Schafer, Chairperson.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

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

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 Acting Chairperson announced that the following legislative participant was present: Louise Rishoff and Callie Hurd.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of April 26, 2010 were submitted for review.

The minutes of April 26, 2010 were adopted as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Executive Director, and George Lange and Walt Young, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

No comments were made.

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

The following person addressed the Conservancy:

Ms. Charlotte Brody, representing Equestrian Trails Corral 54.

9. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of deposited mitigation funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and authorizing an advance of said funds, for implementation of the Lopez Canyon riparian habitat restoration and creation project in the Lopez Canyon watershed, adjacent to the Los Angeles National Forest, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian, Mr. Rosen, and Ms. Cheadle.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-20.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-20.

10. Consideration of resolution nominating member to the UCLA La Kretz Center for Conservation Governing Board.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Stirdivant, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-21.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-21.

11. Consideration of resolution augmenting grant NP-0790.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Esther Feldman, representing Community Conservancy International.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Stringer.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Feldman, and Ms. Rosen.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-22.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-22.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Simi Valley on Condition Use Permit Application No. CUP-S-686 for a contractor storage yard along Alamos Creek, 744 West Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Freeman, Ms. Mikos, and Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning and the Acting Chairperson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-23.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-23.

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.; *Lt-WR, LLC v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy SC105587*; *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*; *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.

The Acting Chair convened the closed session at 8:34 p.m. to discuss *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*.

The Acting Chair reconvened the open session at 8:49 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators regarding *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*.

16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Acting Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on a June 28, 2010.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

Approved:

RONALD P. SCHAFER
Chairperson