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

January 25, 2010

1. Call to order.

The 344th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Ronald Schafer at 7:50 p.m. on January 25, 2010 at City of Calabasas Civic Center, Founders Hall, 200 Civic Center Way Calabasas, California 91302

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Sara Wan, Jodi Noiron, Elizabeth A. Cheadle, Jerome C. Daniel, Linda Parks, Antonio Gonzalez, Vice Chairperson, and Ron Schafer, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Woody Smeck, Bryan Cash, Jim Berkus.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: David Brown, Elaine Freeman, Alan Kishbaugh, Holly LaRue, Mary Sue Maurer, Roseann Mikos, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Nancy Stephens, Charles Stringer, Garen Yegparian, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Ronbinson, Chairperson. The following members arrived subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti, and Dennis Seider. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Michael Blanton, Caroline Brown, Anita Fromholz, Richard Gould, Paul Rabinov, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Harry Schwarz, Marc Stirdivant, Donald Voss, and Timothy Wendler.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Melissa Cartelli, Executive Assistant, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Callie Hurd and Sharon Mayer.

5. Election of Conservancy Officers.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Ron Schafer was unanimously elected Chairperson.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Antonio Gonzalez was unanimously elected Vice Chairperson.

6. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, Don Robinson was unanimously elected Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, George Lange was unanimously elected Vice Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

7. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of November 23, 2009 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of November 23, 2009 were approved as submitted.

8. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chair; Ms. Noiron, represent the Forest Service; the Executive Director, and George Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

9. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Messrs. Rockenstein and Yegparian, and the Executive Director.

10. 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:

Mr. Roger Boulliase, member of the public, on item 11(a).

11. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Los Angeles on Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report for Quest Ranch Assisted Living Facility, Project Number R200901566, 4001 North Topanga Canyon Blvd, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Los Angeles on Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report for Disney/ABC Studios at the Ranch, Tentative Tract No. TR071216, 19802 Placerita Canyon Road, unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Simi Valley on Whiteface Specific Plan Amendment 6 – Lost Canyons Draft Environmental Impact Report, SCH No. 2008061111, Simi Valley.**

Items 11(a) and 11(c) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-02.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-02.

11(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Los Angeles on Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report for Quest Ranch Assisted Living Facility, Project Number R200901566, 4001 North Topanga Canyon Blvd, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown and Ms. Maurer.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-01.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-01.

11(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Simi Valley on Whiteface Specific Plan Amendment 6 – Lost Canyons Draft Environmental Impact Report, SCH No. 2008061111, Simi Valley.

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

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-03.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gonzalez, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-03.

12. Coastal Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of SMM-0765.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to the project list for SMM-0853.**

Item 12(b) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Freeman, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-04.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-04.

12(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to the project list for SMM-0853.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-05.

Mr. Seider abstained.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-05.

13. Presentation on status of planning of visitor center at King Gillette Ranch.

This item was presented by Lisa Soghor, Chief of Premier Parks for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Ms. Soghor.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of the Wildlife Conservation Board grant and the State Coastal Conservancy grant for the acquisition of King Gillette Ranch.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-06.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gonzalez, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-06.

- 15. Consideration of resolution retroactively authorizing assignment of all Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy designated funds, including excess funds, from both the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beaches, and Wildlife Protection Act of 1992 and the Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-07.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-07.

- 16. Legislation: Consideration of resolution supporting H.R. 4332.**

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-08.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-08.

17. **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 – *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al.*; *Lt-WR, LLC v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy SC105587*; *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. LC077488*; *Friends of Temescal Pool v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Boyajian v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BC377233*, *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No.BS121650*, and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions.

No closed session was held.

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

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on a February 22, 2010.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

Approved:

RONALD P. SCHAFFER
Chairperson