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

November 16, 2020

**1. Call to order.**

The 469<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 10:04 a.m. on November 16, 2020 at various locations via internet and telephone pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20.

**2. Administration of Oath of Office to new members.**

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Jerry West, representing State Parks.

**3. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Szymanski; Rudy Ortega; Miguel Luna; Fran Pavley; Linda Parks; Amanda Martin; Jeremy West; Steve Veres, Vice Chairperson, and Irma R. Muñoz, Chairperson. A quorum was present. No members were absent.

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

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allie-Claire Acker; Ed Corridori; Brian Dennert; Keith Eich; Patt Healy; Kirsten James; Mary Sue Maurer; Rafi Manoukian; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Janet Wall; Tim Wendler; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, 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; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

**5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.**

The following Legislative Participants were present: Vickere Murphy, Jeremy Wolf, Tim Pershing; Allison Towley, and Senator Anthony Portantino.

**6. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of September 21, 2020 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 21, 2020 were adopted as revised.

**7. Reports.**

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Szymanski; Mr. West, Mr. Lange, and the Executive Director.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Rosen; Ms. Parks; Ms. Pavley, and Ms. Martin.

**9. 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.

Marcia Hanscom, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Marybeth Trautwein, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Susanne Cumming, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Walter Lamb, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Gerry Hans, member of the public, on item 11.

Molly Baster, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Lisa Karlan, representing Defend Ballona Redlands, on matters not on the agenda.

Lisa Levinson, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Marion Dodge, representing Friend of Griffith Park, on item 11

Jane Valez Mitchell, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Simon Reyes, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

**10. Presentation on the Draft Los Angeles River Master Plan Update by Los Angeles County Public Works.**

Comments were made by Mr. Brian Baldauf, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Ms. Genevieve Osmena and Ms. Caroline Hernandez, representing Los Angeles County Public County Works.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made Ms. Hernandez; Mr. Veres; Ms. Maurer, and Ms. Pavley.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the proposed Griffith Park aerial tram feasibility study.**

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

Comments were made by Senator Portantino; Mr. Veres; the Executive Director; Ms. Pavley, Ms. Mikos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

Mr. Dennert was noted as abstaining.

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-34.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-34.

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Hollywood Community Plan Update and Implementation Overlay.**

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

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

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-35.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-35.

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Calabasas on Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report for West Village at Calabasas Project, SCH No. 2017091009, 4790 Las Virgenes Road, City of Calabasas.**

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

Ms. Maurer was noted as recusing herself from this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-36.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-36.

- 14. 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.

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

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m. and announced that the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for December 21, 2020.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA  
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA R. MUÑOZ  
Chairperson