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

February 23, 2015

**1. Call to order.**

The 416<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Linda Parks, at 7:35 p.m. on February 23, 2015 at Franklin Canyon Park, Beverly Hills, California.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Irma Muñoz; Christy Brigham (for David Szymanski); Elizabeth A. Cheadle; Bryan Cash (via teleconference); Craig Sap; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Linda Parks, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Luis Li 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; Carolyn Brown; Illece Buckley-Weber; Michael Cacciotti; Ed Corridori; Mark Johnson; Richard Gould; Alan Kishbaugh; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Anthony Portantino; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Henry Stern; Marc Stirdivant; Tim Wendler; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Sean Arian; Nancy Stephens; Janet Wall, and Judith Wilson.

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, and Melissa Cartelli, Associate Government Program Analyst.

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

The Chairperson announced that the following legislative participants was present: Kara Seward and Sammi Dube.

**5. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of January 26, 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of January 26, 2015 were approved as submitted.

**6. Reports.**

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Maurer.

**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:

Mr. Jess Thomas, representing the Coalition to Save Cheseboro Meadow, on item 11.

Comments were made by the Chairperson.

**9. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the Enhanced Watershed Management Program, Los Angeles County.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Calabasas on the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Canyon Oaks Project, 4790 Las Virgenes Road.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 15-07 and 15-08.

Ms. Maurer was noted as abstaining from the vote on Item 9(b).

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 15-07 and 15-08.

**10. Presentation by Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority on Bridges to Park Careers Training Program.**

The Conservancy received an oral report from Ms. Amy Lethbridge, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by the Chairperson.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing assignment of Third Supervisorial District Proposition A Specified Excess Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor properties, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-09.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

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

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-09.

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing adoption of Climate Change Program and Policy.**

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

Comments were made by Mr. Stern, Mr. Cacciotti, and the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Chairperson, and Ms. Rosen.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-10.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-10.

**13. Release of Draft Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines for Public Comment.**

The Conservancy received an oral report from the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended continuing this to a later date.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously voted to continue this item to a later date.

- 14. 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.

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on March 30, 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA  
Executive Director

Approved:

LINDA PARKS  
Chairperson