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

March 30, 2015

1. Call to order.

The 417th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Linda Parks, at 7:38 p.m. on March 30, 2015 at the offices of the Conejo Recreation and Park District, Thousand Oaks, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

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; Mark Johnson; Richard Gould; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Anthony Portantino; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Janet Wall; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Sean Arian; Carolyn Brown; Michael Cacciotti; Alan Kishbaugh; Mary Sue Maurer; Nancy Stephens; Henry Stern; Timothy Wendler, 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; 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 participants was present: Tim Pershing and Kara Seward.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of February 23, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Comments were made by Ms. Buckley Weber.

The minutes of February 23, 2015 were approved as amended.

Mr. Pettit was noted as abstaining.

[Item 10 was considered next]

10. Presentation honoring the 35th Anniversary of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

The Conservancy received an oral report by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and several members of the public, formerly associated with the Conservancy.

[The Conservancy resumed the regular order of the agenda]

6. Reports.

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

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Ms. Rosen; Mr. Lange; Mr. Daniel; Mr. Yegparian, and Mr. Portantino.

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:

Ms. Linda Strong, representing Save the Montebello Hills Task Force – Sierra Club, on matters not on the agenda.

Ms. Yvonne Watson, representing Save the Montebello Hills Task Force – Sierra Club, on matters not on the agenda.

Mr. Jim Hines, representing Sierra Club Santa Monica Mountains Task Force, on matters not on the agenda.

Ms. Teena Takata, representing Santa Susana Mountain Park Association, on item 9(b).

Ms. Dina Fisher, representing Chatsworth Lake Manor Community, on item 9(b).

Mr. Joseph Blue, representing Happy Trails, on item 14.

Ms. Romilia (Vanessa) Merino, representing Happy Trails, on item 14.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for Alternate Deep Well Injection Site (SCH No. 2014081077), Santa Clarita Valley.**

Item 9(a) was removed from the agenda.

- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Notice of Preparation for the Andora Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2015021057), Chatsworth, Simi Hills.**

Item 9(b) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Notice of Preparation for the Entrada North Project Draft Environmental Impact Report, unincorporated Santa Clarita area.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-13.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-13.

9(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Notice of Preparation for the Andora Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2015021057), Chatsworth, Simi Hills.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Corridori and Daniel.

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. 15-12.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-12.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the Ventura County Planning Division on the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Wayne J Sand and Gravel Mine Expansion.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-14.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-14.

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the protection and restoration of natural and developed resources by removal of invasive plant species, reduction of hazardous fire-fuel loads, and erosion protection.**

The staff report for this item was presented by Lisa Soghor, Director of Premier Parks for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Acker.

Comments were made by Ms. Soghor.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

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

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

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

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy for the preparation a Conceptual Area Protection Plan covering a portion of the Rim of the Valley Corridor from Big Tujunga Wash, Verdugo Mountains, San Rafael Hills, and upper Arroyo Seco.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Portantino, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-16.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-16.

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Project Planning and Design of visitor-serving capital improvements for underserved and disadvantaged communities at Puerco Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

The staff report for this item was presented by Ms. Lisa Sogher, Director of Premier Parks for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by Ms. Sogher.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Acker, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-17.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Pettit, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-17.

- 15. 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.

- 16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on April 27, 2015.

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There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

LINDA PARKS
Chairperson