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

March 25, 2019

1. Call to order.

The 455th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma Muñoz at 7:30 p.m. on March 25, 2019 at the following locations:

Location 1: Los Angeles River Center and Gardens
570 West Avenue Twenty-Six
Los Angeles, California

Location 2: Conejo Recreation and Park District
Park Conference Room
403 West Hillcrest Drive
Thousand Oaks, California, 91360

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

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Clair Acker; Caroline Brown; Illece Buckley Weber; Karen Buehler; Ed Corridori; Stephen Del Guercio; Mark Johnson; Patt Healy; Alan Kishbaugh; Edlin Lopez; Miguel Luna; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Frank Oviedo; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Janet Wall; Garen Yegparian; George

Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Sean Anderson; Michael Cacciotti; Perlette Jura; Mary Sue Maurer; 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; Christina Bull Ardnt, Supervising Deputy Attorney General; Elena Eger, Special Counsel, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that Vickere Murphy and Jeremy Wolf were present.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of February 25, 2019 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of February 25, 2019 were adopted as submitted.

Mr. Ortega was noted as abstaining.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received reports from the Chairperson; Ms. Luévano; Mr. Szymanski; Mr. Sap; Mr. Perez, the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson; Mr. Yegparian; Ms. Parks; Mr. Mishler.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director; the Executive Director, the Chairperson, and the Supervising Deputy Attorney General.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

No comments were made.

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:

Ms. Elva Yañez, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Ms. Katherine Pease, representing Heal the Bay, on item 13.

Mr. Kealii Bright, representing California Department of Conservation, on item 14.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Santa Clarita on the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Bouquet Canyon Residential Development and Bouquet Canyon Road Realignment project, SCH No. 2018121009, Santa Clarita.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Santa Clarita on the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Princessa Crossroads Development Project, Santa Clarita.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 19-16 and 19-17.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

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

Item 9(b) was amended to exclude any reference to channelizing bouquet creek.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 19-16 and 19-17.

10. Report on County of Ventura Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Ordinance.

This item was postponed to a later date.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 68 project planning and design grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Santa Clara River projects.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Ms. Buckley Weber and the Chief Deputy Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

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

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

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

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 68 grant to the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden for a stream restoration project, City of Thousand Oaks.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Wall, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-19.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

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

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

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 planning grant to Heal the Bay for study of existing Los Angeles River riverfront parks to predict ecosystem function of future riverfront projects, City of Los Angeles.

Comments were made by Mr. Veres and the Chief Deputy Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Veres.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director; the Chairperson; Ms. Katherine Pease, representing Heal the Bay; the Executive Director; Ms. Rosen, and Ms. Parks.

This item was postponed to a later date.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a block grant for the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Acker and Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director and Mr. Kealii Bright, representing California Department of Conservation.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Luna, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-21.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-21.

15. 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 – *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.

16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on April 22, 2019.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ
Chairperson