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

June 27, 2011

1. Call to order.

The 381st joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Vice Chairperson Jerome C. Daniel at 7:30 p.m. on June 27, 2011 at the Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, 15601 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, California.

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to ex-officio member Richard Bloom, representing the California Coastal Commission, and Advisory Committee member Jeffrey Jennings, representing the City of Malibu.

The Executive Director recognized outgoing ex-officio member Sara Wan.

Comments were made by Ms. Wan.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Woody Smeck; Irma Muñoz; Elizabeth A. Cheadle; Linda Parks; Craig Sap; Richard Bloom, and Jerome C. Daniel. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Antonio Gonzalez, Chairperson.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Sean Anderson; Caroline Brown; John Edelston; Richard Gould; Jeffrey Jennings; Allen Kishbaugh; David Ross; Paul Rockenstein; Wendy-Sue Rosen; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti; Garen Yegparian, and Elaine Freeman. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Allison-Claire Acker; Dave Brown; Anita Fromholz; Mary Sue Maurer; Paul Rabinov; Roseann Mikos; Effie Turnbull Sanders; Nancy Stephens; Marc Stirdivant; Donald Voss, 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, Associate Governmental Program Analyst and Chris Trumpy, Acting Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced Louise Rishoff was present.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of May 23, 2011 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of May 23, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Messrs. Cash, Bloom, Jennings, and Smeck abstained.

6. Reports:

The Conservancy received verbal reports from the Chief Staff Counsel; Mr. Smeck, representing the National Park Service; Mr. Sap, representing State Parks; the Executive Director; Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Mr. Gould representing Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Messrs. Lange and Kishbaugh.

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

No members of the public address the Conservancy.

9. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to Pacoima Beautiful for project planning and design for the Pacoima Wash Greenway, Upper Los Angeles River Watershed.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Director and Barbara Romero, Chief of Urban Parks, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by Ms. Romero.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-49.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-49.

- 10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant and advance of deposited mitigation funds (West Sylmar Overhead on Interstate Route 5/14 Corps No. SPL-2006-852-PHT) from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for implementation of a riparian habitat restoration and creation project in the Los Angeles River watershed.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-50.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-50.

- 11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a matching grant of Conservancy Fund funding to Social and Environmental Engineers for the creation of educational multimedia components for www.lamountains.com.**

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

Comments were made by Mr. Anderson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-51.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-51.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to NP-84-1107 for the purpose of increasing eligible program sites.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-52.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-52.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing the addition of the Laurel Canyon – Mulholland properties project to the Conservancy Acquisition Workprogram, City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-53.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-53.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power on Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir Water Quality Improvement project.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Anderson.

Comments were made by the Chair and Ms. Cheadle.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Freeman, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-54.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-54.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a supplemental comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Draft 2035 General Plan.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cacciotti and Ms. Rosen.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-55.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-55.

16. Consideration of resolution approving the preliminary FY 2011-2012 budget of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange.

The staff report for this item was presented by Mr. Jim Friedl, and Ms. Sheryl Lewanda representing the Conejo Recreation and Park District.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-56.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-56.

17. 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; Friends of Temescal Pool v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, 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 related actions.*

Initiation of litigation. Number of cases: 1. Parties: *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. Mulholland Estates Homeowner's Association, Bartlein & Company, Inc., et al.* The Conservancy may refer the following matter to the Department of Justice for

potential initiation of litigation: Action to enforce public access rights to Fossil Ridge Park as recorded in the “Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions for Mulholland Estates” recorded on August 29, 1988 as Instrument No. 88-1372488 in the Office of the Los Angeles County Recorder.

No closed session was held.

18. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Vice Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on July 25, 2011.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. in memory of Mr. Carl Cheadle.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP Hon. ASLA
Executive Director

JEROME C. DANIEL
Vice Chairperson