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

July 28, 2014

1. Call to order.

The 412th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Linda Parks, at 7:30 p.m. on August 25, 2014 at King Gillette Ranch, Calabasas, California and the Natural Resources Agency, Sacramento, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Illece Buckley Weber; Ed Corridori; Richard Gould; Alan Kishbaugh; Mike Mishler; David Ross; Wendy Sue Rosen, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. The following members were present subsequent to roll call and established a quorum: Michael Cacciotti; Anthony Portantino, and Garen Yegparian. The following members were absent: Sean Arian; Caroline Brown; Elaine Freeman; Jeffrey Jennings; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Nancy Stephens; Marc Stirdivant; Tim Wendler; Judith Wilson, and George Lange, Vice Chairperson.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Melissa Cartelli, Associate Government Program Analyst, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that the following legislative participant was present: Louise Rishoff.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of July 28, 2014 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of July 28, 2014 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chairperson; the Executive Director; Ms. Brigham, representing National Park Service; Mr. Sap, representing State Parks, and Mr. Daniel, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Ross; Mr. Kishbaugh; Mr. Cacciotti; Mr. Yegparian; the Chairperson, and Ms. Rosen.

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

The following member of the public addressed the Conservancy:

Arnold Newman, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Camarillo on the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Conejo Creek Specific Plan.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter of support to the City of Glendale for the feasibility study of a bicycle and pedestrian trail along the Verdugo Wash.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND/IS) for the Taylor Yard River Parcel G2 project, Los Angeles.**

(d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Simi Valley on Royal Oaks Hummingbird Creek development proposal.

Comments were made by Ms. Brigham and the Chairperson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 14-42; 14-43; 14-44, and 14-45.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 14-42; 14-43; 14-44, and 14-45.

10. Consideration of resolution authorizing the assignment of the right to apply for 5th District Specified Excess Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of Agua Dulce Canyon Wildlife corridor parcels, incorporated Los Angeles County.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-46.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-46.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing the assignment of the right to apply for 3rd District Specified Excess Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of northeastern Topanga Canyon watershed parcels, incorporated Los Angeles County.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler.

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. 14-47.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Sap, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-47.

12. Consideration of resolution approving the final FY 2014-2015 budget of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

The staff report for this item was presented by Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by the Executive Director; Mr. Daniel; Mr. Sap, and Mr. Cash.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-48.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-48.

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 – *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, Case No. BC448511; Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu, and related actions, Case No. SC092212, and Prop A Protective Association, LLC v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al., Case No. BS145771.

No closed session was held.

14. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on September 22, 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

LINDA PARKS
Chairperson