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

October 22, 2018

1. Call to order.

The 451st meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Craig Sap at 7:31 p.m. on October 22, 2018 at the following locations:

Location 1: Conejo Recreation and Park District
Community Room
403 West Hillcrest Drive
Thousand Oaks, California, 91360
(*Main Meeting Location*)

Location 2: Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Sierra Madre Building
570 West Avenue Twenty-Six
Los Angeles, California

Location 3: Natural Resources Agency
1416 9th Street, 13th Floor
Room No. 1306-7
Sacramento, California

Items 2 and 3 are subject to edits upon retrieval of notes from Ramirez Canyon Park:

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Szymanski; Steve Veres; Irma Muñoz; Joshua Nelson; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Craig Sap, 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; Illece Buckley Weber; Karen Buehler; Ed Corridori; Mark Johnson; Alan Kishbaugh; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Janet Wall; Stephen Del Guercio; Patt Healy; Miguel Luna; Tim Wendler; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present.

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

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that the following legislative participants or their staff were present: Jeremy Wolf; Vickere Murphy; Tim Pershing, and Sarah Nichols.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of September 24, 2018 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 24, 2018 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Szymanski, representing National Park Service, and Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen, Ms. Buckley Weber, and Ms. Muñoz.

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

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Anderson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Pershing; Ms. Healy; Mr. Kishbaugh; Ms. Rosen; Mr. Luna, and the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Szymanski.

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

Items 8 is subject to edits upon retrieval of notes from Ramirez Canyon Park:

The following members addressed the Conservancy:

Michael Leslie, member of the public, on items 12 and 13.
George Coleman, member of the public, on item 12.
Sherry Ferber, member of the public, on item 12.
Senator Fran Pavley, on item 12.
Mark Straton, member of the public, on item 13.
Lois Becker, member of the public, on item 13.
Terry Redman Kahn, member of the public, on item 13.
Irene Sandler, member of the public, on item 13.
Patricia Bell Hearst, member of the public, on item 13.
Carole Barber, representing Westland School, on item 13.

Comments were made by Mr. Wolf.

9. Report and update by Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Fire Division on equipment grant and brush patrols.

This item was postponed to a later date.

10. Presentation on Malibu coastal access planning.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Special Counsel and Jessica Nguyen, Project Analyst for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director; Mr. Wendler; Mr. Lange; Ms. Nichols; Ms. Rosen, and Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Ms. Nguyen; Special Counsel; the Chairperson; the Executive Director; Ms. Healy; Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Lange.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 68 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for coastal access camping program in Ramirez Canyon Park, Malibu.

This item was postponed to a later date.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 68 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in support of the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing project.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-50.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-50.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority on the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Mission Canyon Park Project, Los Angeles.

This item was postponed to a later date.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing joining a National Wildlife Federation coalition regarding the Federal Land Water Conservation Fund.

Comments were made the Supervising Deputy Attorney General.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-51.

Mr. Anderson was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 18-51.

Mr. Szymanski was noted as abstaining.

15. Consideration of resolution supporting Proposition 3, the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-52.

Mr. Luna was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 18-52.

The Chairperson and Mr. Nelson were noted as abstaining.

16. 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.

17. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on December 10, 2018.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

CRAIG SAP
Chairperson