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

August 17, 2015

1. Call to order.

The 421st meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Linda Parks, at 7:39 p.m. on August 17, 2015 at King Gillette Ranch, Calabasas, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Ed Corrdori; Mark Johnson; Richard Gould; Alan Kishbaugh; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Anthony Portantino; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Marc Stirdivant; Janet Wall; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Sean Anderson; Sean Arian; Carolyn Brown; Illece Buckley Weber; Nancy Stephens; Henry Stern; Tim Wendler, and Garen Yegparian.

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: Laura Gallant.

[Items and 10 and 11 were heard prior to item 5 and taken contemporaneously.]

- 10. Special recognition to Deputy Director of Natural Resources & Planning Paul Edelman for 25 years of dedicated service.**
- 11. Special recognition to Chief Deputy Director Rorie A. Skei for 25 years of dedicated service.**

Comments were made by the Chair; The Executive Director; Councilmember Bob Blumenfield; Ms. Gallant, representing Senator Fran Pavley, and Ms. Brigham, representing National Park Service.

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

[The Chair resumed the regular order of the agenda]

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of June 29, 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of June 29, 2015 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received reports from the Chairperson; Ms. Brigham; Mr. Sap; the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Ms. Rosen.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

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

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:

Elsa Tung, representing Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, on item 12.

Robert Garcia, representing the City Project, on item 14.
Don Wallace, representing LVAE, on item 9(a).
Roger Pugliese, representing Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, on item 9(a).

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Calabasas on the Canyon Oaks Draft Environmental Impact Report, Las Virgenes Valley.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a revised comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2015021057) for the Andora Project, Chatsworth, Simi Hills.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution conditionally waiving first right of refusal on APN 2840-009-900, Oak Springs Canyon, City of Santa Clarita.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Modification to Recorded Tract Map 46018-11 for the Plum Canyon Project, unincorporated Los Angeles.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

The Advisory Committee consider item 9(b) separately from the Consent Calendar.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

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

Ms. Maurer abstained from item 9(a).

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 15-46; 15-47; 15-48, and 15-49.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-46; 15-47; 15-48, and 15-49.

[Items 10 and 11 were heard prior to item 5 on the agenda.]

12. Consideration of resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 1 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines.

The Conservancy received an oral report by the Chief Deputy Director.

Comments were made by the Associate Government Program Analyst; Ms. Muñoz; Mr. Pettit; Mr. Cash, and Ms. Cheadle.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-50.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-50.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing approval for Wildlife Conservation Board Proposition 50 funding pursuant to Chapter 10, Section 79572(a)(2) to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for Malibu Creek Ridge Dam Removal Planning, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Corridori and Mr. Sap.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Acker, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-51.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Pettit, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-51.

- 14. Notice of possible motion to reconsider the vote by which Item 9(a) of June 29, 2015 was refused passage. NOTE: If a motion to reconsider is made and passes, then the Conservancy will proceed to consider the following item: Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to Resolution No. 15-26 to the City Project, changing the funding source from Proposition 40 to Proposition 84.**

Comments were made by the Chairperson and Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to reconsider the item heard on June 29, 2015, the motion was seconded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Mr. Cash and the Executive Director.

Mr. Daniel made a motion to supercede the Chairperson's ruling on the point of order and put in front of the body, the substantive motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pettit.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cash.

Comments were made by the Executive Director; Mr. Pettit; Mr. Daniel, and the Chairperson.

A roll-call vote was administered.

All members of the Conservancy voted to supercede the Chairperson's ruling with the exception of Mr. Sap, who abstained, and Mr. Cash, who voted against the motion.

A roll-call vote was then administered to reconsider the item heard on June 29, 2015 pursuant to the earlier motion made by Mr. Pettit and seconded by Mr. Daniel.

All members of the Conservancy voted to reconsider the item with the exception of Mr. Sap, who abstained, and Mr. Cash, who voted against the motion.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by Mr. Cash; the Executive Director; Ms. Muñoz; Mr. Pettit; Ms. Brigham, and Mr. Sap.

Mr. Pettit made a motion, duly seconded, to adopt the resolution including an amendment proposed by the Chairperson to look into additional funding mechanisms that are used for these kind of evaluations for on-going programs, that may be available to help us with budgeting in the future.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cash.

Comments were made by the Chairperson.

A roll-call vote was administered.

All members of the Conservancy voted to adopt Resolution No. 15-40 with the added amendment, excluding Mr. Sap, who abstained, and Mr. Cash, who voted against the motion.

- 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 September 28, 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

LINDA PARKS
Chairperson