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

October 28, 2019

1. Call to order.

The 460th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma R. Muñoz at 7:42 p.m. on October 28, 2019 at the following locations:

Location 1: Pacific Lodge Youth Services
Dining Hall
4900 Serrania Avenue
Woodland Hills, California

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

2. Administration of Oath of Office to Janine Prado.

Comments were made by the Chair.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Prado, representing the City of Santa Clarita on the Advisory Committee.

3. Administration of Oath of Office to Fran Pavley.

Comments were made by the Chair.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Pavley, representing the Office of Hon. Sheila Keuhl.

4. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Rudy Ortega; Martha M. Escutia; Fran Pavley; Linda Parks; Amanda Martin (via teleconference); Craig Sap; Steve Veres, Vice Chairperson, and Irma R. Muñoz, Chairperson. The following member was absent: David Szymanski.

5. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Carolyn Brown; Illece Buckley-Weber; Karen Buehler; Ed Corridori; Mark Johnson; Patt Healy; Alan Kishbaugh; Edlin Lopez; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Janet Wall; Timothy Wendler; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Donald Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Caroline Brown; Michael Cacciotti; Stephen Del Guercio; Perlette Jura; Miguel Luna; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Nancy Stephens; 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; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Elena Eger, Special Counsel; Melissa Smith, Chief, Division of Policy and Legislation, and Chris Trumpy, Acting Board Secretary.

6. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

Comments were made by Senator Stern.

The following Legislative Participants were present: Senator Henry Stern; Jeremy Wolf, representing Senator Henry Stern; Colby Harriman, representing Senator Ben Allen; Vickere Murphy, representing Senator Anthony Portantino, and Tim Pershing, representing Assemblymember Richard Bloom.

7. Special recognition to Jerome C. Daniel for years of dedicated service.

Mr. Daniel received honors by the Executive Director; Senator Henry Stern; Mr. Harriman; Ms. Maurer; Ms. Buckley-Weber; Mr. Kishbaugh; the Chief Deputy Executive Director, and Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel; Mrs. Darlene Daniel; Mr. Lange; Mr. Kishbaugh; Ms. Brown; Ms. Mikos; Ms. Buckley Weber; Mr. Anderson; Ms. Wall; Mr. Mishler; Ms. Acker; Ms. Buekler; Ms. Healy; Ms. Lopez; Mr. Wendler; Ms. Maurer; Mr. Harriman; Mr. Pershing; Ms. Murphy; Mr. Wolf; Senator Stern; Mr. Ortega; Mr. Ortega; Ms. Pavley; Mr. Sap; Ms. Parks; Ms. Escutia; Ms. Veres, and the Chairperson.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

8. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of September 23, 2019 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 23, 2019 were adopted as submitted.

Ms. Pavley was noted as abstaining.

9. Reports.

The Conservancy received reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Sap, representing State Parks, and Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority.

10. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh.

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

No members of the public addressed the Conservancy.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles regarding the proposed project and tree removals at 11472 Laurelcrest Drive (City Council File No. 19-1134) in Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-63.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Escutia, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-63.

13. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 19-40 to change grant funding source to the Conservancy Fund.

Comments were made by Chief, Division of Policy and Legislation.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Anderson.

Comments were made by Chief, Division of Policy and Legislation.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley-Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-64.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-64.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to grant 3810-P01-1775 for the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan, County of Los Angeles.

The staff report for this item was presented by Ms. Sarah Rascon, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Buckley Weber; Mr. Anderson; Ms. Miller; Ms. Parks, Mr. Veres, and Ms. Escutia.

Comments were made by Ms. Rascon, Mr. Wolf, the Executive Director, Senator Stern, the Chairperson, and Mr. Veres.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Acker, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-65.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted amended Resolution No. 19-65, changing the dollar amount into the resolution to \$1,500,000.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of General Funds to the California Conservation Corps for Woosley Fire Recovery and Restoration.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Buckley Weber and Ms. Miller.

Comments were made by Ms. Smith and Ms. Buenaventura, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-66.

Mr. Anderson was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-66.

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 68 grant to Pukuu Cultural Community Services for the Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center, Angeles National Forest.

Comments were made by Mr. Eric Sanchez, representing Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Veres.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-67.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-67.

Mr. Ortega was noted as abstaining.

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Hidden Creeks Estates acquisition project, Santa Susana Mountains, City of Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Buckley Weber and Ms. Parks.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Anderson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-68.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-68 as amended to increase the dollar amount to \$150,000.

18. Consideration of resolution supporting the addition of Mexican elderberry and Toyon to the City of Los Angeles Protected Tree Ordinance.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Anderson.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-69.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Park, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-69.

- 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 – *Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.***

No closed session was held.

20. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

Comments were made by Mr. Anderson.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on December 9, 2019.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m. in celebration of Jerome C. Daniel.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA R. MUÑOZ
Chairperson