

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

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Mission Statement

Through direct action, alliances, partnerships, and joint powers authorities, the Conservancy's mission is to strategically buy back, preserve, protect, restore, and enhance treasured pieces of Southern California to form an interlinking system of urban, rural and river parks, open space, trails, and wildlife habitats that are easily accessible to the general public.

Partnership

The key to the Conservancy's success has been partnerships. The Conservancy maximizes its effectiveness by working together with local government, joint powers entities, landowners, State and Federal agencies, and community-based organizations to secure and develop parkland. Through a strategic planning process that includes substantial community participation and input, the Conservancy's projects and priorities are continually updated to reflect the changing dynamics of the region.

Board Members

The Conservancy consists of nine voting members, three ex-officio members and six legislative members. This policy-making entity for the Conservancy is broadly representative of state, regional, and local interests. A twenty-six member Advisory Committee meets jointly with the Conservancy and offers citizens the opportunity for even greater participation.

Advisory Committee

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee (SMMCAC) is a 26-person committee that provides input to the Board of Directors of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy on issues related to open space preservation and acquisition within the SMMC's jurisdictional area.

The SMMCAC is comprised of 17 representatives of cities and counties within or near the Santa Monica Mountains, 6 public members, and 3 representatives from regional park districts within the Santa Monica Mountains. The Thousand Oaks City Council appoints one resident of Thousand Oaks to the SMMCAC to represent the City. The City of Thousand Oaks' representative to the SMMCAC serves a two-year term.

The SMMCAC has the following duties:

1. Propose and review projects for action by the Conservancy Board of Directors and report to the Board regarding the conformity of the projects with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan.
2. Review proposed amendments to the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan.
3. Provide opportunities for public participation.

As the SMMCAC meets jointly with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Board of Directors, the basic duty of an SMMCAC member is to deliberate and vote on each item with the AC and pass that recommendation on to the Conservancy Board during the joint meeting.

The meetings themselves are the primary time commitment. Meetings occur at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of every month, for what generally amounts to 10-11 meetings per year. The meetings typically run until about 9:30 p.m., but are sometimes longer. Presently, meetings are allowed to be fully remote until July 1 2023, pursuant to SB 189, Section 20 (2021-22). After that date, in-person and/or hybrid meetings may be reinitiated.

The Board materials are available electronically generally by the Wednesday evening prior to the Monday meeting at:

<https://smmc.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Id=455>

When there is an item on the SMMC agenda that relates to COSCA or the City, the SMMCAC representative checks in with the COSCA Administrator to discuss how the City/COSCA should be represented in discussions. Advisory Committee members are also subject to the FPPC Form 700 annual financial disclosure filing requirement.





City of Thousand Oaks

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Board Details


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There are 15 representatives from local governments, of which one appointment is made by the City of Thousand Oaks City Council.

The member serves a two-year term and must be a City resident. Conflict of Interest filing is also required (SMMC is Office of Record).

Overview

 **Size** 1 Seats

 **Term Length** 2 Years

 **Term Limit** N/A

Additional

Meeting Date/Location

Location varies

Enacting Resolution

Res. 79-158

Enacting Resolution Website

www.toaks.org



City of Thousand Oaks

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Board Roster



Janet Miller Wall

4th Term Oct 13, 2020 - Oct 13, 2022

Appointing Authority City Council

Position Committee Member