

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

RAMIREZ CANYON PARK
5750 RAMIREZ CANYON ROAD
MALIBU, CALIFORNIA 90265
PHONE (310) 589-3200
FAX (310) 589-3207



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

November 2, 2015

1. Call to order.

The 423rd meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Linda Parks, at 7:32 p.m. on November 2, 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; David Szymanski; Elizabeth A. Cheadle; David Pettit; Bryan Cash (via teleconference); Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Linda Parks, Chairperson. A quorum was presented. The following members were absent: Luis Li and Craig Sap.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

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

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of September 18, 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 18, 2015 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from Mr. Szymanski; Mr. Lange, and Mr. Gould.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler.

Comments were made the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chairperson, and Ms. Rosen.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange.

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

The following members of the public addressed the Conservancy:

Lois Becker, representing BASPOA, on item 9(a).

Mark Stratton, member of the public, on items 9(a) and 12.

Michael Leslie, representing Brentwood Hills HOA, on item 9(a).

Eric Tallman, representing NELA Greenspace, on matters not on the agenda.

Tony Scudellari, representing NELA Greenspace, on matters not on the agenda.

9. Consent Calendar:

(a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter regarding the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communication System (LA-RICS) Land Mobile Radio (LMR) project to the City of Los Angeles and involved agencies regarding San Vicente Mountain Park.**

(b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Calabasas on the Viewpoint School expansion project and Mitigated Negative Declaration, 23604 and 23602 Dry Canyon Cold Creek Road and 23620 Mulholland Highway, City of Calabasas.**

- (c) **Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 15-48 regarding APN 2840-009-900 and authorizing entering into an agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to acquire said parcel, City of Santa Clarita.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 15-58, 15-59, and 15-60.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 15-58, 15-59, and 15-60.

- 10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 12 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for capital improvements at Ramirez Canyon Park, City of Malibu.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Stern.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-61.

Mr. Stern was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-61.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for infrastructure improvements at Tujunga Wash Greenway project, City of Los Angeles.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridor, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-62.

Mr. Stern was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-62.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing an official request to the California Department of Transportation for a Transfer of Jurisdiction to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy of Sepulveda Pass right-of-way for cross-405 freeway wildlife corridor permanent habitat protection purposes, City of Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Anderson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-63.

Mr. Stern was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by the Chairperson.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-63.

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation for an integrated design and technical analysis of Upper LA River reaches to identify a range of river interventions and multi-benefit projects, City of Los Angeles.**

The Executive Director introduced Omar Bronson, representing the Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler; Mr. Stern; Ms. Rosen; Mr. Anderson; Mr. Corridori; Mr. Szymanski, and Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by Mr. Bronson; the Executive Director; Mr. Cash; Ms. Muñoz, and the Chairperson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-64.

Mr. Stern was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-64.

- 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 December 14, 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m. in memory of Ms. Donna Mishler.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

LINDA PARKS
Chairperson