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

March 28, 2016

**1. Call to order.**

The 427<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma Muñoz, at 7:39 p.m. on March 28, 2016 at Temescal Gateway Park, Pacific Palisades, California.

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to Shelley Luce.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Mark Vargas; Steve Veres; Linda Parks; Craig Sap; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Irma Muñoz, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: David Szymanski, 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; Illece Buckley Weber; Michael Cacciotti; Ed Corridori; Alan Kishbaugh; Shelley Luce; Mike Mishler; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Nancy Stephens; Janet Wall; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Sean Anderson; Sean Arian; Mark Johnson; Richard Gould; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Anthony Portantino; Henry Stern; Marc Stirdivant, and Timothy Wendler.

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 Tim Pershing was present.

**5. Special recognition to Elizabeth A. Cheadle for years of dedicated service.**

The Conservancy gave special recognition to Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by the representatives for Senator Ben Allen; Senator Carol Liu, and Assemblymember Richard Bloom.

Comments were made by the Chairperson and Ms. Cheadle.

**6. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of February 22, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of February 22, 2016 were approved as submitted.

*[Items 7 and 8 were moved to the end of the agenda]*

**9. 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:

Nicole Thibadeaux, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Kraig Hill, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Jeffrey Jacobs, representing Save Coldwater Canyon, on item 10.

Susan Jacobs, representing Save Coldwater Canyon, on item 10.

Heidi Mackay, representing Save Coldwater Canyon, on item 10.

Suellen Wagner, representing Save Coldwater Canyon, on item 10.

Tony Tucci, representing CLAW, on item 10.

Alex Izbicki, representing Save Coldwater Canyon, on item 10.

**10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Harvard-Westlake School project, Studio City.**

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

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-11.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-11.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design in the Arroyo Sequit Watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-12.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-12.

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of Woolsey Canyon Creek property, Chatsworth area.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-12.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-12.

**13. Consideration of resolution supporting AB 2189 (Irwin).**

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Buckley Weber, Mr. Daniel, and Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-13.

**CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-13.

**7. Reports.**

The Conservancy received oral reports by the Chairperson; Mr. Sap, representing State Parks; the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by the Ms. Rosen and the Chief Deputy Director.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Yegparian; the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; the Executive Director; Mr. Daniel; Mr. Kishbaugh; Mr. Sap; Mr. Robinson; Mr. Veres; Mr. Cacciotti; Ms. Buckley Weber, and Ms. Rosen.

*[The original sequence of the agenda was resumed.]*

**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 April 25, 2016.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA  
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ  
Chairperson