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

December 9, 2013

**1. Call to order.**

The 403<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma Muñoz, at 7:30 p.m. on December 9, 2013 at Franklin Canyon Park, Beverly Hills, California.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Pettit; Jerome C. Daniel; Bryan Cash (via teleconference); Craig Sap; Elizabeth Cheadle, and Irma Muñoz, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: David Szymanski and Linda Parks, Vice Chairperson.

The closed session was heard next.

- 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 – *Kruells v. La Vina Homeowners Association*, Case No. GC035668; *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Whittier*, et al., Case No. BS138796, and related cases; *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; *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority* Case**

***No.BS121650, and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu, and related actions, Case No. SC 092212.***

The Chairperson convened the closed session at 7:33 p.m. and announced that the following items would be discussed: *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu*, and related actions, Case No. SC 092212.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 7:42 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators.

**3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Michael Cacciotti; Elaine Freeman; Alan Kishbaugh; Mary Sue Maurer; Mike Mishler; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Effie Turnbull-Sanders; Marc Stirdivant; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present upon the arrival of Allison-Claire Acker and Anthony Portantino who were present subsequent to roll call.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Melissa Cartelli, Associated Government Program Analyst, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

**4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.**

The Chairperson announced that Louise Rishoff and Vickere Murphy were present.

**5. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of November 4, 2013 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of November 4, 2013 were approved as submitted.

**6. Reports.**

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Sap, representing State Parks; the Executive Director; Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chairperson; Mr. Daniel; Ms. Rosen and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Rishoff.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Ms. Rishoff, the Chief Deputy Director, Mr. Cacciotti, and Mr. Portantino.

**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 addressed the Conservancy.

**9. Presentation from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority on lasting impacts of interpretive programming at the August F. Hawkins Natural Park.**

The Conservancy received an oral report by Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

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

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

**10. Report on November 21 Los Angeles River Tour with Mayor Garcetti and EPA Administrator.**

The Conservancy received an oral report from Ranger James Latham of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A Funding to acquire approximately 6.28-acre parcel APN 4448-018-018 (1809 Tuna Canyon Road), adjacent Rocky Ledge, Topanga Canyon watershed, unincorporated County 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, Mr. Mishler, and Ms. Acker.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Acker, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 13-31(a).

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-31(a).

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation, a non-profit organization for Phase 2 of project planning and design for the Taylor Yard (G-2 site), Upper Los Angeles River Watershed.**

[Ms. Maurer left the meeting at 8:42 p.m.]

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 13-32(a).

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-32(a).

[Ms. Maurer returned to the meeting at 8:48 p.m.]

**13. Consideration of resolution (a) decertifying those portions of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the previously approved Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement**

**Plan Public Works Plan relating to the Ramirez Canyon Park area, as defined, located in the City of Malibu and in unincorporated Los Angeles County, and (b) vacating those portions of the previously approved Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan Public Works Plan relating to the Ramirez Canyon Park area.**

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Freeman, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 13-33(a).

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-33(a).

**14. Consideration of resolution authorizing joint application with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to the City of Malibu for a coastal development permit for uses and programs at Ramirez Canyon Park.**

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen and Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Maurer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 13-34(a).

Ms. Turnbull Sanders and Ms. Acker abstained from the vote.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-34(a).

**15. Consideration of resolution authorizing assignment of right to apply for Third Supervisorial District Proposition A Excess Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the approximately 416 acre Decker Canyon acquisition, incorporated and unincorporated Malibu area.**

The staff report for this item was presented 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. 13-35(a).

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-35(a).

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on January 27, 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m. in memory of Mr. Nelson Mandela.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA  
Executive Director

IRMA MUÑOZ  
Chairperson