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

June 18, 2018

1. Call to order.

The 448th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Craig Sap at 7:31 p.m. on June 18, 2018 at the following locations:

- (1) Conejo Recreation and Park District, Community Room, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California, 91360
- (2) Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Sierra Madre Building, 570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Los Angeles, California
- (3) Natural Resources Agency, 1416 9th Street, 13th Floor, Room No. 1306-7 Sacramento, California

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

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

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.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

No Legislative Participants were present.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of May 21, 2018 were submitted for approval.

A roll-call vote was administered.

The minutes of May 21, 2018 were adopted as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Szymanski; the Executive Director; Mr. Lange, and Mr. Ken Nelson, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Board Secretary, Mr. Luna, and Ms. Muñoz.

Comments were made by Ms. Muñoz; Mr. Sap, and the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Buckley Weber.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

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

The following members addressed the Conservancy:

Mr. Art Camarillo, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Mr. Duke Ostendoorf, representing Pacific Palisades Residents Association, on matters not on the agenda.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution opposing proposed City of Los Angeles CEQA appeal ordinance.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Environmental License Plate Funds for the Community Nature Connection Naturalist Explorer Leadership Program.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy conflict of interest code to designate disclosure requirements of members of the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group.**

Item 9(b) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Maurer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 18-24 and 18-26.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 18-24 and 18-26.

9(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Environmental License Plate Funds for the Community Nature Connection Naturalist Explorer Leadership Program.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director to amend the dollar amount in the resolution to indicate \$120,000.

Comments were made by Ms. Muñoz.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-25.

Mr. Luna was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Danniell, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-25.

10. Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Preliminary Budget fiscal year 2018-19.

The staff report for this item was presented by Mr. Basem Mosaad, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Luna; Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by Mr. Mosaad; the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-27.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-27.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Sepulveda Basin River Recreation Zone Pre-Improvement Planning, City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-28.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szmanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-28.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Confluence Park Phase II Pre-Improvement Planning, City of Los Angeles.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-29.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-29.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 grant to the National Audubon Society/Audubon Center at Debs Park for a Los Angeles River Pocket Park Habitat Enhancement and Anti-Displacement Project in Elysian Valley, City of Los Angeles.

Comments were made Mr. Lange, Mr. Daniel, and Ms. Muñoz.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Wall, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-30.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-30.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Vegetation Management projects, Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler; Mr. Yegparian; Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by the Executive Director; Ms. Park; the Chief Deputy Director; the Chairperson, and Mr. Nelson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-31.

Ms. Jura and Mr. Yegparian were noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 18-31.

Ms. Parks was noted as abstaining.

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 grant to River LA for Rio Vistas project for three street ends along the Los Angeles River in Elysian Valley, City of Los Angeles.**

This item was postponed to a later date.

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing grant of funding from Propositions 1, 40, 50, and 84 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to complete the acquisition of Phase 1 the Triangle Ranch property (APNs 2061-031-019, 2063-005-013, 2063-006-022 & 023, and 2063-036-001), Medea Creek, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by Ms. Smith; the Chief Deputy Director; Ms. Buckley Weber; Mr. Szymanski; the Chairperson, and Mr. Lange.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-33.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-33.

- 17. 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.***

No closed session was held.

- 18. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

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

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

CRAIG SAP
Chairperson