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

July 23, 2018

1. Call to order.

The 449th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Craig Sap at 7:45 p.m. on July 23, 2018 at the following locations:

- (1) Conejo Recreation and Park District, Community Room, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California, 91360
- (2) Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Sierra Madre Building, 570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Los Angeles, California

The Oath of Office was administered to Ms. Karen Buehler, representing the unincorporated communities within the jurisdiction of the Eastern Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Mark Vargas; David Szymanski; Steve Veres; Linda Parks; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Craig Sap, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Irma Muñoz and Joshua Nelson.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Caroline Brown; Illece Buckley-Weber; Karen Buehler; Michael Cacciotti; Ed Corridori; Stephen Del Guercio; Mark Johnson; Roseann Mikos; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Janet Wall; Tim Wendler; Garen Yegparian, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. [A quorum was present at 7:57 p.m.] The following members were absent: Allison-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Patt Healy; Perlette Michelle Jura; Alan Kishbaugh; Shelley Luce; Miguel Luna; Mary Sue Maurer; Mike Mishler; Nancy Stephens; Marc Stirdivant, 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; Melissa Smith, Associate Government Program Analyst, Christina Bull Ardnt, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that Tim Pershing and Vickere Murphy were present.

Item 11 was heard next.

11. Presentation by ownership of Tesoro Del Valle Project for proposed 820 home project in unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley.

The Conservancy received an oral report.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian; Ms. Rosen; Ms. Mikos; the Executive Director; Ms. Parks, Mr. Corridori, and Ms. Murphy.

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

The regular sequence of agenda items was resumed.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of June 18, 2018 were submitted for approval.

A roll-call vote was administered.

The minutes of June 18, 2018 were adopted as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Szymanski; the Executive Director, and Mr. Daniel, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Buckley Weber; Mr. Pershing, and Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Yegparian.

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

The following members addressed the Conservancy:

Jan Ostendorf, representing Pacific Palisades Residents Association, on item 10(a).
Duke Ostendorf, representing Pacific Palisades Residents Association, on item 10(a).
Mary Ann Rush, member of the public, on items 12 and 13.
Luciane Garbin, member of the public, on items 12 and 13.
Steve Hess, member of the public, on item 13.
Colleen Holmes, representing Cornell Preservation Organization, on items 12 and 13.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Calabasas on proposed house at 24101 Dry Canyon Cold Creek Road, Cold Creek watershed.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution adopting Tierra Rejada Valley Habitat Linkage Hub Planning Map, County of Ventura.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 18-34 and 18-35.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by Ms. Parks.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 18-34 and 18-35.

10. Coastal Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution adopting a comment letter to the California Coastal Commission on Case No. A-5-PPL-18-0035, 1525 Palisades Drive, Pacific Palisades.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a transfer of jurisdiction from the California Department of Parks and Recreation of an approximately 0.28-acre beachfront property adjacent to 20516 Pacific Coast Highway and an approximately 0.15-acre beachfront property adjacent to 19812 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.**

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

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Mr. Yegparian; Ms. Parks and the Executive Director.

Item 10(a) was removed from the agenda.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-37.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 18-37.

The Chairperson was noted as abstaining.

12. Consideration of resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 68 Grant Guidelines.

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. 18-38.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-38.

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Propositions 68 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire Phases 2 and 3 of the Triangle Ranch property (all or portions of APNS 2061-031-019, 2063-005-013, 2063-006-022 & 023, and 2063-036-001) Medea Creek watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Comments were made by Ms. Buckley Weber; Mr. Szymanski; Mr. Daniel, and Ms. Parks.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-39.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-39.

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Conservancy Fund proceeds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design and improvements to the La Viña open space dedication and public trails adjacent to Millard Canyon, Altadena.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-40.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-40.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to River LA for Rio Vistas project for three street ends along the Los Angeles River in Elysian Valley, City of Los Angeles.

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

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Murphy and Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-41.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-41.

16. 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; Morris v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC44851; Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al. v. Southern California Edison; Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al.*

No closed session was held.

17. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on August 27, 2018.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m. in memory of Mountains Recreation and Conservancy and Community Nature Connection Staff member Toya Jervay.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

CRAIG SAP
Chairperson