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

January 11, 2016

**1. Call to order.**

The 425<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 7:30 p.m. on January 11, 2016 at King Gillette Ranch, Calabasas, California.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Irma Muñoz; David Szymanski; Elizabeth Cheadle; Craig Sap; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Linda Parks, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Luis Li; David Pettit, 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; 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; Janet Wall; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members was absent: Sean Arian; Nancy Stephens; 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.**

No Legislative Participants were present.

**5. Election of Conservancy Officers.**

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Irma Muñoz was unanimously elected Chairperson of the Conservancy.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, Elizabeth Cheadle was unanimously elected Vice Chairperson of the Conservancy.

**6. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.**

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, Don Robinson was unanimously re-elected Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, George Lange was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

**7. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of December 14, 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of December 14, 2015 were approved as submitted.

**8. Reports.**

The Conservancy received oral reports from Mr. Szymanski, representing the National Park Service; Mr. Parks, and Mr. Sap, representing State Parks.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Mishler.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cacciotti and Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made Ms. Buckley Weber and Mr. Szymanski.

**10. 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:

Kevin Madden, representing VerdeExchange, on item 13.

**11. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles regarding proposed revisions to the City's Baseline Mansionization and Baseline Hillside Ordinances, City of Los Angeles.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Draft Environmental Impact Report for Aidlin Hills Residential Project (Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 52796 – SCH No. 2014091027) Pico Canyon, unincorporated Santa Clarita area.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on Draft Environmental Impact Report (ENV-2007-3083-EIR) and Recirculated Portions of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (RP-DEIR) for Verdugo Hills Golf Course project, 6433 La Tuna Canyon Road, Tujunga.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Ventura County Major Modification of Planned Development Permit No. LU08-0133, 2701 White Stallion Road, Hidden Valley.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

The Advisory Committee removed item 11(d) from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 16-01, 16-02, and 16-03.

**11(d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Ventura County Major Modification of Planned Development Permit No. LU08-0133, 2701 White Stallion Road, Hidden Valley.**

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

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-04.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-01; 16-02; 16-03, and 16-04.

**12. Presentation on implementation and status of Conservancy Work program.**

The Conservancy received an oral report from the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange, the Executive Director, and Mr. Cacciotti.

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

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to Community Partners for the benefit of the VerdeXchange Institute, Los Angeles.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler and Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-05.

**CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-05.

**14. Consideration of resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Annual Report for FY 2014/2015.**

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by Ms. Cheadle; Ms. Parks; the Chairperson, the Executive Director, and Mr. Szymanski.

This item was postponed to a later date.

- 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 February 22, 2016.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA  
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ  
Chairperson