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

March 24, 2008

**1. Call to order.**

The 330<sup>th</sup> joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Ron Schafer at 7:41 p.m. on March 24, 2008 at Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Jody Noiron, Elizabeth Cheadle, Elva Yañez, Jerome C. Daniel, Linda Parks, Ron Schafer, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Woody Smeck, James Berkus, Bryan Cash, and Antonio Gonzalez, Vice Chairperson.

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

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Michael Blanton, Dave Brown, Anita Fromholz, Alan Kishbaugh, Lawren Markle, Mary Sue Maurer, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Marc Stirdivant, Timothy Wendler, Garen Yegparian, and George Lange, Vice Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Caroline Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Richard Gould, Mark Johnson, Dennis Seider, Liane Weintraub, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Nancy Stephens.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Juliet Chung, Contracts and Fiscal Officer, Government Programs; Walt Young, Chief Ranger, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

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

The Chair announced that Louise Rishoff and Sharon Mayer were present.

**5. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of February 25, 2008 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of February 25, 2008 was approved as submitted.

**6. Reports.**

The Conservancy received reports from the Chair, Ms. Noiron, representing the Angeles National Forest; the Executive Director, and Michael Berger, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh, the Executive Director, Ms. Yañez, Ms. Maurer, and Messrs. Stirdivant and Daniel.

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

The following person addressed the Conservancy:

Brian Ofria, member of the public, on items 14 and 15.

Charlotte Brodie, representing ETI, Corral 54, on items 14 and 15.

Chris Rowe, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Robert Mionske, member of the public, on items 14 and 15.

Jack Unger, representing Santa Susana Mountain Park Association, on matters not on the agenda.

Sharon Hales, representing VOICE, on item 13.

**9. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Los Angeles on Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Granada Hills-Knollwood Community Plan Project Case No. ENV-2006-5624-EIR, Los Angeles.**

- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Sylmar Community Plan Project Case Nos. CPC-2006-5569-CPU and ENV-2006-5624-EIR, Los Angeles.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter of support for re-introduction and expansion of the Eastern Sierra Rural Heritage and Economic Enhancement Act.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Notice of Preparation for the Plaza at The Glen project, 13007-13075 Victory Boulevard, adjacent to the Tujunga Wash Greenway, North Hollywood.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-21, 08-22, 08-23, and 08-24.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 08-21, 08-22, 08-23, and 08-24.

- 10. Commendation of Assistant Chief Reggie Lee, Los Angeles County Fire Department, upon his retirement.**

Comments were made by the Chair.

- 11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Caltrans on the Interstate 405 Sepulveda Pass Widening Project Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

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

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. 08-25 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-25 as amended.

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing Tujunga Wash Greenway expansion project on the Conservancy Workprogram.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange, Ms. Parks, and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-26.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-26.

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing the expansion of the La Tuna Canyon Park Additions project and adding the La Tuna, Barras, and Haines Canyons North of the 210 Freeway project to the Conservancy Workprogram.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-27.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-27.

**14. Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) entering into a contract with Caltrans to acquire Director's Deed Nos. DD48060-01-01, DD48067-01-01, DD48068-01-01 and**

**DD1505-02-01, located at the 101 Freeway and Valley Circle interchange, (b) using Conservancy Fund and other public and private funding sources, including City of Los Angeles Quimby funds, for said acquisition, and (c) authorizing transfer of properties to the City of Los Angeles, Woodland Hills.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Maurer, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Palmer.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos and Ms. Mayer.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and the Chair.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-28.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-28.

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing expenditure of Proposition 84 funds, and entering into any necessary agreements, including an agreement to accept funds from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, to acquire Caltrans Director's Deed Nos. DD48060-01-01, DD48067-01-01, DD48068-01-01 and DD1505-02-01, located at the 101 Freeway and Valley Circle interchange, Woodland Hills.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

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

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Yañez.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Maurer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-29 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-29 as amended.

**16. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Conservancy to enter into a five year term lease with the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles at Temescal Canyon Park, Pacific Palisades.**

This item was heard in closed session.

Comments were made by Ms. Cheadle.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks and Mr. Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chief Staff Council.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-30.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle , duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-30.

**17. 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 – *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al.*; *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. LC077488*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BC377233*, and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions.**

The Chair announced a closed session at 9:27 p.m. to discuss item 16.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 10:06 and announced that instructions were given to negotiators.

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

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on a May 12, 2008.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP  
Executive Director

RONALD P. SCHAFER  
Chairperson