

May 23, 2011; Agenda Item No. 12

Resolution No. 11-41

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION GRANT TO THE LOS ANGELES FORUM FOR ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN DESIGN FOR THE DOWNTOWN TRAIL SYSTEM - L.A. RIVER PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, funding for this grant is eligible from Proposition 84 - Los Angeles River Watershed, Section 75050 (g) (2) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 75005(i) "Interpretation" includes, but is not limited to, a visitor serving amenity that educates and communicates the significance and value of natural, historical, and cultural resources in a way that increases the understanding and enjoyment of these resources and that may utilize the expertise of a naturalist or other specialist skilled at educational interpretation; and

WHEREAS, Section 75003 (e) of the Public Resources Code states that the people of California find and declare it necessary and in the public interest to revitalize our communities and making them more sustainable and livable by investing in sound land use planning, local parks and urban greening; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan or the Rim of the Valley Corridor Plan or the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project implements the goals stated in Proposition 84, Chapter 5, Section 75050 (g)(2); 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 Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan or Rim of the Valley Corridor Plan.
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 dated May 23, 2011 for this item.
5. AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Los Angeles Forum for Architecture and Urban Design for the Los Angeles Urban Ranger's Downtown Trails - L.A. River project not to exceed the amount of \$7,500 for interpretation of the Los Angeles Watershed.
6. 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 23^h day of May, 2011 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

Executive Director