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

January 11, 2021

**1. Call to order.**

The 471<sup>st</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 10:15 a.m. on January 11, 2021 at various locations via internet and telephone pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20.

The Executive Officer administered the Oath of Office to Bruce Thomas, representing the City of Moorpark on the Advisory Committee.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

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

**3. 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; Michael Cacciotti; Ed Corridori; Keith Eich; Patt Healy; Kirsten James; Alan Kishbaugh; Mary Sue Maurer; Rafi Manoukian; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Bruce Thomas; Janet Wall; Tim Wendler; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Carolyn Brown; Karen Buehler; Brian Dennert; Perlette Jura; Edlin Lopez; Janine Prado; Nancy Stephens, 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; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

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

The following Legislative Participants were present: Vickere Murphy and Jeremy Wolf

**5. Election of Conservancy Officers.**

On motion of Mr. Luna, duly seconded and upon roll-call vote, Irma R. Muñoz was unanimously reelected Chairperson of the Conservancy.

On motion of Mr. Luna, duly seconded and upon roll-call vote, Steve Veres was unanimously reelected Vice Chairperson of the Conservancy.

**6. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.**

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded and upon roll-call vote, Don Robinson was unanimously reelected Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded and upon roll-call vote, George Lange was unanimously reelected Vice Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

Comments were made by Ms. Maurer.

**7. Approval of Minutes.**

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

The minutes of December 21, 2020 were adopted as submitted.

Advisory Committee members Illece Buckley Weber, Rafi Manoukian, and Bruce Thomas were noted as abstaining.

**8. Reports.**

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

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

No comments were made.

[The Chairperson lost her internet connection and therefore Mr. Veres conducted the meeting as Acting Chairperson for the remainder of the meeting]

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

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Maurer; Ms. Rosen; Ms. Parks; Ms. Pavley; Ms. Muñoz, and Ms. Buckley Weber

The following members of the public addressed the Conservancy:

Roseann Mikos, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
Eric Edmunds, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
Marcia Hansom, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
Sara Gernsbacher, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
Carolyn LoBuglio, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
Jami Perlman, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
Susanne Cumming, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
Marybeth Trautwein, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
Lisa Levinson, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
Christina Ku, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
John Given, member of the public, on item 11  
Lois Becker, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
Sofia Morales, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
Tom Freeman, , member of the public, on item 11  
Marian Dodge, , member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
Molly Basler, , member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
Mike Leslie, , member of the public, on item 11  
Ileana Wachtel, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
John Schwada, , member of the public, on item 11  
Robert Va De Hoek, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda  
Lisa Fimiani, member of the public, on item 10  
Steve Drimmer, member of the public, on item 11.  
Jane Velez Mitchell, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles regarding the Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report (ENV-2019-4565-EIR) for the proposed Berggruen Institute Project in Mandeville Canyon and the Sepulveda Pass, City of Los Angeles.**

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

Comments were made and questions were propounded by by Ms. Healy; Ms. James; Mr. Anderson; Ms. Buckley Weber; Ms. Maurer; Mr. Robinson; Ms. Rosen; Mr. Thomas, Ms. Pavley; the Chief Staff Counsel; Ms. Ardent; Ms. Muñoz.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Manoukian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 21-01.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 21-01.

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Santa Clarita on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Sand Canyon Resort Project, SCH No. 2018101039.**

The staff report for this item was presented 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. 21-02.

Mr. Thomas was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 21-02.

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Environmental License Plate funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Community Nature Connection Youth Leadership Series.**

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

Comments were made by Ms. Amy Lethbridge, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Ms. Marissa Llanes, representing Community Nature Connection. Questions were propounded by Ms. Martin.

Comments were made by Ms. Lethbridge, the Executive Director and Ms. James.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Maurer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 21-03.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 21-03.

Mr. Luna was noted as abstaining.

**14. Presentation on the Conservancy's efforts toward the Governor's Executive Order N-82-20 to conserve at least 30% of California's land and coastal waters by 2030.**

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

The Conservancy received an oral report by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by Mr. Anderson; the Executive Director; Ms. Parks; Ms. Rosen, and Ms. Pavley.

- 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.***

No closed session was held.

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

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m. and announced that the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 15, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA  
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA R. MUÑOZ  
Chairperson