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

May 21, 2018

1. Call to order.

The 447th 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 May 21, 2018 at the following locations:

- (1) Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Los Angeles, California;
- (2) Natural Resources Agency, 1416 9th Street, 13th Floor, Room No. 1306-7, Sacramento, California;
- (3) Office of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks, 625 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California, and
- (4) Temescal Gateway Park, Elizabeth Cheadle Dining Hall, 15900 Pacific Coast Highway, Pacific Palisades, California.

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: David Szymanski; Steve Veres; Linda Parks; Irma Muñoz; Joshua Nelson; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Craig Sap, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Martha M. Escutia.

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Caroline Brown; Illece Buckley Weber; Michael Cacciotti; Mark

Johnson; Patt Healy, Alan Kishbaugh; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Janet Wall; Tim Wendler; Garen Yegparian, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Ed Corridori; Stephen Del Guercio; Perlette Michelle Jura; Shelley Luce; Miguel Luna; Frank Oviedo; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Nancy Stephens; Marc Stirdivant, and George Lange, Vice 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; 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 was in attendance.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of March 26, 2018 were submitted for approval.

A roll-call vote was administered.

The minutes of March 26, 2018 were adopted as submitted.

7. Reports.

The Conservancy received reports from the Chief Staff Counsel; the Executive Director; Mr. Szymanski; the Chairperson; the Executive Director, and Mr. Daniel.

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.

No members of the public addressed the Conservancy.

10. Discussion of meeting procedures.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson; Mr. Yegparian; and Mr. Anderson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director; Mr. Wendler; Mr. Anderson; Ms. Mikos; the Chairperson; Ms. Muñoz; Mr. Veres; Mr. Szymanski; Ms. Parks, and Ms. Maurer.

11. Discussion of Proposition 68 guidelines.

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

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Notice of Preparation for 3003 Runyon Canyon Road project adjacent to Runyon Canyon Park, City of Los Angeles.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-14.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-14.

13. Consideration of resolution adding Ladyface Mountain – East to Conservancy acquisition workprogram.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-15.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-15.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for capital improvements at Elysian Valley Gateway Park, City of Los Angeles.

The staff report for this item was presented by Brian Baldauf, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Mr. Yegparian.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

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

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

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

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for water capture and other improvements at the Caballero Creek Park project, City of Los Angeles.

The staff report for this item was presented by Brian Baldauf and Gabriella Gary, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Anderson, Ms. Muñoz, and Ms. Maurer.

Comments were made by Mr. Baldauf; Ms. Gary; Ms. Parks; Mr. Szymanski, and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

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

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

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

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to grant 3810-P01-1781 for River Rangers Program Planning, City of Los Angeles.

This item was removed from the agenda.

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to grant 3810-P01-1775 for Upper Los Angeles River Project Planning and Design, City of Los Angeles.

The staff report for this item was presented by Brian Baldauf, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Mr. Veres and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-19.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-19.

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

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-20.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-20.

Mr. Nelson and the Chairperson were noted as abstaining from this item.

19. 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.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-21.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-21.

Mr. Nelson and the Chairperson were noted as abstaining from this item.

20. Consideration of resolution supporting Assembly Bill 2422 (Bloom), a bill to limit use of anticoagulant rodenticides.

This item was removed from the agenda.

21. Consideration of resolution opposing Assembly Bill 1912 (Rodriguez), an act to amend Section 6508.1 of, to add Sections 6508.2, 20461.1, 20574.1, and 20575.1 to, and to repeal and add Section 20577.5 of, the Government Code, and to amend Section 366.2 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public agencies, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Parks/

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-23.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-23.

Mr. Nelson and the Chairperson were noted as abstaining from this item.

- 22. 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; Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al.*

The Chairperson commenced the closed session at 9:25 p.m. and announced that the following item would be discussed: *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al.*

The Chairperson reconvened the open session reconvened at 9:56 p.m. and announced that directions were given to staff.

23. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held June 18, 2018.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

CRAIG SAP
Chairperson