

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

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

January 27, 2020

1. Call to order.

The 461st meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma R. Muñoz at 7:35 p.m. on January 27, 2020 at the following locations:

Location 1: Los Angeles River Center and Gardens
570 West Avenue Twenty-Six
Los Angeles, California
(Main Meeting Location)

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

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Mr. Anderson; Ms. Buckley Weber; Ed Corridori; Mark Johnson; Alan Kishbaugh; Edlin Lopez; Miguel Luna; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Janine Prado; Janet Wall; Wendy-Sue Rosen; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Allison-Claire Acker; Carolyn Brown; Michael Cacciotti; Stephen Del Guercio; Patt Healy; Perlette Michele Jura; Nancy Stephens; Timothy Wendler, 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; Christina Ardnt, Supervising Deputy Attorney General; Melissa Smith, Chief, Division of Policy and Legislation, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that the following Legislative Participant was present: Vickery Murphy.

5. Election of Conservancy Officers.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously re-elected Irma Muñoz as Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Ortega, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously re-elected Steve Veres as Vice Chairperson.

6. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously re-elected Don Robinson as Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously re-elected George Lange as Vice Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

7. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of October 28, 2019 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of October 28, 2019 were adopted as amended.

Mr. Luna was noted as abstaining.

8. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports by the Chairperson; Ms. Arndt; the Executive Director; Colter Chisum, representing National Park Service; Craig Sap, representing State Parks; Mr. Perez, representing the Forest Service; Ms. Smith, Chief, Division of Policy and Legislation; Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority; Mr. Robinson, representing the Moorpark Watershed Parks Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

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

9. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

The Conservancy received an oral report by Mr. Anderson.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Anderson and Mr. Luna.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Anderson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Mr. Anderson.

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

The following members of public addressed the Conservancy:

1. Mr. Eric Tollman, representing Friends of Walnut Canyon Committee, on matters not on the agenda.
2. Mr. Raymond Rambrute, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.
3. Ms. Susan Streeser, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson and Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by Mr. Tollman.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Luna; Ms. Rosen; Mr. Mishler; Ms. Maurer; Ms. Parks; Ms. Pavley, the Vice Chairperson and the Chairperson.

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

11. Consideration of resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy 2018-2019 Annual Report.

The staff report for this item was presented by Chief, Division of Policy and Legislation.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Luna.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-01.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-01.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County regarding a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the 37 single family residential lot Canyon View Estates Project, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 74650, Pico Canyon, Santa Clarita Valley, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-02.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-02.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to The River Project for project planning and design for a Feasibility Study for the Restoration of the Los Angeles River in Sepulveda Basin Project, City of Los Angeles.

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

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Buckley Weber, and Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Ms. Winter, the Chief Deputy Director, and Mr. Luna.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Veres.

Comments were made by Ms. Winter and the Chairperson.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by Ms. Melanie and Ms. Parks.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Veres.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Veres, the Chairperson, Mr. Sap, and Ms. Pavley.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-03.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 20-03.

The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were noted as abstaining.

14. 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.

15. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m. and announced that the next meeting would be held on February 24, 2020 at the Conejo Recreation and Park District Offices in Thousand Oaks, California. The meeting was adjourned in memory of José Muños and Don Mullally.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA R. MUÑOZ
Chairperson