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

June 27, 2016

1. Call to order.

The 430th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Acting Chairperson Jerome C. Daniel, at 7:30 p.m. on June 27, 2016 at the Agoura Hills Event and Recreation Center, Agoura Hills, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Kate Kuykendall; Linda Parks; David Pettit; Bryan Cash (via teleconference); Craig Sap, and Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Luis Li; Steve Veres, and Irma Muñoz, Chairperson.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

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

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, and Melissa Cartelli, Associate Government Program Analyst.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Acting Chairperson announced that Tim Pershing and Lauren Gallant were present.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of May 23, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of May 23, 2016 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

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

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange; Ms. Parks; Ms. Rosen; Ms. Maurer, and Mr. Anderson.

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

No members of the public were in attendance.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Eastern Avenue-El Sereno project, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 73531, Northeast Los Angeles.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Stokes Canyon project, 2397 Stokes Canyon Road, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 16-27 and 16-28.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Sap, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 16-27 and 16-28.

10. Presentation regarding inland and coastal regional public access opportunities in Santa Monica Mountains from Pacific Ocean to Backbone Trail.

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

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Anderson.

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

11. Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority fiscal year 2016-17 budget.

The staff report for this item was presented by Sheryl Lewenda, representing the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by Ms. Lewenda.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-29.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-29.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 grant to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for the Simi Hills-Joncich Acquisition Project, APN's 646-0-170-040 and 649-0-010-415, unincorporated Ventura County area.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-30.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-30.

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of a Liberty Canyon tributary, APN 2064-006-001, Agoura Hills.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Anderson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-31.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-31.

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Laurel Canyon Spring acquisition project, APN 5565-003-041, Los Angeles.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-32.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Pettit, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-32.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of three or more Carbon Canyon Creek parcels, unincorporated Malibu area.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-33.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Kuykendall, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-33.

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design of the Los Angeles River Greenway Ecosystem Restoration Area, Burbank to Boyle Heights.

The staff report for this item was presented by Lisa Soghor, representing the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange and Mr. Anderson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Stirdivant, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-34.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-34.

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

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Anderson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 16-35.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Sap, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-35.

18. 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.

19. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held July 18, 2016.

There being no further business, the Acting Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ
Chairperson