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

February 28, 2011

**1. Call to order.**

The 377<sup>th</sup> joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Antonio Gonzalez at 7:31 p.m. on February 28, 2011 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Los Angeles, California.

**2. Administration of Oath of Office to new members.**

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Advisory Committee member Effie Turnbull Sanders.

**3. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

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

**4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

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

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 Board Secretary announced that Rebekah Rodriguez-Lynn was present.

**6. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of January 24, 2011 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of January 24, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Mr. Cash and Ms. Wan were noted as abstaining.

**7. Reports:**

The Conservancy received verbal reports from the Executive Director and George Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority,

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

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

**8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

Comments were made by Mr. Yegparian.

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

The following members addressed the Conservancy:

Mr. Ken Preston, representing OBA, Inc., on item 10(c).

Mr. Tom Freeman, representing Canyon Back Alliance, on item 11.

Mr. Hanz Laetz, member of the public, on item 10(a).

Mr. Steve Santen, representing Woodland Hills Neighborhood Watch, on matters not on the agenda.

Ms. Lois Becker, representing Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners Association, on item 11.

Ms. Ellen Scott, representing Save Franklin Canyon, on matters not on the agenda.

Mr. Douglas Reed, representing Save Franklin Canyon, on matters not on the agenda.

Mr. Omer Zalmanowitz, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

**10. Coastal Consent Calendar:**

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Malibu on Draft Updated Parkland and Trails System Map.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Malibu on Coastal Development Permit Application No. 10-010, regarding an easement for the City-designated Rosemary-Thyme Trail, Zuma Canyon, City of Malibu.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing non-profit organization grant to Outward Bound Adventures for interpretive programming for at-risk youth and families through its "Teach Me to Camp" program.**

Items 10(a) and 10(b) were removed from the Coastal Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-13.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-13.

**10(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Malibu on Draft Updated Parkland and Trails System Map.**

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

Comments were made by Mr. Seider, Ms. Wan, and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

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

Mr. Seider was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-11.

**10(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Malibu on Coastal Development Permit Application No. 10-010, regarding an easement for the City-designated Rosemary-Thyme Trail, Zuma Canyon, City of Malibu.**

Questions were propounded by Ms. Wan.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Wan.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-12.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-12.

**11. Consideration of resolution confirming a comment letter to Caltrans regarding Mulholland Drive bridge realignment, Sepulveda Pass.**

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

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-14.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-14.

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to use the Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund for acquisition of APN 4444-023-010, Topanga Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-15.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-15.

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing assignment of right to apply for Los Angeles County 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District Proposition A Excess Funds to the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation for the implementation of the Las Virgenes Trail, Malibu Canyon watershed, City of Calabasas.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-16.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-16.

**14. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of Irrevocable Offer to Dedicate Property in Fee Title recorded June 20, 2006 to 2650 acres commonly known as Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space, unincorporated Ventura County.**

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

Comments were made by Mr. Cash.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-17.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-17.

- 15. Consideration of resolution: (a) acknowledging receipt of the California Coastal Commission's resolution of certification approving the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement – Public Works Plan (PWP) with suggested modifications, including all terms and/or modifications suggested for final certification; (b) accepting and agreeing to all such terms and/or modifications; (c) taking formal action to incorporate such terms and/or modifications in the PWP, and (d) acknowledging that the Conservancy will satisfy such terms and/or modifications.**

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-18.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-18.

- 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 – *Morris v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS127089; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS129503; City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and California Coastal Commission, Case No. BS129222 Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al. Case No. BS 121820; 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, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu, and Moradzadeh v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and related actions.***

No closed session was held.

**17. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on March 28, 2011 at Franklin Canyon Park in Beverly Hills, California.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP Hon. ASLA  
Executive Director

Approved:

ANTONIO GONZALEZ  
Chairperson