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

April 26, 2010

1. Call to order.

The 369th 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 7:35 p.m. on April 25, 2010 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

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

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 participant was present: Louise Rishoff.

The Chair announced that item 8 would be heard next.

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

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Councilmember Tom LaBonge, representing the City of Los Angeles, on item 13.
Jane Albrecht, representing Friends of Temescal Pool, on matters not on the agenda.
Fran Bibian, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.
Kendrick Hughes, representing Friends of Temescal Pool, on matters not on the agenda.
Reid Bogert, representing Santa Susana Mountains Park Association, on item 9(a).

The Chair announced that item 13 would be heard next.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the City of Los Angeles for acquisition of the 138-acre Cahuenga Peak property located adjacent to Griffith Park.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Stirdivant, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-19.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-19.

5. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 25, 2010 and February 22, 2010 were submitted for review.

The minutes of January 25, 2010 and February 22, 2010 were adopted as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports by the Chair, the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Cash, Ms. Cheadle, the Executive Director, Ms. Rosen, Mr. Seider, Ms. Mikos, Mr. Yegparian, and Mr. Voss.

9. **Consent Calendar:**

- (a) **Consideration of resolution confirming a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles endorsing the proposed Baseline Hillside Ordinance.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Camarillo on the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Conejo Creek Properties Specific Plan, Ventura County.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution confirming a comment letter on Draft Environmental Impact Report for proposed Andora Avenue TTM Project (Tentative Tract Map No. 53426), Chatsworth.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing exercise of first right of refusal on a property interest to be vacated by the City of Los Angeles at the southwest corner of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Willow Glen.**
- (e) **Consideration of a resolution authorizing a budget augmentation SMM-84-0876.**
- (f) **Consideration of resolution supporting The Safe Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010.**
- (g) **Consideration of resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. Bill Vanderberg as a public member appointee to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority.**

Item 9(d) was removed from the agenda.

Item 9(b) was removed from the consent calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 10-10, 10-12, 10-14, 10-15, and 10-16.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 10-10, 10-12, 10-14, 10-15, and 10-16.

9(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Camarillo on the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Conejo Creek Properties Specific Plan, Ventura County.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-11.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-11.

10. Presentation by Community Conservancy International and Psomas on results of water quality improvement, hydrology and hydraulics technical analysis for the Los Angeles River Natural Park, Studio City.

Comments were made by Ms. Esther Feldman, representing Community Conservancy International.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Yegparian and Brown.
Comments were made by Ms. Feldman and the Executive Director.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing extension of term of Grant No. SMM-05082, to June 30, 2011, Conejo Recreation and Park District, McCrea Ranch, Thousand Oaks.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Lange and Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-17.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-17.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of SMM-0754 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design services in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-18.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-18.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) two Transfers of Jurisdiction (TOJ) from Sepulveda Pass Bel Air Crest open space dedication parcels (APNs 4377-001-901 and 4377-001-903) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) not to exceed

1.0 and 0.2 acres, respectively; (b) two temporary construction easements and one permanent drainage easement on said parcels to Caltrans, and (c) acceptance of funds for said TOJ s and easements and required compensation and grant source reimbursement for the loss of the park facilities at Gettyview Trailhead and Skirball Center Drive, City of Los Angeles.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Chair announced were moving forward on the project in respect to Skirball Center Drive, but not on the Gettyview Trailhead.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 10-20 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-20 as amended.

- 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 – *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.

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

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The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on a May 24, 2010.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

Approved:

RONALD P. SCHAFFER
Chairperson