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

April 28, 2014

1. Call to order.

The 409th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Linda Parks, at 7:38 p.m. on April 28, 2014 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Los Angeles, California.

2. Administration of Oath of Office.

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to Judith Wilson.

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Szymanski; Luis Li; Elizabeth Cheadle; David Pettit; Bryan Cash (via teleconference); Craig Sap; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Linda Parks, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Irma Muñoz.

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Caroline Brown; Illece Buckley Weber; Ed Corridori; Alan Kishbaugh; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Anthony Portantino; David Ross; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Bob Thompson; Tim Wendler; Judith Wilson; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Sean Arian; Michael Cacciotti; Elaine Freeman; Richard Gould; Jeffrey Jennings; Mary Sue Maurer; Nancy Stephens, and Marc Stirdivant.

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, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that the following legislative participants were present: Louise Rishoff; Vickere Murphy; Sarah Rascon, and Tim Pershing.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of March 24, 2014 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of March 24, 2014 were approved as submitted.

7. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Szymanski; Mr. Sap; the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Cash; Ms. Brown, and Ms. Rascon.

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

No public comment was made.

10. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution of endorsing the San Gabriel River Discovery Center project.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the proposed project at 5370 Mount Royal Drive (case no. TT-71245), on the south slope of the San Rafael Hills, City of Los Angeles.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 14-20 and 14-21.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Cash., duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 14-20 and 14-21.

11. Presentation on locations of protected and actually constructed Rim of the Valley Trail alignment and alignment adaptations.

The Conservancy received an oral report by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director; Mr. Daniel; Mr. Wendler, and Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; the Chief Deputy Director, and Mr. Szymanski.

12. Presentation by Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Los Angeles Conservation Corps on the Compton Creek Natural Park at Washington Elementary.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Ms. Melissa Guerrero, Project Analyst for the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mishler.

Comments were made by Ms. Guerrero; the Chief Deputy Director; Ms. Guerrero; Ms. Parks; Ms. Rosen; Mr. Lange; Mr. Daniel; and Mr. Pershing.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation, a non-profit organization, for project planning of the Los Angeles River Greenway, Los Angeles County.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-22.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-22.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, a non-profit organization, for project planning and design of Blueberry Hill, City of Los Angeles.

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

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Lange; Mishler, and Corridori.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Murphy.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-23.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-23.

15. Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund to acquire APNs 4465-005-006 and 4465-004-053 in Escondido Canyon, 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. Acker, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-24.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-24.

16. Consideration of resolution assigning the right to apply for Proposition A Big Five Specified Excess Funds for the Escondido Canyon – Stone properties to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, unincorporated Malibu area.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Acker, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-25.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-25.

17. Consideration of resolution assigning the right to apply for Proposition A Big Five Specified Excess Funds for the Puerco Canyon Coastal Core Habitat properties to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, unincorporated Malibu area.

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

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

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel; the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Acker, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-26.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-26.

18. Consideration of resolution supporting AB 1922(Gomez).

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

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by Ms. Rascon.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Anderson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-27.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Pettie, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 14-27.

Messrs. Cash and Sap were noted as abstaining.

19. Consideration of resolution supporting SB 985 (Pavley).

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 14-28.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 14-28.

Messrs. Cash and Sap were noted as abstaining.

- 20. 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; *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Whittier*, et al., Case No. BS138796, and related cases; *Morris v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC448511; *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu*, and related actions, Case No. SC092212, and *Prop A Protective Association, LLC v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al.*, Case No. BS145771.**

No closed session was held.

- 21. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on June 2, 2014.

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:

LINDA PARKS
Chairperson