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

May 21, 2012

1. Call to order.

The 389th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Elizabeth A. Cheadle, at 7:36 p.m. on May 21, 2012 at the Los Angeles River Center & Gardens, Los Angeles, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Jerome C. Daniel; Linda Parks; Craig Sap; Irma Muñoz, Vice Chairperson, and Elizabeth A. Cheadle, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Lorenza Fong and Bryan Cash.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Sean Arian; Dave Brown; Michael Cacciotti; Alan Kishbaugh; Paul Rabinov; David Ross; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Effie Turnbull Sanders; Tim Wendler; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Caroline Brown; Illece Buckley Weber; Elaine Freeman; Jeffrey Jennings; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Paul Rockenstein; Nancy Stephens, and Donald Voss.

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, Associated Government Program Analyst, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that Rebekah Rodriguez Lynn was present.

5. **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 – *Kruells v. La Vina Homeowners Association, Case No. GC035668; Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Whittier, Matrix Oil Co. and related entities, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; Morris v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS127089; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS129503; City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and California Coastal Commission, Case No. BS129222 Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al. Case No. BS 121820; City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BS121650, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu, and related actions.***

Initiation of litigation. Number of cases: 1. Parties: *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. Mulholland Estates Homeowner’s Association, Bartlein & Company, Inc., et al.* The Conservancy may refer the following matter to the Department of Justice for potential initiation of litigation: Action to enforce public access rights to Fossil Ridge Park as recorded in the “Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions for Mulholland Estates” recorded on August 29, 1988 as Instrument No. 88-1372488 in the Office of the Los Angeles County Recorder.

The Chairperson convened the closed session at 7:39 p.m.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 8:24 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators.

6. **Special presentation to Antonio Gonzales.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

7. **Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of April 23, 2012 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of April 23, 2012 were approved as submitted.

8. Reports:

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Sap, representing State Parks; the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Yegparian, Arian, Anderson, and Cacciotti.

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

9. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Messrs. Robinson and Wendler.

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. Ernest M. Scheuer, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Mr. Hans Laetz, member of the public, on item 9(c), and matters not on the agenda.

11. Consent Calendar:

(a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Draft Environmental Impact Report for Disney/ABC Studios at the Ranch Project adjacent to Placerita Creek (SCH No. 2010011010), unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

(b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Moorpark on Notice of Preparation for the Hitch Ranch Specific Plan, Santa Susana Mountains.**

Item 11(a) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 12-30.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-30.

- 11(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Draft Environmental Impact Report for Disney/ABC Studios at the Ranch Project adjacent to Placerita Creek (SCH No. 2010011010), unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen, Mr. Yegparian, and Mr. Anderson.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 12-29.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-29.

12. Coastal Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to use Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund to acquire APN's 4471-014-011, 012, 022, 023, and 024 in the Zuma Canyon watershed.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Ventura County on Mitigated Negative Declaration for Planned Development Permit No. LU11-0123, 12610 Yellow Hill Road (SCH No. 2012041071), unincorporated Ventura County.**

- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Malibu on Rancho Malibu Hotel Project and Notice of Preparation for Environmental Impact Report No. 12-001, Coastal Development Permit No. 11-028, Winter Canyon watershed.**

Item 12(c) was removed from the Coastal Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 12-31 and 12-32.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 12-31 and 12-32.

Ms. Parks was noted as abstaining from item 12(b).

- 12(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Malibu on Rancho Malibu Hotel Project and Notice of Preparation for Environmental Impact Report No. 12-001, Coastal Development Permit No. 11-028, Winter Canyon watershed.**

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

Comments were made by Mr. Hans Laetz, member of the public.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 12-33.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-33.

13. Presentation on Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communication System.

The Authority received an oral report by Mr. Pat Mallet.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Mallet.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for interpretive programs and services.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Ross.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, and Ms. Amy Lethbridge, representing the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 12-34.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-34.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for interpretation of the Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds, including visitor serving amenities and naturalist led interpretive programs for the public and programs specifically designed for disadvantaged youth.

The staff report for this item was presented by Ms. Amy Lethbridge, representing the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 12-35.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-35.

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design of Elephant Hill Open Space, El Sereno.

Comments were made by Ms. Muñoz.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 12-36.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-36.

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing for the acquisition of APN 4456-037-008 totaling approximately 14 acres on Piuma Road the use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds, Cold Creek watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 12-37.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-37.

18. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Conservancy Fund grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for participation in the 7th International Ranger Federation Conference.

This item was postponed to a later date.

19. Consideration of resolution supporting AB 2404 (Fuentes).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Fromholz, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 12-39.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-39.

20. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held June 25, 2012.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson