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

July 26, 2010

1. Call to order.

The 372nd joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Ronald P. Schafer at 7:37 p.m. on July 26, 2010 at King Gillette Ranch, 26800 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, California.

2. Administration of Oath of Office to new members.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Conservancy member Irma Muñoz, and Advisory Committee Member Allison-Claire Acker.

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Elizabeth A. Cheadle, Woody Smeck, Irma Muñoz, Jerome C. Daniel, Linda Parks, Bryan Cash, and Ronald P. Schafer, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: James Berkus, and Antonio Gonzalez, Vice Chairperson.

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

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

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, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that Louise Rishoff and Rebekah Rodriguez-Lynn were present.

The Chair convened a closed session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 8:02 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of June 28, 2010 were submitted for review.

The minutes of June 28, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Mr. Cacciotti, Ms. Freeman, and Ms. Muñoz were noted as abstaining.

7. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from Mr. Daniel, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Mr. Gould representing the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made Ms. Parks, and the Chair.

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:

Mr. Jared Ficker, representing Vera Properties, on matters not on the agenda.

Ms. Amy Lethbridge, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, on matters not on the agenda.

10. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Entrada Project, County Project No. 00-210-(5), Santa Clarita.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Newhall Ranch Resource Management and Development Plan and Spineflower Conservation Plan, Los Angeles County.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing change of grant funding source to Proposition 84/LA River for SMM-868, Confluence Park.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 10-33, 10-34, and 10-35.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 10-33, 10-34, and 10-35.

11. Briefing on grant projects that were frozen pursuant to the Governor's Executive order of 2008.

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

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Freeman, Ms. Acker, and Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

12. Presentation on status of Los Angeles River Watershed projects and remaining Proposition 84 Los Angeles River Watershed funds.

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

Comments were made by Barbara Romero, Chief of Urban Parks of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Ms. Rosen and the Chair.

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing the City of Los Angeles to expend funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Trust Fund to assist the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's acquisition of APNs 5565-003-036, 037, 038, 039, 040 and 041, located at the southwest corner of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Mulholland Drive.**

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel, and Mr. Kishbaugh.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee, unanimously recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-36.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-36.

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) a Transfer of Jurisdiction (TOJ) from Sepulveda Pass Bel Air Crest open space dedication parcel (APN 4377-001-901) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) not to exceed 1.0 acre; (b) one temporary construction easement and one permanent drainage easement on said parcel to Caltrans, and (c) acceptance of funds for said TOJ and easements and required compensation and grant source reimbursement for the loss of the park facilities at Gettyview Trailhead, City of Los Angeles.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson, Ms. Rosen, and Messrs. Kishbaugh, Yegparian, and Cacciotti.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Freeman, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee, unanimously recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-37.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-37.

15. Consideration of resolution supporting Proposition 21, the State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Freeman, Ms. Rosen, and Mr. Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by Messrs. Cash, Robinson, Brown, Ms. Muñoz, and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Stirdivant, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee, unanimously recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-38.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 10-38.

Mr. Cash and the Chair were noted as abstaining.

16. 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 closed session was held subsequent to item 5 on the agenda.

The Chair convened a closed session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 8:02 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators.

17. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on August 23, 2010 at Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, Pacific Palisades, California.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m. in memory of Maxwell Salter.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

Approved:

RONALD P. SCHAFER
Chairperson