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

March 24, 2017

1. Call to order.

The 437th 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 February 27, 2017 at the Arroyo Vista Recreation Center, Sycamore Room, in Moorpark, California.

2. Administration of Oath of Office to new members.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Patt Healy, representing the City of Malibu, on the Advisory Committee.

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Kate Kuykendall; Steve Veres; Linda Parks; Martha M. Escutia; Bryan Cash; Craig Sap; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Irma Muñoz, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Luis Li.

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

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

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Christina Bull Arndt, Supervising Deputy Attorney General; Melissa Smith, Associate Government Program Analyst, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that Tim Pershing: Sarah Nichols, and Vickere Murphy were presented.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of February 27, 2017 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of February 27, 2017 were approved as submitted.

7. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports by the Ms. Kuykendall, representing National Park Service; the Executive Director; Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Mr. Gould, representing the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Lange.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Messrs. Robinson and Wendler.

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

The following member of the public addressed the Conservancy:

Hugo Garcia, representing Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, on item 12.

Linda Escalante, representing NRCDC, on item 12.

Dayana Molina, representing Anahuak Youth Sports Association, on item 12.

Cindy Montanez, representing Tree People, on item 12 and matters not on the agenda.

Jamie Hall, representing Laurel Canyon Association, on item 17.

Alison Simard, representing Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife, on items 17 and 18.
Zack Oldenberg, member of the public, on item 12.

10. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter of support to the City of Los Angeles for the Los Angeles River North Atwater Multimodal Bridge project.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning on Initial Study and Notice of Preparation for Bow Tie Yard Lofts Project (Case No. ENV-2016-2862-EIR).**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 17-11 and 17-12.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Verez, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 17-11 and 17-12.

11. Presentation by Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority on social media opportunities.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Ms. Jamie Cabral, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Ms. Cabral.

12. Consideration of resolution declaring parks and open spaces owned or managed by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to be “Sanctuary Parks” and directing staff to inform the Department of Homeland Security that, to the extent legally possible, immigration enforcement will not be permitted on property of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian; Ms. Rosen; Ms. Escutia, the Chairperson; and Ms. Murphy.

Comments were made by the Executive Director; Mr. Verez; Mr. Mishler; Mr. Anderson; Ms. Rosen; the Chief Ranger of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Mr. Pershing; Mr. Cacciotti; Mr. Corridori; Ms. Escutia, and the Chairperson.

No vote was taken.

13. Consideration of resolution requiring Conservancy grant applicants to adopt contracting policies for the purpose of increasing outreach and advertising to disadvantaged businesses and individuals.

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

The resolution was amended to add the verbiage: “to disadvantaged businesses and individuals”, as stated in the agenda language.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-14 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-14 as amended.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of Proposition 84 funds to grant NP-50-1357 for the LA River Greenway project by Community Conservation Solutions.

The staff report for this item was presented by Ms. Esther Feldman, representing Community Conservation Solutions.

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

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director, the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, and Ms. Feldman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-15.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-15.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the California Coastal Conservancy for the Natural Park at Ramona Gardens Project, Boyle Heights.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks and the Chairperson.

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. 17-16.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

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

16. Consideration of resolution authoring an augmentation of Proposition 84 funds to grant SMM-50-1525 for Joughin Ranch Improvements by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-17.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

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

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Laurel Canyon Watershed Acquisition Project, APN 5562-006-020, Los Angeles.

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

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

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-18.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-18.

18. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for a project planning and design grant for Land Protection Action Blueprints for Thirteen Year-Round Water Sources in the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains, City of Los Angeles.

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. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-19.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-19.

19. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor Acquisition Project, APN 2052-013-040, 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 Ms. Rosen and Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Lange, and Mr. Corridori.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-20.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-20.

20. 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; Morris v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC44851; Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al. v. Southern California Edison, and Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.*

No closed session was held.

21. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

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The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on April 24, 2017.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ
Chairperson