

June 28, 2010; Agenda Item No. 9(g)

Resolution No. 10-30

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING THE
AMENDED SANTA CLARITA WATERSHED RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CONSERVANCY, CITY OF
SANTA CLARITA, AND MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has entered into a joint powers agreement with the Conejo and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park Districts pursuant to Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.* to create the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA); and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has entered into a joint powers agreement with the City of Santa Clarita pursuant to Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.* to create the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority (SCWRCA); and

WHEREAS, The preservation of natural resources is of the highest importance and is best served by consistency and cooperation in management of those resources.

WHEREAS, SCWRCA owns open space parkland which requires the park management experience and personnel of the MRCA, the financial and management assistance of the City of Santa Clarita, and the planning expertise of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, The City of Santa Clarita owns open space parkland and may wish to contract to provide park management services utilizing the expertise of partner agencies; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action to adopt the revised Memorandum of Understanding for cooperative management of Whitney Canyon Park and additional Santa Clarita open space parklands is consistent with the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

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

1. AUTHORIZES the Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority, the City of Santa Clarita, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and itself.

2. FINDS that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan.
4. ADOPTS the staff report dated June 28, 2010.
5. AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution.

~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 28th day of June, 2010 in Beverly Hills, California.

Dated:

Executive Director