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

September 24, 2018

1. Call to order.

The 450th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Craig Sap at 7:31 p.m. on September 24, 2018 at the following locations:

Location 1: Temescal Gateway Park, Elizabeth A. Cheadle Dining Hall
15601 Sunset Boulevard
Pacific Palisades, California
(Main Meeting Location)

Location 2: Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Sierra Madre Building
570 West Avenue Twenty-Six
Los Angeles, California

Location 3: Natural Resources Agency
1416 9th Street, 13th Floor
Room No. 1306-7
Sacramento, California

The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Frank Oviedo, representing the City of Santa Clarita on the Advisory Committee.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Szymanski; Steve Veres; Linda Parks; Martha M. Escutia; Irma Muñoz; Joshua Nelson; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Craig Sap, Chairperson. A quorum was present. No members were absent.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Caroline Brown; Illece Buckley Weber; Karen Buehler; Michael Cacciotti; Ed Corridori; Mark Johnson; Perlette Michele Jura; Alan Kishbaugh; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Frank Oviedo; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Janet Wall; Garen Yegparian, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Stephen Del Guercio; Patt Healy; Miguel Luna; Nancy Stephens; Marc Stirdivant; Tim Wendler, 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 Arndt, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

No Legislative Participant was present.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of July 23, 2018 were submitted for approval.

Comments were made by Ms. Escutia and Ms. Rosen.

A roll-call vote was administered.

The minutes of July 23, 2018 were approved as amended.

Mr. Nelson was noted as abstaining.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from Mr. Sap; Mr. Szymanski; the Executive Director; Mr. Daniel; the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, and Mr. Robinson.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Arndt; Mr. Anderson; Mr. Szymanski, and the Executive Director.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen; Ms. Mikos; Mr. Yegparian, and Ms. Acker.

Comments were made by Ms. Muñoz; Ms. Mikos; Ms. Parks; the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; the Executive Director, and Mr. Anderson.

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:

Ron R. Chevalier, representing Kharisma Group, on matters not on the agenda.
Marcela Oliva, representing LATTC Architecture, on matters not on the agenda.
Jason Meek, representing Turning Point Foundation (Growing Works), on item 15.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the North Lake project, SCH No. 2015031080, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 073336, unincorporated Castaic area.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Tapia Ranch project Notice of Preparation, Tentative Tract No. 072126, unincorporated Castaic area.**

Item 9(a) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-44.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-44.

- 9(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the North Lake project, SCH No. 2015031080, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 073336, unincorporated Castaic area.**

Comments were made by Mr. Corridori.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-43 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 18-43.

Mr. Nelson was noted as abstaining.

10. Presentation by proponents of ‘The Little Barn’ petting zoo concept for Temescal Gateway Park.

The Conservancy received an oral report from a member of the public.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks; Ms. Rosen, and Ms. Buckley Weber.

Comments were made by Ms. Muñoz; Ms. Maurer, and the Chief Deputy Director.

11. Presentation on behalf of National Wildlife Federation on Federal Land and Conservation Fund.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Nick Buro, representing National Wildlife Federation.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos and Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Executive Director; the Chief Deputy Director; Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Daniel.

12. Consideration of resolution approving Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

The staff report for this item was presented by Basem Mosaad, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Buckley Weber; Mr. Anderson; Ms. Acker, and Mr. Mishler.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director; Mr. Mosaad; the Executive Director; the Chairperson, and Ms. Mikos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-45.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-45.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperative Agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the operations and maintenance of Franklin / Ivar Park, Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Veres and Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-46.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-46.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of Lyons Canyon property, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen and the Executive Director.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-47.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Danie, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-47.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 grant to Turning Point Foundation for Growing Works native plant nursery project, unincorporated Ventura County.

Ms. Parks recused herself from this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Maurer, Ms. Acker, and Mr. Mishler.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Maurer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-48.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-48.

- 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 October 22, 2018.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

CRAIG SAP
Chairperson