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

December 10, 2018

**1. Call to order.**

The 452<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Craig Sap at 7:30 p.m. on December 10, 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

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

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

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

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

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; Elena Eger, Special Counsel, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

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

No Legislative Participants were present.

**5. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of October 22, 2018 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of October 22, 2018 were continued to a later meeting.

**6. Reports.**

The Conservancy received reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Szymanski; the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; and Mr. Robinson, representing the Moorpark Watershed, Parks, Recreation and Conservation Authority.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Mishler; Mr. Jim Friedl, representing the Conejo Recreation and Park District; Ms. Parks, and Mr. Lange.

**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:

Mr. Mark Stainaker, representing Concerned Citizens, on matters not on the agenda.  
Mr. Mike Corridori, representing Tiny Porch Concerts, on matters not on the agenda.  
Mr. Ron Chevalier, representing Kharisma Media Group, on matters not on the agenda.  
Mr. D.A. Bollinger, representing Green Earth Network, on matters not on the agenda.  
Mr. Les Hamaski, representing Green Earth Network, on matters not on the agenda.  
Mr. Ted Hayes, representing Green Earth Network, on matters not on the agenda.  
Mr. Fred Hicks, representing Green Earth Network, on matters not on the agenda.  
Mr. John Bollinger, representing Green Earth Network, on matters not on the agenda.

Ms. Marina Henderson, representing Green Earth Network, on matters not on the agenda.

Mr. Andrew Williams, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

**9. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Agoura Hills on the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the AVE Project, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 73881, City of Agoura Hills.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Caltrans on the State Route 1 (Pacific Coast Highway) Drainage Restoration Project Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration / Environmental Assessment.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing amending the agreement with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for implementation of Chapter 452, Statutes of 2017 (Assembly Bill 1558 and Senate Bill 1126).**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to grant 3810-P01-1781 for River Rangers Program Planning, County of Los Angeles.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 18-54 through 18-57.

Ms. Buckley Weber was noted as abstaining from item 9(a).

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 18-54 through 18-57.

**10. Presentation and update on Woolsey Fire by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Fire Division.**

This item was taken as the last item on the agenda. <Please see below>.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 68 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Coastal Slope Trail Decker-to-Trancas Connector Project, incorporated and unincorporated Malibu area.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-58.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-58.

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 68 funds to the Santa Monica Mountains Fund for restoration of Woolsey Fire-damaged Peter Strauss Ranch.**

Comments were made by Mr. Corridori and Ms. Buckley Weber.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chief Deputy Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-59.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-59.

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 68 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the North-Central Topanga**

**Canyon Watershed Connectivity Project, Topanga Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-60.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-60.

**14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 68 funds to the City of Los Angeles for the Los Angeles River Greenways Restoration in Studio City.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler.

Comments were made by Ms. Smith and Ms. Melanie Winter, representing the River Project.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-61.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-61.

**15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the River Project for the Los Angeles River Greenways Restoration in Studio City.**

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-62.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-62.

**16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for restoration and safety improvements at Temescal Gateway Park, Los Angeles.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-63.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-63.

**17. Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of grant SMM-50-1108 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Lechuza Beach public access project, City of Malibu.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-64.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-64.

**18. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for improvements to El Dorado Park, City of Los Angeles.**

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Mishler, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 18-65.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-65.

<Item 10 was heard next.>

**10. Presentation and update on Woolsey Fire by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Fire Division.**

The Conservancy received an oral report from Ken Nelson, Chief of the Fire Division for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Lange, Mishler, and Anderson.

Comments were made by Mr. Nelson, Mr. Szymanski, the Chairperson, and the Executive Director.

**19. 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.

**20. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on January 28, 2019.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA  
Executive Director

Approved:

CRAIG SAP  
Chairperson