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

April 25, 2016

1. Call to order.

The 428th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma Muñoz, at 7:30 p.m. on April 25, 2016 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Los Angeles, California.

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to Kate Kuykendall, representing National Park Service, as the designee of Mr. David Szymanski.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Joan Cardellino; Mark Vargas; Kate Kuykendall; Steve Veres; Linda Parks; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Irma Muñoz, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: David Szymanski, Luis Li; Bryan Cash, and Craig Sap.

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; Mark Johnson; Richard Gould; Shelley Luce; Mary Sue Maurer Mike Mishler; Henry Stern; 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; Carolyn Brown; Alan Kishbaugh; Roseann Mikos; Anthony Portantino; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Nancy Stephens, 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 Lauren Gallant and Vickere Murphy were present.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of March 28, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of March 28, 2016 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports by the Chairperson; Ms. Kuykendall; the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange.

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:

Christine Russell, representing NELA Greenspace, on items not on the agenda.
Tony Scvoelari, representing NELA Greenspace, on items not on the agenda.
Eric Tallman, representing NELA Greenspace, on items not on the agenda.
Molly Lynn Taylor, representing NELA Greenspace, on items not on the agenda.

9. Preview of findings from the Green Solution Project, Phase IV: Using Nature-Based Solutions to Transform Stormwater Runoff into New Water Supplies and Reduce Greenhouse Gases.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Ms. Esther Feldman, President of Green Solution Project.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler and Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by Ms. Feldman; the Executive Director; Ms. Luce, and Mr. Stern.

10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Agoura Hills on Mitigated Negative Declaration for proposed Ladyface Mountain Senior Apartments project, VTTM 71742, 30800 Agoura Road.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange and Mr. Corridori.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

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

Ms. Buckley Weber was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

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

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a transfer of rights to apply for Third Supervisorial District Proposition A Specified Excess Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, for the acquisition of Liberty Canyon property, Agoura Hills.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Buckley Weber, Mr. Yegparian, and Mr. Gould.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

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

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

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

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design work on Malibu coastal trail and access projects, City of Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-17.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Pettit, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-17.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design work on upper Santa Clara River watershed projects in the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, City of Santa Clarita and unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-18.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-18.

14. Consideration of resolution supporting AB 2534 (Nazarian).

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Veres and Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Mishler, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-19.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-19.

15. Consideration of resolution supporting AB 2444 (Garcia).

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Stirdivant and Ms. Buckley Weber.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-19.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-19.

16. 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.

17. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held May 23, 2016.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ
Chairperson