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

April 27, 2015

**1. Call to order.**

The 418<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Linda Parks, at 7:30 p.m. on April 27, 2015 at Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Los Angeles, California.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Irma Muñoz; Christy Brigham (for David Szymanski); Elizabeth A. Cheadle; David Pettit; Craig Sap; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Linda Parks, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Luis Li and Bryan Cash.

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

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Carolyn Brown; Illece Buckley Weber; Michael Cacciotti; Ed Corridori; Mark Johnson; Richard Gould; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Anthony Portantino; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Henry Stern; Janet Wall; Tim Wendler; Garen Yegparian, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Sean Arian; Alan Kishbaugh; Nancy Stephens; Marc Stirdivant; Judith Wilson, and George Lange, Vice 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; Melissa Cartelli, Associate Government Program Analyst, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

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

The Chairperson announced that the following legislative participant was present: Kara Seward.

**5. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of March 30, 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of March 30, 2015 were approved as submitted.

**6. Reports.**

The Conservancy received a report from the Chairperson; Ms. Christy Brigham, representing the National Park Service; Mr. Craig Sap, representing State Parks; the Executive Director; Mr. Daniel, representing the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority, and The Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Portantino; Ms. Muñoz, and Ms. Seward.

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

The following member of the public addressed the Conservancy:

Mr. Charles Miller, member of the public, on item matters not on the agenda.

Mr. Robert Garcia, representing the City Project, on item 17.

Ms. Tina Miller, representing Garvanza Improvement Association, on matters not on the agenda.

Ms. Joanne Nuckols, representing No. 710-Action Committee, on matters not on the agenda.

Mr. Joe Cano, representing No. 710- El Sereno, on matters not on the agenda.

Ms. Trish Gossett, No. 710 Action Committee, on matters not on the agenda.

**9. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the NorthLake Specific Plan Project, unincorporated Castaic.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-18.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-18.

**10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Council for Watershed Health for an analysis of project opportunities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and implement water conservation measures.**

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Yegparian and Anderson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-19.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-19.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Council for Watershed Health for the Glenoaks Greenway Project.**

Questions were propounded by Ms. Brigham.

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. 15-20.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-20.

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds for interpretive program development and delivery of ranger led public programs and ranger led interpretive programs specifically designed for disadvantaged youth.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-21.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-21.

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds for project planning and design of public improvements at the Los Angeles River Taylor Yard G2 property.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Acker, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-22.

Ms. Maurer was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-22.

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for capital improvements at Ed Davis Park in Towsley Canyon, Santa Clarita Woodlands, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-23.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-23.

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for capital improvements at Mentryville, Pico Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Comments were made by Mr. Mishler.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-24.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-24.

**16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for capital improvements at Michael D. Antonovich Regional Park at Joughin Ranch, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-25.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-25.

**17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the City Project to research and complete an analysis of Conservancy funded education and interpretation programs serving disadvantaged communities.**

Comments were made by Ms. Rosen; Mr. Portantino, and the Chairperson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-26.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Muñoz, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-26.

**18. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds for interpretation of land, air and water resources.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-27.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-27.

**19. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for North East Los Angeles Hilltops and Connectors project planning and design work, Los Angeles River watershed.**

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen and Mr. Mishler.

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. 15-28.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-28.

- 20. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Malibu Canyon Tributaries and Adjacent Watersheds project planning and design work.**

Questions were propounded by Ms. Buckley Weber.

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. Acker, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-29.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-29.

- 21. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Eastern Santa Susana Mountains – Western San Gabriel Mountains Watersheds project planning and design work, Los Angeles River watershed.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.



On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-30.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-30.

**22. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for capital improvements at Wilacre Park, Los Angeles.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-31.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-31.

**23. Consideration of resolution authorizing a budget augmentation for grant SMM-50-1108 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, for Project Planning and Design services for the Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project, City of Malibu.**

Comments were made by Ms. Cheadle.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-32.

Mr. Stern was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 15-32.

- 24. 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*, et al., Case No. BS138796, and related cases; *Morris v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC448511; *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu*, and related actions, Case No. SC092212, and *Prop A Protective Association, LLC v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al.*, Case No. BS145771.**

No closed session was held.

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

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on June 1, 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA  
Executive Director

Approved:

LINDA PARKS  
Chairperson