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

June 1, 2020

**1. Call to order.**

The 465<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma R. Muñoz at 10:14 a.m. on June 1, 2020 at various locations via internet and telephone pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20.

**2. Administration of the Oath of Office.**

The Executive Director announced that the Oath of Office had been previously administered to Advisory Committee Members Keith Eich, Representative of the City of La Cañada Flintridge, and Rafi Manoukian, Representative of the City of Glendale.

**3. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Linda Escalante; David Szymanski; Miguel Luna; Fran Pavley; Linda Parks; Amanda Martin; Craig Sap; Steve Veres, Vice Chairperson, and Irma R. Muñoz, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Rudy Ortega.

**4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allie-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Illece Buckley Weber; Ed Corridori; Brian Dennert; Keith Eich; Kirsten James; Alan Kishbaugh; Edlin Lopez; Rafi Manoukian; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Janine Prado; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Tim Wendler; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Donal Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Carolyn Brown; Karen Buehler; Michael Cacciotti; Patt Healy; Perlette Jura; Mary Sue Maurer; Nancy Stephens; Janet Wall, and Garen Yegparian.

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 Ardnt, Supervising Deputy Attorney General; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

The Board Secretary announced that the following Legislative Participant were present: Vickery Murphy, Jeremy Wolf, and Tim Pershing.

**5. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

Comments were made by Ms. Escalante, Ms. Buckley Weber, and Ms. Parks.

**6. 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.

Basil Katz, member of the public, on items 9, 10, and 11.

Brad Gwinn, representing Stand Vision, on items 9, 10, and 11.

Steve Appleton, member of the public, on items 9, 10, and 11.

Ms. R. Barajas, member of the public, on items 9, 10, and 11.

A comment was read into the record by a person who identifies as MC, member of the public on items 9, 10, and 11.

Mark Gangi, member of the public, on items 9, 10, and 11.

Jeff Annanberg, member of the public, on items 9, 10, and 11.

Mr. Tim D., member of the public, on items 9,10, and 11.

Mr. Raul, member of the public, on items 9, 10, and 11.

Alex P. White, member of the public, on items 9, 10, and 11.

**7. Consent Calendar:**

**(a) Consideration of resolution authorizing submittal of an application to file an amicus brief on Center for Biological Diversity and Endangered Habitats League v. County of Los Angeles, NorthLake project, unincorporated Castaic area.**

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

Item 7(a) was removed from the agenda.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-12.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-12.

**8. Consideration of resolution approving and adopting the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan, as recommended by the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group.**

The staff report for this item was presented by Sarah Rascon, representing the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Work Group. The Conservancy received a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by Ms. Jayne Sayre; Ms. Jean Yang; Ms. Rascon; Mr. Lange; Ms. Mikos; Mr. Corridori; Ms. Parks; Mr. Szymanski; Ms. Pavley; Mr. Pershing, and Mr. Escalante.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-13.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Luna, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-13.

**9. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design for the Taylor Yard Paseo del Rio G2 Project, City of Los Angeles.**

At this time, the Chairperson recused herself from items 9, 10, and 11.

Mr. Veres conducted the meeting as Acting Chairperson.

Items 9, 10, and 11 were heard and considered concurrently and voted on separately.

The staff reports for items 9, 10, and 11 were presented by Mr. Brian Baldauf, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Baldauf; the Chief Staff Counsel; the Acting Chairperson, Ms. Parks, Ms. Stephanie Cambell, and Ms. Deborah Weintraub.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-14.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Sap, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-14.

**10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the City of Los Angeles for capital improvements for the Taylor Yard Paseo del Rio G2 and Bowtie Project, City of Los Angeles.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-15.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-15.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for capital improvements for the Taylor Yard Paseo del Rio Bowtie Project, City of Los Angeles.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-16.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-16.

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 68 nonprofit funds to One Arroyo Foundation for project planning and design of Arroyo Seco trails, City of Pasadena.**

At this time, the Chairperson returned to the meeting.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange, and Mr. Wendler.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Wendler, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-17.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-17.

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 68 funds to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for phase 3 of the Arroyo Simi Trail and greenway, City of Simi Valley.**

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

Comments were made by Mr. Dennert.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

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

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

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

**14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 68 funds to the Conejo Recreation and Park District for Rancho Potrero Visitor-Serving Improvements, City of Thousand Oaks.**

Comments were made by Mr. Anderson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Mishler, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-19.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-19.

**15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 68 funds to the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks for the Los Angeles River Greenway-Habitat Restoration Project, Studio City.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy 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. 20-20.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-20.

**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 – *Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.***

No closed session was held.

**17. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m. and announced that the next meeting would be held on June 29, 2020

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA  
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA R. MUÑOZ  
Chairperson