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

January 28, 2019

1. Call to order.

The 453rd meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Craig Sap at 7:31 p.m. on January 28, 2018 at the following locations:

Location 1: Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Atrium
570 West Avenue Twenty-Six
Los Angeles, California

Location 2: Natural Resources Agency
1416 9th Street, 13th Floor
Room No. 1306-7
Sacramento, California

2. Administration of Oath of Office.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Rudy Ortega, public member appointed by the Governor, and Mary Luévano, Ex Officio Member, Appointed by the California Coastal Commission.

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Clair Acker; Caroline Brown; Illece Buckley Weber; Karen Buehler; Ed Corridori; Stephen Del Guercio; Mark Johnson; Patt Healy; Alan Kishbaugh; Roseann Mikos; Frank Oviedo; Wendy-

Sue Rosen; Janet Wall; Tim Wendler; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, 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; Elena Eger, Special Counsel, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that Vickere Murphy; Tim Pershing; Sarah Nichols, and Senator Anthony Portantino (via teleconference) were present.

6. Election of Conservancy Officers.

By nomination of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Irma Muñoz was unanimously elected Chairperson.

By nomination of Ms. Escutia, duly seconded, Steve Veres was unanimously elected Vice Chairperson.

7. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.

By nomination of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, Don Robinson was unanimously re-elected Chairperson.

By nomination of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, George Lange was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairperson.

8. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of December 10, 2018 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of December 10, 2018 were adopted as submitted.

Ms. Wall; Mr. Johnson; Ms. Brown; Mr. Yegparian, and Mr. Cacciotti were noted as abstaining.

9. Reports.

The Conservancy received reports from Mr. Sap, Mr. Lange, and Mr. Oviedo.

Comments were made by Mr. Sap, the Executive Director, and Senator Portantino.

10. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made Ms. Brown and Mr. Sap.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by Mr. Sap.

11. 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:

- Senator Anthony Portantino, on item 14.
- Mr. John Suwara, representing Calabasas Coalition, on item 12(c).
- Ms. Frances Alet, representing Calabasas Coalition, on item 12(c).
- Ms. Suellen Wagner, representing Study City for Quiet Skies, on item 12(b.)
- Ms. Heidi Mackay, representing Save Coldwater Canyon, on item 12(b).
- Mr. Tony Marcelli, representing NELAFA, on matters not on the agenda.
- Ms. Katy Doherty, representing the City of Los Angeles, on item 13.
- Mr. Walter Lamb, representing Ballona Wetlands Land Trust, on item 11.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

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

12. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Ventura County for the proposed Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Ordinance and Wildlife Corridor Zone, unincorporated Ventura County.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the Federal Aviation Administration regarding flight paths over the Santa Monica Mountains.**
- (c) **Consideration or resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Calabasas on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the West Village at Calabasas project.**

(d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the support budget to Community Partners for the VerdeXchange Conference.

Items 12(c) and 12(d) were removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 19-01 and 19-02 were unanimously adopted.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 19-02 and 19-02.

12(c). Consideration or resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Calabasas on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the West Village at Calabasas project.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

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. 19-03 as revised.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-03 was revised.

12(d). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the support budget to Community Partners for the VerdeXchange Conference.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Veres and Nelson.

Comments were made by Ms. Smith and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-04.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-04.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the City of Los Angeles for pre-improvement planning for the G2 Taylor Yard project, City of Los Angeles.

The Chairperson recused herself from this item.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Escutia and Mr. Veres.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Katy Doherty, representing the City of Los Angeles.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-05.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 19-05.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 68 planning grant to the City of La Cañada Flintridge for Flint Wash Trail repair.

Comments were made by Mr. Del Guercio.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by Mr. Del Guercio, the Executive Director, and the Chief Deputy Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Del Guercio, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-06.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-06.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 restoration grant to the Friends of the Los Angeles River.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-07.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-07.

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 February 25, 2019.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ
Chairperson