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

October 23, 2017

**1. Call to order.**

The 443<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma Muñoz at 7:33 p.m. on October 23, 2017 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Mark Vargas; David Szymanski; Steve Veres; Linda Parks; Martha M. Escutia; Bryan Cash (via teleconference); Craig Sap; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Irma Muñoz, Chairperson. A quorum was present.

**3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.**

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

Staff present: Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel, Melissa Smith, Associate Government Program Analyst, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

**4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.**

The Chairperson announced that Tim Pershing, William Pond, and Jeremy Wolf were present.

**5. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of September 25, 2017 was submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 25, 2017 were approved as submitted.

**6. Reports.**

The Conservancy received oral reports by the Chairperson; Mr. Vargas; Mr. Szymanski; the Associate Government Program Analyst; Mr. Sap, and the Chief Deputy Director.

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

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

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

No members of the Conservancy addressed the Conservancy.

**9. Consideration of potential revised comments on the Parking, Safety, and Athletic Improvement Plan, Harvard-Westlake School, Studio City.**

Comments were made by the Chairperson.

This item was removed from the agenda.

**10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the California Department of Transportation on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH No. 2017091039) for the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Project, City of Agoura Hills.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange, Ms. Rosen, and Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Cash, Mr. Anderson, and Ms. Buckley Weber.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-62.

Ms. Buckley Weber was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-62.

- 11. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution Nos. 10-20 and 10-37 regarding the Transfer of Jurisdiction of easements and fee simple areas on APNs 4377-001-901 and 903 to the California Department of Transportation for already constructed elements of the 405 freeway in the Sepulveda Pass, City of Los Angeles.**

The staff report for this item was presented 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. 17-63.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-63.

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing exercise for first right of refusal on City-owned surplus property pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 33207(b) on APN 4369-007-900 located at 11381 W. Chalon Road, 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 Ms. Rosen.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-42.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-64.

**13. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 17-27 to change grant funding source to Proposition 1.**

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Veres.

Comments were made by the Associate Governmental Program Analyst.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-65.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-65.

**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; 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.

**15. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on December 11, 2017.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA  
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ  
Chairperson