

May 24, 2010; Agenda Item No. 9

Resolution No. 10-20

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF DEPOSITED MITIGATION FUNDS FROM THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY FUND TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY, AND AUTHORIZING AN ADVANCE OF SAID FUNDS, FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOPEZ CANYON RIPARIAN HABITAT RESTORATION AND CREATION PROJECT IN THE LOPEZ CANYON WATERSHED, ADJACENT TO THE LOS ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST, UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Section 33204.2 (a) and 33204.27(a) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, Restoration mitigation funding is available in the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund from ILF-Corps No. 2005-01371-SAM for the Lopez Canyon tributary of the Los Angeles River watershed of the San Gabriel Mountains; and

WHEREAS, The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority owns and maintains the subject mitigation property; and

WHEREAS, The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has requested a grant in the amount of \$330,000 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to begin the restoration work defined in an agreement between the Conservancy, the Army Corps of Engineers, and Caltrans; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated May 24, 2010 further describes the project; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan* and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan* as adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic

Objectives.

3. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
4. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated May 24, 2010.
5. AUTHORIZES a grant of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in an amount not to exceed \$330,000 to implement the Lopez Canyon riparian restoration project associated with ILF-Corps No. 2005-01371-SAM in the San Gabriel Mountains
6. AUTHORIZES an advance of funds in an amount not less than \$175,000 to allow the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to do the necessary design and mobilization to begin the project.
7. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 24th day of May, 2010 at Beverly Hills, California.

Dated:

Executive Director