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

March 26, 2018

1. Call to order.

The 446th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Craig Sap at 7:30 p.m. on March 26, 2018 Conejo Recreation and Park District, Community Room, 403 West Hillcrest Drive Thousand Oaks, California, 91360.

2. Administration of Oath of Office to new members.

No one was administered the oath.

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Kate Kuykendall; Linda Parks; Joshua Nelson (via teleconference); Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Craig Sap, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Steve Veres; Martha M. Escutia, and Irma Muñoz;

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Illece Buckley-Weber; Ed Corridori; Stephen Del Guercio; Patt Healy; Alan Kishbaugh; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Janet Wall; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Sean Anderson; Carolyn Brown; Michael Cacciotti; Mark Johnson; Perlette Michele Jura; Shelley Luce; Miguel Luna; Mary Sue Maurer; Frank Oviedo; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Nancy Stephens; Marc Stirdivant, and Tim 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; Elena Eger, Staff Counsel; Melissa Smith, Associate Government Program Analyst, Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that Jeremy Wolf and Assemblymember Laura Friedman were in attendance.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of January 22, 2018 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of January 22, 2018 were adopted as submitted.

7. Reports.

The Conservancy received reports from the Chairperson, Ms. Kuykendal, and Mr. Lange.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

No comments were made.

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:

Robert Stevens, member of the public, on item 13.

Nancy Goldstein, member of the public, on item 13.

10. Presentation by Ventura County Watershed Protection District on the efficacy of rodent control on county flood levees with natural predators.

Comments were made by Ms. Parks.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Mr. Karl Nocack.

Comments were made by the Chair.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Novack; Mr. Corridori; Ms. Kuykendall, and Ms. Parks.

11. Presentation by the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency on its lands and programs.

The Conservancy received an oral report by Mr. Matt Kouba.

Comments were made by Ms. Parks and Mr. Lange.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the County of Los Angeles regarding Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Tesoro Del Valle Project (Revised Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. TR51644-1, SCH No. 2016101032), Santa Clarita Valley, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Healy.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-09.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-09.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Via Escondido Public Access Improvements, City of Malibu.

This item was postponed.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Los Angeles River Community and Regional Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Acker, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-11.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-11.

15. Consideration of resolution endorsing Proposition 68, California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018.

This item was postponed.

16. Consideration of resolution supporting Senate Bill 1015 (Allen), an act to add Division 46 (commencing with Section 80200) to the Public Resources Code, relating to climate change.

This item was postponed.

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a support letter to the California Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 2 regarding a Green House Grant Reduction Fund Budget Request for State Conservancies.

This item was postponed.

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; 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.

19. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held April 23, 2018.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

CRAIG SAP
Chairperson